

## NOTICES OF SEVERAL OF THE EARLY INHABITANTS OF CHESTER.

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### Clergymen.

#### REV. JOHN TUCKE

Was the son of John Tucke, and great grandson of Rob<sup>t</sup> Tucke, who emigrated from Suffolk, in England, about 1636, and was one of the first settlers of Hampton, where Rev. John Tucke was born in 1702, Aug. 23d. He graduated at Harvard in 1723, and the next year married Mary Dole, of Hampton. He received a call to settle at Chester, as was seen, in 1729, which he declined, and in July, 1732, he was ordained at Gosport, where he received a settlement of £50, and an annual salary of £110, until 1754, when he was paid in fish at a quintal pr. man, making eighty or one hundred quintals, worth a guinea each. He continued in the ministry there until his death, Aug. 12, 1773. His tombstone at Gosport says :

“ He was affable and polite in his manners,  
amiable in his disposition,  
of great piety and Integrity,  
given to hospitality.”

#### REV. MOSES HALE

Was the youngest of eleven children of Capt. Thomas and Sarah Hale, of Newbury, Mass., where he was born in 1703. For some reason his name is not recorded on the town books of Newbury, so the exact date of his birth cannot be ascertained.

Mr. Moses Hale graduated at Harvard College in 1722, studied divinity, and in 1730 accepted an invitation from the church of Chester to become their pastor. He was ordained Oct. 20th, 1731, by Rev. Mr. Brown of Haverhill, and Rev. Mr. Phillips and Barnard, of Andover, and continued to discharge the duties of his office until the summer of 1733, when his health became poor.

#### REV. JOHN WILSON

Was born in Ulster County, in Ireland, in 1709. He entered the

University of Edinburgh, where it would appear he was in 1726. His love of the classics, however, was not enthusiastic, to judge from some notes in his Latin school books which are still in existence. He came to this country in 1729, and was ordained over the Presbyterian Church of Chester in 1734. His church was then very limited in numbers. He continued in the ministry at Chester until his decease Feb. 1, 1779. Mr. Wilson's custom was to choose some book of the Bible and deliver lectures on it in course, touching on all the principal points alluded to in the different chapters and verses—many of these display considerable ingenuity in their preparation.

Mr. Wilson lies buried in the Presbyterian graveyard, together with his wife, Jean, who died April 1, 1752, a. 36. His character is thus described: "He was a servant of Christ in the most peculiar and sacred relation, both in doctrine and life. It was his great delight to preach a crucified Christ as our wisdom, righteous, sanctification and redemption. He did not entertain his hearers with curiosities, but with real spiritual good; his sermons were clear, solid, affectionate. A spirit of vital christianity ran through them. His life was suitable to his holy profession. He was a steady friend, a loving husband, a tender parent. His inward grace was visible in a conversation becoming the gospel."

Mr. Wilson had an only daughter, Ann, who married William Mills.

#### REV. EBENEZER FLAGG

Was born in 1704, at Woburn, Mass. He graduated at Harvard in 1725, and in June, 1736, he was invited to become the minister of Chester, with an annual salary of £120, "as silver at 20 shillings an ounce," equal to \$133,28. Mr. Flagg's ordination took place in Sept. 1736.

He was married to Lucretia Keyes, Nov. 15, 1739. She died March 30, 1764, at the age of forty. Mr. Flagg had a large family of children. He lived where Mrs. Persis Bell now lives. In personal appearance he was of medium stature and rather inclined to be fleshy. He was noted for a pleasant and cheerful disposition. An anecdote used to be related of his perseverance in making the acquaintance of "Parson Wilson," who was reputed rather taciturn and unsociable, and did not encourage his advances much.

Mr. Flagg continued in the ministry at Chester until his death, Nov. 14, 1796. At the time of his decease he had attained the greatest age of any minister in the State, with the exception of Mr. Adams, of Newington.

For some years previous to the Revolution, the Governor of New Hampshire appointed by the crown, was authorized to grant licences for marriages, as a means of augmenting his salary, which was in those days small. He was allowed two crowns for each license. Rev. Mr. Flagg, of Chester, approved of this mode of marrying, and hence clandestine matches were usually known in the adjoining towns as "Flagg marriages." (Parker's Hist. of Londonderry.)

The following notice of Mr. Flagg's death is taken from the "Columbian Sentinel," of Nov. 26, 1796 :

"Died, at Chester, N. H., 14th ult., the Rev. Ebenezer Flagg, æt. 93. He continued in the ministerial office during the unusual period of sixty years, and what is observable he survived every parishioner who was active at his settlement. In the characteristic traits of the deceased, are examples worthy to be recommended by a most engaging assemblage of public, domestic and social virtues."

#### CAPT. SAMUEL INGALLS

Was the son of Samuel and Sarah Ingalls, and was born at Andover, Mass., May 7, 1683. He removed to Haverhill, where he married Mary Watts, in 1708. In 1720 he was one of the proprietors of Chester, where he removed in the fall of the same year. He was one of the grantees of the first saw-mill in town; was lot-layer many years, and selectman almost continually from 1723 to 1733. He was the first militia captain of Chester. He first built a log cabin on Walnut Hill, about twenty rods north of Humphrey Niles' house, where he lived until 1732, when he built the first framed house on the spot where Mr. Niles now lives. Mr. Ingalls died Oct. 6, 1747, a. 64. His children were as follows :

1. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, 1709, probably m. Jacob Wells, of Chester.
2. Sarah, b. Oct. 27, 1710, probably died unmarried at Candia.
3. Samuel, b. Sept. 15, 1712, m.
4. Mary, b. Nov. 27, 1714, m. Jno. Hazelton in 1739.

5. Ruth, b. Jan. 31, 1717-18, m. Ephraim Hazelton in 1735.
6. Timothy, b. Apr. 24, 1720, married and had two daughters.
7. Mehitabel, b. abt. 1723, was the first white child born in Chester, m. Dr. Samuel Moores, in 1750.
8. Abigail, b. about 1725, m. Stephen Morse.
9. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 12, 1727, m. Abigail Huse; he lived in Hampstead, and died abt. 1790.

#### LIEUT. THOS. SMITH

Was born in Ireland, and came to Chester from Hampton in 1720; he lived on or near the spot where Mr. Pickett's house stands, where he had built a block-house of hewn timber. This house was taken down about eighty years ago. In 1724 he was captured by the Indians. He served under the town in various capacities for several years, and, about 1735, removed to New Boston. He had a family.

#### MAJ. JOHN TOLFORD

Was born at Megilligan, about fifteen miles from Londonderry, in Ireland, in July, 1701, and came to America in 1724. He married Jane McMurphy, of Londonderry, Jan. 8, 1734. He probably removed from Londonderry to Chester in 1727. In 1736 he was committed to jail in Exeter for refusal of payment of taxes for Mr. Flagg's support. Maj. Tolford was a justice of the peace and selectman for many years; he was a man of more than ordinary talent; he had nine children, three of whom were sons.

1. Joshua, moved to Alexandria and had a family.
  2. Hugh, b. Dec. 31, 1748, moved to Bedford, where he m. Elizabeth Patten in May, 1783; had four children.
  3. John, lived in Danbury, N. H., and had a family.
- Maj. Tolford died in July 1791, aged 90 years.

#### WM. WHITE

Was born in England in 1689; his father was a glover, and removed about 1690 to Derry, in Ireland, where he was wounded in the siege. Wm. White came to this country and settled in Londonderry. He was a linen-weaver. He removed to Chester and purchased the farm now occupied by Joseph Webster in 1732. (?) He built a house on the opposite side of the road from Webster's house. He married in Ireland, but his wife died be-

fore he came to America ; she had two sons and a daughter. In 1733 he married Jane Graham, of Chester, and had five children. She d. in 1755, a. 45. His son

#### WM. WHITE, Esq.,

Was born in Chester, March 4, 1740, O. S. He m. Mary, dau. of Robt. and Jane Mills, Jan. 24, 1764, and Elizabeth Mitchel, Sept. 17, 1782. He had in all sixteen children—too numerous to mention, (*vide* town books.) In 1777 Mr. White was appointed Major, in 1784, Lt. Col. ; he was long a Justice of the Peace. Col. White was one of the principal Presbyterians, and died about 1830.

#### SAMPSON UNDERHILL

Was born in England, and emigrated to Ipswich, Mass. He set up his trade of a clothier there in 1626 or 7. He removed to Chester, and settled near where Mr. Quigg lives ; married an Ambrose, and had three sons, 1. John, afterwards a Capt. ; 2. Hezekiah ; 3. Moses. He died about 1735, and was the first person buried in the present graveyard. He is the progenitor of all the Underhills in Chester.

#### JOHN CARR

Was born in 1709, and came to Chester in 1724, probably with his father. He married Elizabeth Patten, (d. Sept. 2, 1781, a. 76.) In 1724 he was taken by the Indians, together with Lieut. Smith. He belonged to the Presbyterian parish. His children, 1. John, who moved to Candia ; 2. Mary, b. 1733, d. May 20th, 1774 ; 3. Mark, b. 1744, m. Elizabeth Gilchrist, had 2 children, Samuel, d. 1850, ——— m. a Webster ; he d. July 20th, 1782 ; 4. Joseph, m. Sarah Gilchrist, d. July 3d, 1783 ; 5. Martha, b. 1754, d. 1773. John Carr d. October 22d, 1782, at the age of 73.

#### BRADBURY CARR

Was probably the brother of the preceding ; he removed to Chester about 1724 ; married Anna ———, and had four ch. 1. Joseph, (b. Nov. 20, 1742,) m. Hannah Ayer ; had four ch. ; (1) Hannah Ayer, (b. 1765,) (2) Joseph, (b. 1767,) had a family and now lives in Chester ; (3) Anna, (b. 1770,) (4) Bradbury M. (b. 1773,) m. Susan Hall in 1793, d. at Concord, a soldier, of

spotted fever, in 1813; 2. Molly, (b. Feb. 26, 1747,) 3. Parker, (b. May 29, 1750,) 4. Judith, (May 28, 1752.)

#### SAMUEL EMERSON, Esq.

Was born at Haverhill in 1708, and removed to Chester in 1727 or 28. He built a house on the spot where his son afterwards lived. He was one of the principal lot-layers; in 1731 he was appointed the first Justice of the Peace of Chester. The same year he was chosen Proprietor's Clerk, which office he retained over fifty years. He was married twice; to Sarah Ayer, of Haverhill, Feb. 15, 1733. They were admitted to the church in Chester, Feb. 8, 1741. She d. Nov. 19, 1751. Nov. 26, 1754, he m. Mrs. Dorothy Dearborn. Mr. Emerson had fifteen children, of whom several died young; he d. Sept. 26, 1793. His wife d. March 25, 1804.

#### CAPT. JOHN EMERSON,

Son of the above, was, for many years, a leading man in Chester, as was his father. They were both members of the Orthodox church. Mr. Emerson was for many years Proprietor's clerk. He married Elizabeth French, of Sandown, and had several children; he died within a few years.

#### JONATHAN GOODHUE

Removed to Chester from Haverhill about 1725; was constable in 1727. In April, 1728, he m. Elizabeth Powell, and they had two ch. 1. Elizabeth, b. March 16, 1729, m. Joseph Basford. 2. Mary, b. May 2, 1730. He lived where Col. Clay now lives. About 1744, he was accidentally killed by the fall of a tree, and was the last person buried in Hall's Village. He was a tall man with red hair, from which latter circumstance his body was several years afterwards disinterred by somebody, who believed that a lock of red hair from a dead man's head, judiciously applied, with certain heathenish ceremonies, was a sovereign remedy for fits.

#### JOHN AIKEN

Was born in Ulster Co., in Ireland, and came to Chester about 1728. He lived on the spot where Mr. Reed lives. He m. Sarah ———, and had eight ch. 1. Abigail, b. Nov. 20, 1752. 2.

Mary, b. Jan. 9, 1755. 3. John, b. May 10, 1757. 4. Samuel b. Jan. 9, 1761, m. Isabella M. Dole, April 17, 1783, and had nine ch., one of whom was the late Capt. Samuel Aiken, b. Jan. 10, 1786. 5. Sarah, b. Feb. 21, 1763. 6. James, b. Aug. 22, 1765. 7. Ezekiel, b. Nov. 30, 1767. 8. Susanna, b. June 3, 1770. Mr. Aiken obtained of the town the grant of a mill privilege, and in 1730 built the first grist-mill in town, near his own house.

#### JACOB CHASE, Esq.,

Was born at Newbury, Mass., in 1728, and removed to Chester about 1750. He settled on the farm now occupied by his descendant of the same name. He was selectman and justice of the peace many years. He was twice married; first to Prudence Hills, Nov. 7, 1751. They joined the Cong. Church in Chester, in Sept. 1756. They had three ch. 1. Sarah, b. Nov. 28, 1756. 2. Stephen, b. March 27, 1759, father of Jacob Chase, of Chester. 3. Josiah, b. April 6, 1767. His second wife was a widow Dearborn.

#### THE HAZELTON FAMILY.

Three brothers, Ephraim, John and Thomas came to Chester, from Bradford, Mass., in 1728.

EPHRAIM, (not of Bradford, perhaps of Manchester, Mass.) Was chosen constable in 1729, and selectman in 1732 and 40. He m. Ruth Ingalls in 1735. They had ten ch. 1. John, b. Jan. 9, 1736, m. a Chase. This John H. is grandfather of Miss A. C. Hazelton, preceptress of Bradford Academy. 2. Peter, b. April 29, 1738, m. Molly French, April 12, 1770, and afterwards Hannah Hoit, April 1, 1788. 3. Nancy, b. May 2, 1740. 4. Richard, b. Oct. 2, 1742, m. Lucy Cross, and had seven ch. of whom Peter Hazelton, of Chester, is one. (1) Sarah, b. Oct. 15, 1773; (2) Ephraim, b. Jan. 27, 1775; (3) Richard, b. Oct. 26, 1776; (4) Mary, b. April 18, 1778; (5) Ruth, b. Aug. 29, 1780; (6) Peter, b. March 20, 1783, resides in Chester; (7) Thomas, b. Aug. 1785. 5. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1745. 6. Susanna, b. Jan. 31, 1748. 7. Ruth, b. May 8, 1750. 8. Hannah, b. March 15, 1754. 9. Ephraim, b. June 21, 1757. 10. Hannah, b. June 10, 1760.

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JOHN,<sup>4</sup> (b. at Bradford, son of Rich'd<sup>3</sup> and Abigail, Nov. 22, 1703,) Married Mary Ingalls in 1739. They had eight ch. 1. Samuel, m. his cousin Elizabeth, and had a family. 2. Mary, b. Nov. 23, 1741. 3. John, b. Feb. 14, 1743. 4. Ebenezer, b. May 3, 1747. 5. James, b. March 27, 1750. 6. Billy, b. March 10, 1751. 7. Sarah, b. March 20, 1754. 8. John, b. Nov. 8, 1756. John<sup>3</sup>, m. Hannah Chase, March 21, 1782, and had a family of eight children, among whom are John, Samuel and William, of Chester.

THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> (b. at Bradford, son of Richard and Abigail, March 18, 1707.)

Married Joanna Hills, May 8, 1738. They had six ch. 1. Abigail, b. Feb. 18, 1739. 2. Rebecca, b. Nov. 6, 1741. 3. Thomas, b. May 22, 1744. 4. Moses, b. Feb. 18, 1745, m. Bridget French, June 1, 1775, had four ch. of whom are Thomas and Moses, of Chester. 5. Benj., b. Aug. 15, 1752, m. Susanna Richardson, and had a family. 6. Joanna, b. Oct. 24, 1757. These families of Hazeltons settled on Walnut Hill, where most of their descendants still remain.

#### JAMES SHIRLEY

Was born in Ireland in 1649; together with a brother and three half brothers, Thomas, Alexander and Samuel, who settled in Longmeadow. He came to Chester about 1730, at an advanced age. He lived where Mr. Swain now lives. His children were 1. James, had two ch. James, and Ens. William, m. Mary Morrison. He died about 1790, a. 100 years. 2. John, had a son John, who now lives in Chester. 3. Hugh, m. Mary Gray; his sons removed to Belfast, Me.

#### PATRICK MELVIN

Was born in Ulster Co., Ireland, and came to Chester about 1730. He lived where Mr. Greenough lives. He had one son, Benjamin, b. about 1738, m. Mehitabel Bradley in 1762, and had ten ch. Thomas J., of Chester, is a grandson of Benjamin.

#### CAPT. JONATHAN BLUNT

Was born perhaps at Portsmouth, or Newcastle, N. H., in 1708; removed to Chester in 1729, and built a house where Mr. Arms-



by lives. In 1734 he m. Mary ———. They had eight ch. Capt. Blunt and his wife joined the Cong. Church in Chester, in 1741. The land of the burying place was bought of him for £60. He died May 24, 1762, a. 54 years.

#### THE HILLS FAMILIES.

Four individuals of this name came to Chester, viz: (1) Samuel, in 1736, from Newbury, of whom Edward S., of Chester, is a descendant. (2) Moses. (3) Abner. (4) Benjamin, came from Newbury in 1737; was chosen Representative in 1744. He died Nov. 2, 1762, a. 78 years. He had a son Benjamin, and a grand-son Benjamin, who was the father of Zilla Hill, now resident in Chester.

#### THE MORSE FAMILIES.

Four Morses lived in Chester about 1740. (1) Josiah, (d. Feb. 8, 1795,) m. Mary Chase in 1744, had seven children. (2) Nathan, had a family. (3) Thomas, had a family. (4) Capt. Abel, was born at Newbury, Oct. 5, 1692. He married Grace Parker, of Bradford, in 1714. Their ch. were 1. Parker, b. April 20, 1715, a physician at Woodstock, Conn. 2. Abel, b. March 13, 1717, lived at Newbury and Sutton. 3. Nathan, b. June 12, 1719, lived at Moultonboro'. 4. Josiah, b. 1721, lived in Chester. 5. Stephen, b. Feb. 15, 1724, m. Abigail Ingalls, and had eleven ch., one of whom is Isaac of Chester; he d. March 6, 1807. 6. Rebecca, b. 1726. 7. Eleanor, b. 1728. 8. Oliver, b. 1730, father of Amos Morse, of Chester, (perhaps.) 9. Abraham, b. 1733, m. Sarah Woodman, June 20, 1763, had five ch. of whom the "Morse girls" are three. Capt. Morse m. Sarah Kimball, of Bradford, Sept. 29, 1757. They had one daughter, Susanna, b. in 1763. Capt. Morse died April 20, 1763. He lived near Couch's saw-mill; was chosen the first representative of Chester in 1748.

#### JOHN HALL

Came to America from England at an advanced age. His sons were 1. Ralph, lived in Pelham. 2. Joshua, m. Deborah Ethridge in 1750, and had a large family. 3. Henry, m. Joanna Sargent in 1734, had eight ch. (1) Mary, b. 1735, m. Thomas Chase. (2) Dorothy, b. 1737, m. Abraham Fitts. (3) Caleb, b.

1738, m. Mary Bradley, of Haverhill, had several ch. of whom Elijah is one. (4) Henry, b. 1740, m. a Bradley. (5) Joanna, b. 1742, m. Moses Powell, of Enfield. (6) Obededom, b. 1744, m. Mary Kimball. (7) Judith, b. 1746. (8) Peter, b. June 9, 1751, m. Lois Atwood, of Haverhill, had ten ch., of whom are John, Moses, and Henry, of Chester.

Jonathan and Nathaniel were perhaps other sons of John Hall.

#### DEA. EBENEZER DEARBORN,

Son of Thomas and Hannah, was born at Hampton, Oct. 3, 1679, removed to Chester about 1729. He m. Abigail Sanborn, Oct. 7, 1703. He died at Chester, March 15, 1772, aged 92; had eight ch. of whom 1. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 27, 1705, m. Hulda Nason, Jan. 13, 1731, and had eight ch. (1) Hannah, b. 1731, m. Elijah Heath. (2) Sarah, b. 1734, m. Jno. Shackford. (3) Hulda, b. 1735. (4) Stephen, b. 1738, m. Ruth, dau. of John Robie, in 1761, and afterwards Lydia, dau. of Samuel Robie; he died in 1823. (5) Phebe, b. 1741. (6) Ebenezer, b. 1744. (7) Col. Jonathan, b. Dec. 26, 1746, m. Delia Robie; had five sons, of whom Jonathan now lives in Chester. (8) Richard, b. 1747, m. Molly Ordway, in 1788. (9) Phebe, b. in 1762, m. Wilks West. 2. Peter, m. Margaret Fyfield, of Kingston, Dec. 2, 1736, had eight ch., one of whom, Sherburne, b. Sept. 6, 1758, is still living. 3. Thomas, m. Dolly Sanborn, Sept. 10, 1741, had six ch. one of whom was Dea. John S. Dearborn, (d. Dec. 2, 1813.) Thomas Dearborn d. Jan. 8, 1754. 4. A daughter Mehitabel, who m. a Fitts. 5. Michael, m. Dolly Colby, April 11, 1751, had one dau. Abigail, who m. a Roby. Deacon Ebenezer Dearborn's sons preceded him; they removed to C. in 1725, and he afterwards lived opposite J. Webster's.

#### COL. JOHN WEBSTER

Was born Aug. 9, 1714, at Bradford, and came to Chester about 1735. He m. Hannah Hobbs, Nov. 29, 1739. They had seven ch. She d. Nov. 20, 1760. He m. the widow Sarah Smith, Nov. 17, 1762. They had four ch. Mr. Webster first lived on the spot where Frank Morse lives, but afterwards where Mr. Quigg lives. He opened the first store in town in a part of his house about 1750. He was Selectman in 1742 and 44. He d. Sept. 16, 1784, a. 70.

## COL. DAVID WEBSTER.

For a sketch of Col. David Webster, see the N. H. Historical Collections, Vol. 2, p. 270.

## Physicians of Chester.

## DR. ROGERS.

His name is mentioned from 1730 until 1734. It is by no means certain that he lived in Chester.

## DR. GEORGE WOOD

Came to Chester about 1745 and remained a few years. He taught school three years in Chester. He removed to Londonderry, where he practised from 1770 until 1785.

## DR. SAMUEL MOORES

Removed to Chester before 1749, and lived in that part of the town now Candia. He kept school in 1749 and 50. About 1750 he m. Mehitable Ingalls, the first white child born in Chester. They had two ch., Peter b. Dec. 13, 1751, David b. Feb. 26, 1754. In 1751, he and his wife owned the covenant. He practised in Candia until his death, Oct. 28. 1793.

## DR. WM. RAND.

It is uncertain whether he was a physician at all, and if he was, whether he practised in Chester. There was a Dr. Rand in Londonderry, according to Mr. Parker's History. This Dr. Rand is mentioned in later years as a town pauper. It is likely that his knowledge was confined to roots and herbs. Dr. Rand, it seems, commenced practise in Chester in 1755 or 6, but became insane and went to Londonderry. He began practise in Londonderry in 1750.

## DR. JOHN ORDWAY, (probably of Newbury,)

Came to Chester and began to practise about 1755. He kept school several years in Chester. His dwelling was nearly opposite John Robinson's house. He joined the church with his wife in 1761. He m. a Miss Robie of Chester and had several ch. He d. in 1775. Dr. Ordway was the principal physician of the

town for 20 years, and apparently was better qualified to practise than some of his brethren of the present day.

#### DR. BENJ. PAGE

Came to Chester probably about 1775. He lived where Joseph Robinson's house stands. His buildings were destroyed by fire in 1795. In 1778 his family had the small pox and two of his children died of it. He was an unlucky man in Chester, and in 1795 he removed to Exeter.

#### DR. FOX

Lived a short time in Chester about 1770.

#### DR. THOMAS SARGENT

Lived and practised in town from 1775 until 1819, when he removed. He was esteemed a good physician.

The remaining physicians up to the present time, in Chester Village, are Drs. Ebenezer Hills, (d. Sept. 27, 1790, a. 30,) Jonathan Shaw, Benja. Kittredge, Samuel Foster, Rufus Kittredge, and Jacob P. Whittemore.

The Attorneys at Law in Chester until 1800 were

John Porter, (about 1790.)

Arthur Livermore, (about 1793.)

Daniel French, about (1797.)

Amos Kent, about (1798.)

*N. H. Repository, July, 1834.*

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#### LT. SMITH.

Lieut. Thomas Smith removed to New Boston about 1735, where he was one of the first settlers, as he had been at Chester. He was five times married, his last wife being a widow McCollom. At his death, he left five children. 1. Samuel lived and died at New Boston. 2. Reuben, removed to Passamaquoddy. 3. John, lived at New Boston, had several ch. one of whom Deac. Thomas Smith, now resides in New Boston, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. His children were the first whites who died in that town. 4. A daughter m. a Mr. M'Laughlin, and lived and died at New Boston. 5. A daughter m. Benj. Melvin, of Chester.

Lt. Thomas Smith died at New Boston, aged about 80 years, in 1768.

John, 3, has eleven grandchildren now resident in New Boston, children of Deac. Thomas Smith, b. May, 1765.

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COPY OF THE GRANT.

“ In Council, August 26, 1720.

The petition of Messrs. Henry Sherburne, Clement Hughes, and Comp<sup>a</sup>, preferred May 24, 1720, praying for a township, &c., is granted, and Col. Hunking, Capt. Wibird, Capt. Henry Sherburne, and Capt. Tilton appointed a committee to lay out the land.

RICHARD WALDRON, *Cler. Cou.*

Nov. 19, 1720. Vera Copia.

Whereas, we the subscribers, were ordered and directed by the committee appointed by his Excellency the Governor and Council, to lay out a new town, adjoining to Haverhill, Kingston and Exeter, pursuant to the aforesaid directions, we have run the following lines, viz: We began at a white pine tree, marked RW : HS : IT : WB standing on the supposed Kingston line, where Haverhill supposed line cuts it, and run 10 miles upon a WNW line to a pitch pine tree, notched on four sides; then we began again at the aforesaid white pine tree, and run three miles along the supposed Kingston headline, to the supposed Kingston north corner bounds, next to Exeter, and from thence 7 miles upon a NbE line to a hemlock tree marked RW : HS : IT. The other two lines, being run parallel to those two lines, will make a tract ten miles square, agreeable to the petition preferred by Capt. Henry Sherburne, Clem<sup>t</sup> Hughes and Comp<sup>a</sup>, (to) and granted by his Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council.


THOS. PIERCE,  
EPHRAIM DENNET,  
GEO. PIERCE,  
JAS. TILTON.

Dated at Pourtsmouth, Jan'y 4, 1720-21.”

## NAMES OF FIRST SETTLERS.

1. Clement Meserves,
  2. Amos Cass,
  3. George Pierce,
  4. Col. Wear,
  5. Col. Packer,
  6. Capt. Thomas Pierce,
- } Probably of Portsmouth. They were paid as settlers, but probably never settled in town themselves.
7. John Sanborn, (of Hampton, son of Richard and Ruth, was b. Nov. 19, 1681.)
  8. Zachary Clifford.
  9. Thomas Smith.
  10. Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith, (probably of Hampton, or neighborhood.)
  11. Caleb Towle, (of Hampton, b. May 9, 1701, son of Caleb and Zephorah Towle.)
  12. Jonathan Kimball, (probably of Bradford.)
  13. William Daniel.
  14. Samuel Ingalls, (of Haverhill.)
  15. Ephraim Guile.
  16. Robert Ford.
  17. William White.
  18. Thomas Dean.
  19. James Perkins, (of Hampton, son of Humphrey and Martha Perkins, b. Sept. 9, 1695.)
  20. Rev. Mr. Simms, (probably of Bradford.)

## COPY OF CHARTER.


 George, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all people to whom these presents shall come—greeting : Know ye that we, of our especial knowledge and motion, for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation, by and with the advice of our council, have given and granted, and by these presents, as far as in us lies, do give and grant, in equal shares, unto sundry of our beloved subjects, whose names are entered in a schedule hereunto annexed, that inhabit or shall inhabit within the said grant, within our Province of New Hampshire, all that

tract of land within the following bounds, viz: To begin at Exeter southerly corner bounds, and from thence run upon a west-and-by-north point, two miles along Kingston northerly line to Kingston north corner bounds, thence upon a south point three miles along Kingston headline to Kingston South corner bounds, and from thence upon a West-north-west point, ten miles into the country. Then to begin again at the aforesaid Exeter southwardly corner bounds, and run seven miles upon Exeter headline, upon a North-east point half a point more northerly; then fourteen miles into the country, upon a West-north-west point to the river Merrimack, and from thence upon a straight line to the end of the aforesaid ten-mile line; and that the same be a town corporated by the name of CHESTER, to the persons aforesaid forever, to have and to hold the said land to the grantees and their heirs and assigns forever, and to such associates as they shall admit upon the following conditions: 1. That every proprietor build a dwelling house within three years, and settle a family therein and break up three acres of ground, and plant or sow the same within four years and pay his proportion of the town charge when and so often as occasion shall require the same. 2. That a meeting house be built for the public worship of God within said term of four years. 3. That upon default of any particular proprietor in complying with the conditions of this charter, upon his part, such delinquent proprietor shall forfeit his share to the other proprietors, which shall be disposed of according to the major vote of said commoners, at a legal meeting. 4. That a proprietor's share shall be reserved for a parsonage, another for the first minister of the gospel, another for the benefit of a school, provided nevertheless, that the peace with the Indians continue during the aforesaid term of three years; but if it should so happen that a war with the Indians should commence before the expiration of the aforesaid term of three years, the aforesaid term of three years shall be allowed to proprietors after the expiration of the war, for the performance of the aforesaid conditions; rendering and paying therefor, to us, our heirs and successors, or such other officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, the annual quit-rent acknowledgment of one pound of good merchantable hemp, in the said town, on the 20th of December, yearly, forever reserving also unto us, our heirs and successors, all mast trees growing on said

land, according to acts of Parliament in that behalf made and provided, and for the better order, rule, and government of the said town, we do by these presents grant, for us, our heirs and successors, unto the said men and inhabitants, or those that shall inhabit the said town, that yearly, and every year, upon the last Thursday in March, forever, they shall meet to elect and choose, by the major part, their constables, selectmen, and all other town officers, according to the laws and usage of our aforesaid Province, for the year ensuing, with such power, privileges, and authority, as other town officers, within our aforesaid Province, have and enjoy.

In witness whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto annexed. Witness—Sam<sup>l</sup> Shute, Esq., our Governor and Command<sup>r</sup>-in-chief of our said Province, at our town of Pourtsmouth, the 8th day of May, in the 8th year of our reign, Anno Domini, 1722.

By his Excellency's command, with advice of Council,

SAM<sup>l</sup> SHUTE.

R. WALDRON, *Cler. Cou.*

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#### SCHEDULE OF PROPRIETORS.

Samuel Penhallow, Esq.,	Rev. Nath <sup>l</sup> Rogers,
Shadrach Walton, Esq.,	William Rynes,
Richard Wibird, Esq.,	Josiah Small,
Thomas Packer, Esq.,	Susanna Small,
Capt. Eben <sup>r</sup> Wentworth,	Josiah Tilton,
Capt. Henry Sherburne,	Jethro Tilton,
Benj. Gambling, Esq.,	Amos Cass,
George Jaffrey, Esq.,	James Perkins,
Thomas Wentworth, Esq.,	William Healey,
Ephraim Dennet,	Zachary Clifford,
Thomas Westbrook, Esq.,	Jacob Stanyan,
Thomas Phipps, Esq.,	Enoch Sanborn,
Clement Hughes,	Ichabod Robie,
Josiah Sherburne,	Nath <sup>l</sup> Batchelder, jr.,
Michael Whidden,	Benoni Fogg,
Capt. Josiah Pierce,	Richard Clifford,



Ephraim Dennet,	James Fogg,
Thomas Smith,	Ebenezer Lovering,
Eleazer Russell,	Robert Rowe,
Samuel Plaisted,	Tho <sup>s</sup> Marstin,
Phineas Towle,	David Tilton,
William Godfrey,	Elisha Smith,
Ebenezer Dearborn,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Smith,
Benj. Towle,	Jonathan Dearborn,
Edward Sanborn,	Abraham Drake,
Sherburne Tilton,	Luther Morgan,
Edward Emerson,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Welsh,
Jerry Sanborn,	Rev. Theophilus Cotton,
Caleb Towle,	Robert Ford,
Jonathan Plummer,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Shackford,
John Cram,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Blake,
John Prescott, jr.,	Josiah Sanborn,
Abraham Brown,	Reuben Sanborn,
John Prescott,	Arch <sup>d</sup> McPhedris,
Henry Works,	Geo. Brownell,
Josiah Batchelder,	Thomas Pierce,
John Silly,	Benj. Sanborn,
Thomas Leavitt,	Benj. Smith,
Samuel Page,	Jonathan Sanborn,
Nathaniel Sanborn,	John Shackford,
James Prescott,	Geo. Pierce,
Nathan <sup>l</sup> Batchelder,	Moses Blake,
Jacob Basford,	Jonathan Kimball,
Jacob Garland,	Ephraim Guile,
Jonathan Brown,	Jacob Gilman,
Phil. Blake,	Thomas Whiting,
Stephen Sweatt,	William Daniel,
John Sanborn,	Rev. Tho <sup>s</sup> Simms,
Samuel Marstin,	Nathan Webster,
Nathan <sup>l</sup> Drake,	Ebenezer Eastman,
Wm. Stevens,	Benning Wentworth,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sherburne,	Jonathan Dearborn,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Prescott,	Col. Tho <sup>s</sup> Westbrook,
Josiah Batchelder,	Capt. Richard Kent,
Col. Peter Wear,	Josiah Young,

Maj. John Gilman,	Deac. Sam <sup>l</sup> Shaw,
Cutt & Ackerman,	Edward Gilman,
Col. Mark Hunking,	Thomas Dean,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Thompson,	Stephen Webster,
Henry Sleeper,	Thomas Silver,
Wm. Crossweight,	Samuel Ingalls,
Wm. White,	James Fayles,
Jonathan Emerson,	John Littlehale,
John Pecker,	John Calfe,
John Jaquish,	Richard Jaquish,
Stephen Johnson,	Capt. Joshua Wingate,
Richard Hazelton,	Clement Meserves.

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LIST OF SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS,

*From 1746 to 1775.*

1746	Dr. Geo. Woods, Dist. 1 & 2, 3 & 4.
1747	“ of Chester, 1 & 2.
1748	“ Dist. 1 & 4.
1749	Dr. Samuel Moores, of Chester.
1750	Henry Herring, of Newbury. John Hickey. Dr. Samuel Moores,
1751	John Hickey, Dist. 1. James Dresser, of Bradford. Nehemiah McNeal, probably of Derry.
1752	“ Dist. 1 & 2, 3 & 4.
1753	Master Hazelton, Dist. 4, probably of Chester. Neh. McNeal.
1754	Master Hazelton, Dist. 3. Samuel McPherson. Neh. McNeal.
1755	James Hazzard, of Chester. Thomas Boys, Dist. 3.
1756	James Hazzard, lived in Chester—had a family. Tho <sup>s</sup> Boys, of Derry.
1757	“ Master Howe, Dist. 1.

- 1758 Thomas Boys.  
 James Quinton, of Chester.  
 Mrs. Sarah Ingalls.  
 Wm. Smith.  
 Dr. John Ordway, of Chester.  
 Stephen Webster, of Chester, an elder of the church.  
 Thomas Boys.  
 Mrs. Currier.  
 Ens. Ja<sup>s</sup> Quenton, of Chester.  
 Mrs. Dudley.  
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- 1759 Dr. John Ordway.  
 Master Scott.  
 Stephen Webster.
- 1759 Dr. John Ordway.
- 1760 James Hazzard.  
 Master Scott.
- 1761 James Hazzard, kept 8 months.  
 John Crombie, “ 2 “  
 James Quenton.  
 Stephen Webster.
- 1762 John Flagg, kept 10 months.  
 James Quenton, Dist. 4.  
 David Webster.  
 John McNeal.
- 1763 Master Balch, Dist. 1, 3 months.  
 James Quenton, kept  $7\frac{1}{2}$  months.  
 Master Scott, “  $4\frac{3}{4}$  “  
 Henry Herring, “ 1 “  
 Josiah Flagg, “ 1 “  
 Dr. Rand, “ 1 week.
- 1764 Dr. John Ordway.  
 James Quenton.
- 1765 Dr. J. Ordway, kept 9 months.
- 1766 Master Rand, “  $5\frac{1}{4}$  “  
 Master Evans, “ 4 “  
 James Quenton, “ 2 “  
 William Smith, “ 2 “
- 1767 Master Evans, “  $11\frac{1}{4}$  “

- James Quenton, kept 2 months.  
 Master Hazelton, " 1 "
- 1768 Master Evans,  
 Master Morse.
- 1769
- 1770 Master Evans.  
 Josiah Flagg.  
 Henry Herring.
- 1771 Master Perkerson.
- 1772 Master Shaw, kept 9 months.  
 Master Dunovan, kept  $3\frac{1}{4}$  months.  
 Master True, " 3 "
- 1773 Master Ordway.  
 Master Cheever.  
 Henry Herrick.  
 Master Hodgkins.  
 Matthew Forsaith, jr.
- 1774 "
- 1775 Master Prentice, kept 12 months, Dist. 1-3.

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LIST OF SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION DRAFTED  
 FROM CHESTER.

Twenty-six individuals from this town were lost in the war of the Revolution.

Reuben Sanborn,	David Underhill,
Edmund Black,	Edmund Elliott,
Francis Towle,	Joseph Hills,
John Underhill, jr.,	Ephraim Fitts,
Benjamin Hall,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Emerson, Esq.,
Capt. Stephen Dearborn,	Rob <sup>t</sup> Reynolds,
Benj. Hills,	Daniel Greenough,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Webster,	Eben <sup>r</sup> Townsend,
Simon Bailey,	Bracket Towle,
Ens. Edw. Robie,	Francis Towle, jr.,
Jonathan Underhill,	Stephen Clay,
——— Presson,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Hills,
Cornelius Morgan,	Thomas Furnald,

Benj. Long,	Capt. Joseph Dearborn,
Joseph Long,	Capt. Joseph True,
Josiah Morse, jr.,	David Hall,
Dearborn Heath,	Caleb Hall,
Nathan <sup>1</sup> Hall,	Moses Webster,
Dominicus Prescott,	Jeremiah Richardson,
John Knowles,	Sam <sup>1</sup> Brown,
John Hoyt,	Thomas Shannon,
Joseph Blanchard,	Gideon Currier,
Joseph Knowles,	Lt. Wm. Locke,
William Randall,	Benj. True,
Ens. John Tucke,	John Morse,
Moses Morse,	Benj. Morse,
Lt. Isaac Blaisdell,	Stephen Morse,
Maj. Jabez French,	Samuel Davis,
Nathan <sup>1</sup> French,	Francis Carr,
James Clay,	Simeon Carr,
Eben <sup>r</sup> Dearborn, jr.,	John Dalton,
Lt. Ezekiel Worthen,	Dr. John Dusten,
Jacob Elliott,	Samuel Dalton,
Peter Hall,	Jonathan Norton,
Simon Berry,	—— Carr,
Joshua Hall,	Lt. Jno. Dearborn,
Abner Hills,	Abraham Sargent,
Peter Hills,	Josiah Bradley,
—— Currier,	Reuben Hills,
Lt. Sam <sup>1</sup> Hazelton,	—— Spiller,
Jacob Chase, Esq.,	Corn <sup>t</sup> John Lane,
Benj. Hazelton,	Lt. John Lane,
Peter Hazelton,	*Capt. Amos Emerson,
Capt. Jno. Underhill,	William Gross,
Jacob Hills,	Timothy Wells,
Peter Dearborn,	Daniel Dolbeer,
Josiah Dearborn,	Amos Paine,
Jonathan Dearborn,	James Richardson,
Parker Carr,	Daniel Webster,

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\* Amos Emerson was Capt. and Simeon Morrill Ensign, of the 3d Comp. of Battalion I. David Forsaith, Ensign of the 8th Company of the 11 Battalion, in 1776.

Parker Morse,	Henry Stephens,
Peter Severance,	John Paine,
Lt. Josiah Flagg,	Jonathan Berry,
	(was shot in the war.)

The above are supposed to be all the "soulders" until Dec. 19, 1777. Not all of the above served; several procured substitutes.

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#### INSTANCES OF LONGEVITY.

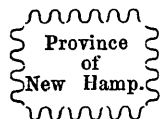
James Wilson, d. 1739, a. 100 years.  
 James Shirley, d. 1754, a. 105 years.  
 Alexander Craig, died in 1760, a. 98 years.  
 William Craig, d. 1775, a. 100 years.  
 Mrs. Craig, (his wife,) d. 1775, a. 100 years.  
 James Shirley, d. 1791, a. 100 years.  
 James Wilson, d. 1793, a. 100 years.  
 Thomas Wason, d. 1800, a. 100 years.  
 James Otterson, d. a. 103 years.  
 Mrs. Healey, d. a. 100 years.

John Burley, a mariner belonging to Chester, sailed from Newburyport in July, 1781; was taken prisoner by the enemy, carried to Ireland, and thrown into prison, where he died in the summer of 1782.

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#### ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE SOCIETIES.

1740.



Province of New Hamp. Anno regni regis Georgii secundi Magnæ Britaniciæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Decimo quarto.

An act to enable the two congregations in the town of Chester to raise money to pay their respective minister's salary, &c.

Whereas the inhabitants of the town of Chester, in the Province of New Hampshire, have represented to this court that they labor under great difficulties with respect to raising their minister's salary, and collecting the same, and have petitioned this court for relief:

Be it therefore enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council, and Representatives, convened in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that each congregation in said town be and hereby is authorized and empowered to act separate and distinct from each other, as to parish affairs, and that each respective congregation be and hereby is authorized and empowered to pay their respective minister's salary, for the defraying the charges of building and repairing their respective meeting houses and other parish charges; and to choose wardens in each congregation to assess the persons and estates of each congregation as (much as) shall be raised by them respectively for the ends and purposes aforesaid; and to choose collectors to collect the same, which collectors shall have the same power and authority as constables in this Province by law have to gather and collect rates; and that such wardens, chosen as aforesaid, be and hereby are, authorized and empowered to give a warrant to such collectors as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as Selectmen are authorized and empowered to do. And that John Calfe, Ephraim Hazelton, and Enoch Colby be and hereby are authorized and empowered to call the first meeting for the Cong. parish, and Capt. Samuel Ingalls, John Tolford, and John Carr to call the first meeting for the Presbyterian parish; and the said congregations shall have power to choose all officers necessary to manage and transact parish affairs, as other parishes have, or ought, by law, to have, within this Province.

Aug. 7, 1740. Read three times in the House of Representatives and passed to be enacted.

ANDREW WIGGIN, *Speaker*.

Eadem Die. Read three times at the Council board, and voted a concurrence.

RICHARD WALDRON, *Sec'y*.

Same day. I assent to the foregoing bill,

J. BELCHER.

Copy—THEO. ATKINSON, *Sec'y*.

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In the attic of J. S. Brown's hotel, I found the papers of Col. John Webster, among which are the muster rolls. In addition to those already given, I find the following names :

Ezekiel Morse,  
Jeremiah Griffen,  
Theophilus Lovrin,

Nathan Lane,  
Elijah Tolford,  
William Towl,  
Benjamin Whittier, Capt.

July 25th, 1776.

David Weatherspoon,  
James Bell,  
John McClellan,  
David Taylor,

Joseph Linn,  
Hugh McAffee,  
James Aikin,  
Moses McFarland.

June, 1776, Army of Canada, (The Northern Continent.)

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#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Massabesic pond is the only considerable body of water which was included within the bounds of the Charter of Chester, although there are several small ponds. Massabesic is estimated at about twenty miles in circuit. It was formerly the residence of several families of Penacook Indians, and its name is supposed to be derived from two Indian words, "*Massa*" signifying *great*, and "*peseag*," *lake*. This is very probable from the fact that there was no other considerable pond in the vicinity. These words are explained in Ralle's dictionary of the Abenakis tongue, which was the language spoken by the Penacooks. Alewives formerly came up into this pond in great abundance, and formed one means of support to the settlers in its vicinity, as did also the falls at Amoskeag. The cave known as the Devil's den is near the eastern shore of Massabesic. It is an irregular cavity in the ledge, extending in a slightly oblique direction nearly sixty feet into Mine Hill. "Penacook path" formerly passed over the east side of this hill; the road now however goes on the west side. There is another cave in Rattlesnake Hill, on the west side of the pond.

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Many of the names which formerly existed in town are now gone; the following are some of these: Blunt, Campbell, Goodhue, Graham, Tolford, Varnum, Berry, Boyd, Carswell, (formerly lived in the woods now owned by J. Webster,) Colby, Craig, Crosett, Foss, Gilchrist, Leach, McPhedris, McPherson,



Megee, Moulton, Neal, Healey, Powell, Presson, Quenton, Tyler, Whiting and Weatherspoon. Several other names exist only in the towns which have been taken from Chester, or are represented by females only, such are Aiken, Calfe, Glynn, Blaisdell, Crawford, Dickey, Wardwell, Richardson, Towle, &c.

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Sherburne Dearborn is now the oldest individual in Chester. He completed his 93d year, Sept. 6, 1851.

Mrs. Hills died in Chester in 1851, aged 99. Mr. Benj. Pike Chase, now resident in Auburn, is in his 90th year, and retains his faculties in a great degree; his father removed to Chester when he was nine years of age.

Robert Knowles and Joseph Carr are now between eighty and ninety years of age.

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The first pauper mentioned is Sarah Berry in 1752. No other is mentioned until 1768. By 1768 occur the names of Abigail Davis, widow Ambross, widow Basford and widow Hills. The names of some of the most respectable inhabitants are recorded as bidding off the aforesaid paupers to board—such are Winthrop Sargent and Lt. Thomas Hazelton.

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CHESTER probably received its name in compliment to George Augustus II. of England, who came into possession of the titles and estates of Prince of Wales and *Earl of Chester* in 1714. He did not become King until 1727. This derivation is, like most conjectures in regard to the names of towns, uncertain. More likely it is named from the city of *Chester*, in Cheshire, England.

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About 1790, John Tolford, son of Dea. Wm. Tolford, in a fit of insanity, shot Timothy Wells, killing him instantly. He was afterwards confined.

About 1830, a man by the name of Welsh, now residing in Auburn, unintentionally killed an individual by a blow on the head with a stake in a dispute. He was committed to the State prison for the offense of manslaughter, but was subsequently pardoned.

It was at the bridge over "Exeter river," mentioned under date 1720, that the money was to be deposited by Mr. Odiorne, and that Capt. Mitchell, of Londonderry, was apprehended on suspicion of being the rogue. See Parker's Hist. of Londonderry, and the N. H. Historical Collections, Vol. 2, (1823.)

The manner in which I came to know the date of the erection of the first house was this. The house was built by Samuel Ingalls, and John Hall, of Chester, who is a descendant of Ingalls, remembers having heard Nathaniel, son of Sam<sup>l</sup> Ingalls, say that he was *four years of age* at the time his father moved into the "great house." By the Chester records Nathaniel Ingalls was born Dec. 12, 1727. Hence the house was probably built in the spring or summer of 1732.

In looking over some old accounts, I found among the town papers an entry to the following effect: "The following individuals were allowed ten shillings this year, on account of their settlement in the Chestnut Country, 1720." The names were those given under the head of "First Settlers." There were three such lists, one of 1720, one of 1721, and one of 1722.

#### NATHAN WEBSTER

Of Bradford, (b. July 21, 1715,) m. Martha Blaisdell, of Chester, in 1742. Their son Nathan, b. Dec. 26, 1743, m. Eliz. Clifford, in 1771. Their son Josiah was born Jan. 16, 1772. He fitted for college under Mr. Remington, of Candia, Mr. Thayer, of Kingston, and Hon. Stephen P. Webster, graduated at Dartmouth in 1798, and studied theology with Rev. Mr. Peabody, of Atkinson. He d. March 27, 1837. (Hist. Reg. vol. 1, No. 4.)

#### SMITH AND CARR.

The traditions in regard to the taking of Smith and Carr are not at all well defined. Of the descendants of Smith none now reside in Chester; some of the descendants of John Smith, his brother, however, are still in Chester, viz: Capt. David Shaw, whose mother was daughter of Silvanus, and grand-daughter of

John Smith. His mother used to tell the story of her great uncle's capture, although in a very confused manner. She was, when I saw her, over ninety years of age. I have heard the same account from some other old inhabitants of Chester. No recollection of the fact of Carr's capture exists in the families of his descendants, who are, however, numerous in Chester.

#### REV. MOSES HALE.

In regard to Rev. Moses Hale, I obtained the date of his birth from Mr. Coffin, of Newbury. Moses is not mentioned on the town books of Newbury as a son of Justice Thomas Hale, but in the latter's will he speaks of his son Moses, without, however, referring to his having been at college. He gives him land in Rowley, from which circumstances Mr. Coffin doubts whether this Moses was the minister of Chester. The will of Thos. Hale was made in 1730. The children mentioned by Justice Thomas Hale in his will are the following: 1. Thomas, (b. according to Newbury Rec. in 1683,) 2. Ezekiel, (b. 1689,) 3. Nathan, (b. 1691,) 4. Daniel, (b. 1697,) 5. Joshua, (b. 1701,) 6. Moses, (b. according to Mr. Coffin's supposition, in 1703,) 7. Edna, (b. 1684,) 8. Mary, (b. 1687,) 9. Hannah, (b. 1699.) Two other children, not mentioned in the will, died young, viz: Sarah, (b. 1693,) Ebenezer, (b. 1695.)

Mr. Coffin mentions a will written by Jacob Hale, of Boxford, in 1731, in which he mentions his father Joseph, and his brothers, Abner, Ambrose, Joseph and *Moses*, who was born Dec. 25, 1701. Joseph Hale, the father, was of Newbury, and married Mary, dau. of William Watson, of Boxford.

The death of Rev. Moses Hale, I obtained proximately from Mr. Sibley, of Cambridge, by means of the old triennial catalogues of Harvard.

Sept. 1853. I have recently ascertained that my suppositions in regard to Mr. Hale being a native of Boxford, are true. The following facts are all I know at present about him. He was son of Joseph and Mary Hale, and was born at Boxford, Mass., Dec. 25, 1701. He graduated at Harvard, and was settled at Chester, as has been stated, whence he was dismissed by council, in 1735. He returned to Haverhill, where he died in the year 1760. He m. Mrs. Abigail Wainwright, Sept. 28, 1731. (These are certain.)

## REV. JOHN WILSON.

Rev. Mr. Wilson's history I took principally from Farmer's N. H. Gazetteer. I also obtained some information from his grandson, Benj. Mills, of Chester. There is a mistake in the Gazetteer of several years in the date of his death. I copied the inscription from his tombstone.

## REV. EBENEZER FLAGG.

Mr. Flagg's birth-place I have stated to be Woburn. I do not however consider this as certain. A portrait of Mr. Flagg is in the possession of the French family in Chester.

## CAPT. INGALLS.

I obtained my information in regard to him from the Andover, Haverhill and Chester records, and from Mr. John Hall, of Chester, whose wife is one of his descendants; also from Benj. P. Chase, of Auburn.

## LIEUT. SMITH.

My information in regard to Lt. Smith was from the Chester records, and from Deac. Thomas Smith, of New Boston, his grandson. Also, some facts from B. P. Chase, in regard to his dwelling, &c.

## MAJOR TOLFORD.

My information was from the town records, and from various aged people who recollect him. I copy the following from the Collections of the N. H. Hist. Soc., Vol. IV, p. 201 :

“ He was selected in 1754, being then a Major, by the Government of N. H., as one of the officers to command the party sent to explore the Coos county, which party set out March 10, and in 7 days reached the Connecticut river at Piermont. They were accompanied by John Stark, who had been, the preceding year, a prisoner among the Indians and was acquainted with that region, as a guide. After passing one night, and making such observations as their time would allow them, they returned, and on the 13th day from the time they left, reached Concord.”

Clough says in his journal, “ In the afternoon we scouted some (Aug. 20, 1746,) in the woods, but made no discovery. But Capt. Tolford with his men discovered where there had laid some

Indians in ambush, and also found where the Indians had roasted some corn."

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ABNER CLOUGH'S JOURNAL.

Abner Clough's journal of the march of Capt. Ladd and his men sent by the Governor and Council of N. H., to protect the inhabitants of Rumford and the adjoining towns against the incursions of the Indians.

"July 14, 1746. Firstly, marched from Exeter to Beach plain, in Kingston. On the 15th day marched to Chester, and there took more men. On the 16th day enlisted more men. On the 17th day marched from Chester town to a place called Isle Hook's pond, and scouted around the pond, and then camped; about 11 miles." The company continued to scout through Rumford, Canterbury, &c., until the 31st, and then returned to Exeter; and on the 5th of August started again. "Isle Hook's pond" answers very nearly to what is now known as "Lakin's pond."

"Aug. 5. Marched to Beach plain, in Kingston, and there camped. And on the 6th day marched to Chester town, and it rained, and there camped, and on the 7th day marched about three miles above Massabesic pond, and there Lieu. Jonathan Bradley overtook Capt. Ladd and his men. Lieut. Bradley being not well rode up after the company and said that he came along by a place called the North Branch, in Chester, and there he said that he tracked a scout of Indians, about 12 or 15 as he thought there might be, and was very confident that they were Indian's tracks. And Capt. Ladd took about twenty of his men and went back and ranged the woods where he thought likely to discover something of these Indians, as he saith, but could make no discovery, and so went down to Kingston and Exeter, and told the news about the Indians being tracked." Capt. Ladd again marched through Chester on his way to Concord, Sept. 6. The rest of Capt. Ladd's men continued on after he left them on the 7th, to Concord. Several of them (and among them Lt. Bradley,) were killed at Concord on the 11th, by a party of Indians, of which the scouting party discovered in Chester, made a part. Coll. of N. H. Hist. Society, Vol. IV. p. 201.

In 1775, the population of Chester stood thus :

Males, under 16,	384
Males, under 50, over 16,	273
Males, over 50,	101
Females,	787
Fire arms fit for use,	175
Powder in private hands,	30 lbs.
Whole population,	1545

The list of school teachers previously given was taken from the Town records, and is probably nearly correct.

The list of Revolutionary soldiers I found in an old book, saying on the cover, "This is for what is allowed to soldiers." On the back of it is the date Dec. 19, 1777.

#### GRADUATES OF CHESTER. (Incomplete.)

	grad.	died.
Ozias Silsby,	1785	1833
Josiah Webster,	1798	1837
Francis Brown,	1805	1820
William White,	1806	1831
Edmund Flagg,	1806	1815
Samuel D. Bell,	1814 Harvard.	
Samuel Emerson,	1814	
John Bell,	1825 Union.	1830
Thomas Tenney,	1825	
Luther V. Bell,	1826 Bowd.	
James Bell,	1826 Bowd.	
David Pillsbury,	1827	
Sewall Tenney,	1827	
Stephen Chase,	1832	1851
Edmund Flagg,	Bowd.	
Charles Tenney,	1835	
Christopher S. Bell,	1838	1838
Daniel Tenney,	1841	
Charles E. Dearborn,	1842	

John W. Ray,	1843
Charles H. Bell,	1844
David Bremner,	1850
George Bell.	1851

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PETITION FOR GRANT. (Copy.)

*From the Council Records of 1719.*

A petition for a township in y<sup>e</sup> Chestnutt Country, signed by about 100 hand, preferred by Mr. Hughes, Sept. 24, 1719. Minuted—Read again, Apr. 28, 1720.

To his Excellency Samuel Shute, Esq., Capt. Gen<sup>l</sup> & Coman<sup>dr</sup> in Chief in an over His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, &c., and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council, now sitting in Council at Pourtsmouth, in and for said Province :

The humble petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Province Humbly sheweth That y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners have associated themselves together to settle a certain tract of waiste land containing Eight miles square, laying in the Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup>, and adjoining on the East to Kingston and Exeter, and on the South to Haverhill, and on the West and North to y<sup>e</sup> woods. And forasmuch as y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners are informed that sundry persons belonging to severall Towns in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay design to petition y<sup>r</sup> Excellency & Hon<sup>rs</sup> to have the same lott of land granted to them for a township. Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that they may have the preference, (having been at a vast expense of blood and treasure to maintain the same against the Enemy,) and that the said tract of land may be granted a township to them, and as many more as are willing to settle the same, so as to make up the number of one hundred (and twenty-five) persons, under such limitations for the settling of it as y<sup>r</sup> Excellency & Hon<sup>rs</sup> will, in your great wisdom, see convenient for the speedy settling thereof, and y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners ever will pray as in duty bound.

*Sept. 24, 1719.*

Tho<sup>s</sup> Phipps,  
Jos. Pierce,

Henry Sherburne,  
Benj. Gambling,

Tho. Packer.	Jos. Sherburne,
Joseph Tilton,	Clement Hughes,
Nath <sup>l</sup> Batchelder, jr.,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Plaisted,
John Cram,	Elez <sup>r</sup> Russell,
Philemon Blake,	Samuel Hart,
Jacob Stanyan,	Eph <sup>m</sup> Dennett,
Rob <sup>t</sup> Row, Senr.,	John Preston,
David Tilton,	Benj. Sanborn,
Reuben Sanborn,	Joseph Sanborn,
John Morrison,	James Prescott,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Blake, jr.,	Jonathan Prescott, jr.,
Nath <sup>l</sup> Healey,	Richard Sanborn,
Nath <sup>l</sup> Sanborn,	Richard Clifford,
Joseph Batchelder,	George Veazi, jr.,
John Sealy,	Jonathan Sanborn,
Jethro Tilton,	Nathan Longfellow,
Ichabod Robie,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Sanborn,
Edward Sanborn,	Jacob Green,
John Prescott, jr.,	Henry Dyea,
Zachariah Clifford,	Benj. Fifield,
Joseph Batchelder, jr.,	Sherburne Tilton,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Blake, senr.,	Benj. Fogg,
Edward Gilman,	Joseph Love,
John Searll,	Jacob Gilman,
William Godfree,	Joseph Young,
Nehem <sup>h</sup> Leavitt,	Ephraim Hoit,
John Morrison,	Abraham Sanborn,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Elkins,	Israel Blake,
Rob <sup>t</sup> Wadle, jr.,	William Healey,
Jeremiah Sanborn,	Charles Stuart,
Daniel Tilton,	Enoch Sanborn,
Thomas Veazi,	Daniel Lovering,
Joshua Prescott,	Ebenezer Lovering,
John Cass,	Jona <sup>n</sup> Robinson,
Daniel Ladd,	Reuben Smith,
Abner Herriman,	Thomas Veazi, jr.,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Prescott,	Nath <sup>l</sup> Stevens, jr.,
Nath <sup>l</sup> Batchelder, senr.,	James Leavit,
John Ladd,	Wm. Stevens, Porch <sup>th</sup> ,



Oliver Smith,	Jona <sup>n</sup> Plummer,
Edward Fifield,	John Smith,
John Gilman, jr.,	Benj. Tole,
John Knowles,	Caleb Tole,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Veazi,	Abraham Drake,
Benj. Veazi,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Smith,
Thomas Veazi, jr.,	Thomas Garton,
Nicolas Norris,	James Purckins,
John Norris,	Jacob Moulton,
Nicolas Seavy,	Jonathan Nason,
Thomas Rollins,	Elisha Smith,
Joseph Lorrane,	Jonathan Dearborn,
John Roberts,	Thomas Leavitt,
Moses Norris, senr.,	James Fogg.

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#### SMITH AND CARR.

Since writing the account of the captivity of Smith and Carr, I have received a very particular account of it from Dea. Thos. Smith, grandson of Lieut. Smith, who was surprised by the Indians and taken captive in Chester, viz: "The facts are remarkably clear in the Deacon's mind. John Carr was brother-in-law of Lieut. Smith; his sister being Smith's wife, and Carr was but 18 years of age when they were captured by the Indians. It was on this wise, viz: They were making a tree (or brush) fence to secure the cow from the Indians. One tree lodged against its neighbor, and they were watching to see which way another would fall, (with a view of bringing down the first,) when they were surprised by the crack of a rifle and the ball passed between them, touching Smith. The Indians sprang upon and seized them, a scuffle ensued in which Smith turned the butt of his gun and brought it down with a view of sinking the lock into the head of *Capt. Joe English*, the leader of the Indians, but missing his aim he struck him on the side of the head which sallied him back, but English recovering threw Smith, and they (Smith and Carr) were both secured and led away. They proceeded northward till night, when the keepers each managed to secure his prisoner for the night. They were not allowed to see

where each other lodged. Smith's captor cut a notch in the spreading root of a beech tree, and after several trials fitted in the ankle of the prisoner, then drove down a stake firmly against the notch so as to make the foot secure while the prisoner was lying on his back. His arms were also tied behind him with the sinews of deer. Thus he rested. The next morning they pursued their journey, but not rapidly; the prisoners not being allowed to speak to each other. The next night Smith took special notice in which direction from him Carr was placed. He was secured as on the night previous, with the addition however of having hooks put over the elbows and driven firmly into the ground. Resolving to make his escape, after his Indian was asleep, (the Indian slept on the ends of the cords with which he was bound,) he gradually tried the strength of his strong arms, and the hooks gave way. Then he found that the cords would give. He continued to strain upon them until he could get his thumbs under the cord that stretched across his breast; then with that aid he raised it upon his chin, then got it to his mouth, and after long trial succeeded in raising it over his nose, and finally over his entire head. Soon he extricated himself entirely without waking the Indian. He might have killed the party but thought it would be murder. Leaving them to their pleasant dreams they found a stream of water in which they traveled as far as possible to elude the dogs. At length they climbed some trees and soon the day dawned, when they heard the alarm-whoop of their disappointed captors, which was answered by another party on the opposite side of them. Their position was now, of course, a critical one, directly between two parties of Indians so near as to answer each other with the voice. Descending they made their way back towards Chester, where they arrived on the evening of the third day after their capture. The garrison was *at Chester*, not 'Londonderry.'"

The above is the relation of Dea. Smith, of New Boston, now over eighty years of age. It was furnished me by Rev. Mr. Kellogg of that town. I presume it is substantially correct. The other party of Indians which he refers to was probably a part of the company who captured them. They were probably prowling about in the neighborhood, having left the care of Smith and Carr to those who claimed the right of masters over them. Mr. Kel-

logg adds, "The Indians from whom they escaped surprised and killed two or three men the next day while working in a field near Concord."

#### REV. MOSES HALE.

Since writing the account of Mr. Hale, I have become satisfied that he was not, as has usually been supposed, a native of *Newbury*, and born in 1703, but of *Boxford*, and born *Dec. 25, 1701*.

I have several letters which induce me to believe so, from which I make these extracts. (From Mr. Coffin, author of the *History of Newbury*, dated 25 Oct. 1851.) "Now, as Thomas Hale in his will, mentions his son *Moses*, just as he does his other sons, and makes no allusion to his having been at college, and gives him land in Rowley, the question is, is this Moses the one who was settled in Chester, N. H. ? He was settled in 1731, and the will was made in 1730. I am in doubt about it." "Among the wills in Ipswich I find one written in 1731, by Jacob Hale, of Boxford. In this will he mentions his father Joseph, his brothers Abner, Ambrose, Joseph and *Moses*. He also mentions his only child Mary. His father Joseph, was of Newbury, and married Mary Watson, dau. of Wm. Watson, of Boxford. Now it is possible that the Rev. Moses Hale, of Chester, was born in Boxford, and was the son of Joseph and Mary Hale." Also, from Mr. Coffin in a later letter, which I have lost I have it stated that he has since become certain that Mr. Hale was *not* a native of Newbury.

(Hon. Artemas Hale, of Bridgewater, writes as follows :) "Thomas Hale had a son Moses, born in 1702-3. He died in Rindge in June, 1763. This, however, cannot be the one settled in your town, as it appears by the records of the town of Rindge, he had two children born in Rowley—one 28 Feb. 1732, the other, 28 Nov. 1733." The town records of Rindge say, "*Mr. Moses Hale was born in Newbury, and died in Monadnock, No. One, June 19, 1752.*" (In pencil marks,) *On grave-stone, 1762, June 19th.*"

(Eliphalet Hale, of Keene, died recently, a. 80, as follows :) "The father of my great grandfather (i. e. the grandfather of the *Newbury* Moses Hale,) had three sons, viz: Thomas, (b. 1658,) Joseph, (1671,) and Samuel, (1674.) I do not know whether

the latter had any children. If not, the Chester Moses must have been either my grandfather, or the son of my great grandfather's brother Joseph. I do not see how he could have been my grandfather, as *he* was at that time residing in Rowley, or at least having children born unto him in that place." These children were "Moses, born in Rowley, 28 Feb. 1732, Enoch, born in Rowley, Nov. 28, 1733, and Nathan, b. in 1743." (Mr. E. Hale continues,) "I think my grandfather, (i. e. the *Newbury* Moses) was *not* the Rev. Moses Hale who settled in Chester. I have never heard that he was a graduate of Harvard College, or had ever been settled in the ministry."

As it appears conclusively that the minister of Chester *was not* Moses Hale of *Newbury*, it only remains to prove that he *was* of *Boxford*. This can be done by the veritable Dictum of Aristotle, *de omni et nullo*. The circumstances and the testimony of the descendants of the Hale family prove that Rev. Mr. Hale was either one or the other of these two—either of *Newbury* or *Boxford*. He *cannot* be of *Newbury*, unde sequitur—he *must* be of *Boxford*.

In regard to the throat distemper of which so many people died in N. H. in 1735 and 6, the only words in Mr. Fitch's account of the subject, in regard to Chester, are the following communicated by Joseph B. Felt, of Boston :

"In Chester have died under ten, twenty-one. One family lost three."

I have in my possession some leaves of one of Mr. John Webster's ledgers, dated from 1752 to 1758, from which I copy the following charges against Mr. Flagg with the prices annexed, preserving the original orthography :

	£	s.	d.	=	\$
August 14. Mr. flag moer debt.					
to 2 Quarts of rhom,	0	19	0	=	1.03½
15. moer to half a bushel of salt,	0	17	0	=	.93½
to pear of shoböckels,	0	10	0	=	.55
to one pear of garters, }	0	8	0	=	.44
2 nots of thread, }					
16. moer to 3 yards of silk ferret,	0	10	6	=	.57¾

18. moer to 2 Quarts of rhom,	0 19 0	=	1.03 $\frac{1}{2}$
19. moer to one peck of salt,	0 8 6	=	.42 $\frac{3}{4}$
20. moer to 2 Quarts of Rhom,	0 19 0	=	1.03 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. moer to 4 shets of paper,	0 2 0	=	.11
23. moer to one Quart of west indea rhom,	0 12 0	=	.66
27. moer to one Quarter & half of cambrick,	1 10 0	=	1.66
to one Quart of rhom,	0 12 0	=	.66
28. moer to one pint of rhom,	0 6 6	=	.35 $\frac{3}{4}$
30. moer to one Quart of rhom,	0 12 0	=	.66
Septem. 2. moer to 3 bisket,	0 1 3	=	.07
5. moer to 4 poond of taller at 5s pr. p.,	1 0 0	=	1.11
6. moer to one Quart of rhom,	0 9 6	=	.79 $\frac{1}{4}$
8. moer to 6 bisket,	0 3 0	=	.16 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. moer to Earthen wear,	1 18 0	=	2.10
to one Quarter of buckorm,	0 4 6	=	.24 $\frac{3}{4}$
11. moer to 2 Earthen poots, one small mog,	0 15 0	=	.82 $\frac{1}{2}$
to one Quart of rhom,	0 9 6	=	.79 $\frac{1}{4}$
12. To one small poot,	0 3 0	=	.16 $\frac{1}{2}$

This will serve to exhibit the prices of articles in those times, and also what the *principal* articles of traffic were :

The price of cambric cloth was	\$4.40	per yard.
“ “ tape,	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	“
“ “ shallorn	1.48	“
“ “ silk ferret	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	“
“ “ buckram	99	“
“ “ one cotton handkerchief,	1.99	
“ “ 2 needles,	05 $\frac{1}{2}$	
“ “ 3 darning needles,	07	
“ “ horn comb,	27	
“ “ sugar, per lb. was from 33 to 44 cts.		
“ “ pepper, per oz. 13 cts.		
“ “ molasses, per quart, 94 cts.		
“ “ peas, per bushel, 83.		
“ “ rum, per quart, from 79 to 66 cts.		
“ “ brandy, per pint, 53 cents.		
“ “ biscuit, each (singly) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.		
“ “ of powder, per lb. 2.64.		
“ “ of shot,	“ 55.	
“ “ a fish hook. 05 $\frac{1}{2}$ .		
“ “ a penknife, 88.		
“ “ a gimlet, 22.		

Mr. Webster probably began to keep a store as early as 1745; he kept first where Mr. Frank Morse lives, in Hall's Village. About 1750 he had a clerk (or partner) named John Patten.

If the above were reckoned in "Old Tenor currency," I have set them too high. I think however that they reckoned by "lawful currency," probably.

The houses which were standing in the centre of the town built before 1750, are these. The list was taken from John Hall, of Chester :

Where Jacob Chase lives, lived Jacob Chase, (b. 1728,) house built about 1750.

Elijah Hall, ——— Underhill, date not known.

Jno. West—Nath<sup>l</sup> Blaisdell, " "

Mrs. P. Bell—Rev. Mr. Flagg, about 1736.

Mr. Armsby—Jonathan Blunt, about 1740 or 45.

J. Robinson—Pearson Richardson, not known.

Mr. Fitts—Nathan Fitz, about 1745 or 50.

Mr. Quigg—Col. Jno. Webster, about 1740.

Mr. Bremner—Ebenezer Dearborn, about 1735.

Col. Clay—Jona. Goodhue, before 1740.

Watts house ——— McNeal.

Up the lane—Arch<sup>d</sup> Dunlap, } probably about 1740 or 50.  
" " " —Asa Dearborn, }

Benj. Davis, Jr.—Rob<sup>t</sup> Graham, (afterwards N. Long) ab't 1740.

Capt. Shaw—Silvanus Smith, 1740.

Greenough house—Paul Smith, 1740.

In J. Webster's woods—J. & T. Carswell, 1740 or 45.

Opposite J. Webster's—Col. W. White, 1735 or 40.

Jno. Sanborn—Thomas Glynn, built before 1744.

Opposite the house of Moses Webster—Winthrop Sargent, about 1750.

S. Cowdry—Francis Towle, about 1740 or 45.

Isaac Morse—Stephen Morse, " 1750.

John Hall—John Carr, " 1735 or 40.

Poor house—Capt. Hugh Shirley, uncertain.

S. Kendall—John Towle, (afterwards his son Anthony Towle) uncertain.

H. Hall—Henry Hall, about 1740.  
 On cross road—Rev. Mr. Wilson, about 1735.  
 Mr. Emerson—Sam<sup>l</sup> Emerson, Esq., about 1735.  
 Miss Pressey—Enoch Colby, about 1735 or 40.  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Hazelton—Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith, (block house) about 1735–38.  
 Mr. Wilson—Wm. Powell.  
 Mr. Reed—John Aiken.  
 Jacks Hill—Jonathan Jack.  
 David Shaw, Jr.—Ens. James Quenton.  
 a little north of Dan<sup>l</sup> Wilson's barn—Father of John Wilson.  
 Joseph Carr—James Crawford.  
 at the end of cross road beyond Mr. Pickett's—Francis Towle.  
 Capt. Hazelton—John Colby.  
 In a house between Miss Pressy's & Capt. Hazelton's—Benj. Colby  
 Nearly opposite John Robinson's—Dr. John Ordway.  
 James Bell—William Bell.  
 Long—Daniel Greenough.  
 Dr. Whittemore—Col. Simon Towle.  
 Mr. Lane—Eben<sup>r</sup> Townsend.  
 Jona. Dearborn ——— Glidden.  
 Opposite David Shaw, Jr's, nearly—Joseph French.  
 Between D. Shaw, Jr's and Frank Morse's, on E. side of road—  
     Benj. French.  
 Capt. Swain—James Shirley.  
 Half way from Cowdry's to M. Webster's—Abraham Sargent.  
 on road from poor house to Wid. Mills'—Adam Morrill.  
 North of Morrill's house, 25 rods—Ephraim (father of Nathan)  
     Fitts.  
 Wardwell house—James Wardwell.  
 Calvin Hill—Jacob Hill, of Newbury.  
 Amos Green—Nathan Webster.  
 Asa Wilson—Wm. Wilson.  
 Jacob Green—the father of James Wilson.  
 Eaton house—Samuel Wilson.  
 Basford on "G<sup>t</sup> Hill"—Jona. Moulton.  
 Walter Morse—Pearson Richardson first lived there.  
 Ed. Sleeper—Jethro Colby, son of Enoch.  
 near Sleeper's ——— Stockman.  
 John Morse—Samuel Robie.

Joseph Robinson—Dr. Benj. Page.  
 Frank Stevens—Pearson Richardson.  
 Wm. Tenney—Jacob Wells.  
 Near Tewksbury's house—Benj. Fuller.  
 Near Derry line, on same road ——— Campbell.  
 Reynolds—Moses George.  
 Wid. Chase ——— Bradshaw.  
 Niles—Capt. Samuel Ingalls.  
 Luther Hall—Capt. Dow.  
 Tolford House—Maj. John Tolford.  
 Parker Morse—Benj. Hazelton.  
 Merrill—Dea. Tolford.  
 Samuel Hazelton—Peter Hazelton.  
 Wm. Hazelton—John Hazelton (grandfather of John.)  
 Robert Shirley—Thomas Hazelton (father of Moses.)  
 Eph. Davis—Abel Webster.  
 John Hazelton—James Aiken.

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Jonathan Emerson, son of Michael and Hannah Emerson, was born March 9, 1669|70.

Jonathan Emerson and Hannah Day were married June 15, 1699. Their children were

Jonathan, b. May 8, 1700; d. May 24, 1700.

John, June 7, 1701.

Nathaniel, Sept. 25, 1703.

Timothy, Nov<sup>r</sup> 30, 1705.

Samuel, Jan. 8, 1707|8.

Richard, Sept. 29, 1710.

Hannah, Dec<sup>r</sup> 3, 1712.

Jonathan, } June 10, 1715.  
 Abigail, }

Moses, Dec<sup>r</sup> 22, 1717.

Nehemiah, Apr. 24, 1721.

Mehitable, Jan. 30, 1723.



*Anthony Towle*, an early inhabitant of Chester, was a native of Hampton, son of Caleb and Zephurah, and was born April 30, 1703.

*Francis Towle*, his brother, was born Jan. 13, 1711.

*Jonathan Moulton*, an early settler, was born at Hampton, son of Robert and Lucy, June 5, 1702.

*John Smith*, father of Paul and Silvanus,—all three of whom were settlers,—was born probably at Hampton, June 21, 1669; he was son of John and Huldah Smith.

*Josiah Small*, an early settler, was probably of Dover or Piscataqua.

The *Prescotts* were of Hampton; as were also the *Robies*.

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The town of Chester labors under a great disadvantage in the matters of History, owing to the loss both of the early Church Records in the time of Mr. Hale until 1736, (supposed to have been destroyed or stolen by Mr. Bradstreet,) and the entire records of the Presbyterian Society until about 1815. The Church Records in Mr. Flagg's ministry at Chester were not kept comme il faut. The Parish Records begin at the incorporation of the Society in 1740.

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End of the "*Facts relating to the History of Chester*," collected "at a vast expense of blood and treasure" by Charles Bell, Esq., resident in said Chester, Rockingham Co., State of New Hampshire, ss.