



<b>NORTH HAMPTON EVENTS</b> <b>(in-progress)</b> (does not include all births/deaths,..)		<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE, NATIONAL &amp; WORLD EVENTS</b> (selected/in-progress)
<p>Selectmen: Morris Hobbs, Benjamin Hobbs, Isaac Marston. Moses Leavitt Town Representative.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Henry Alline dies. “The reverent Henry Alline, minister of Falmouth, Nova Scotia, in the midst of his zealous travels in the cause of Christ, languished on the way, and cheerfully resigned his life, at North Hampton, 2 February, 1784, in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of his age, who remains are here interred.”<sup>75</sup></p>	1784	<p>The oil lamp is invented.<sup>31</sup></p> <p>Jefferson proposes a ban on slavery everywhere in the U.S. after 1800. This proposal is narrowly defeated.<sup>53</sup></p>
<p>Population: 525<sup>72</sup></p> <p>Selectmen: Simon Brown, Benjamin Leavitt, Morris Hobbs. Moses Leavitt Town Representative.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Rev. McClure leaves ministry and forgives the town’s debt of 200 pounds because of the town’s financial hardship to do the near collapse of New Hampshire money and the toll of the war.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Rev. Benjamin Thurston, from MA and graduated from Harvard, is made pastor. Ordination party with athletic contests (a custom) lasts 2 days, as it’s combined with celebrating the end of the war. In spite of the financial hardship, the towns-people pay for a huge food feast: 175-lbs beef, 31.75-lbs. pork, 66.75-lbs. lamb, 57.5-lbs. turkey, 39.5-lbs. chicken, 14-lbs. rice, 1 bushel rye, 2.5 bushels apples, 1 peck cranberries, 38.5-lbs. sugar, 45-lbs. butter, 29.5-lbs. cheese, 5 dozen eggs, 1 gal. cream, rum, 1 barrel cider, 2 gal. brandy, 7 qts. wine, 1 gal. molasses, 100 limes (to freshen drinks) and 2 dozen smoking pipes.<sup>5,37</sup></p>	1785	<p>Population in New Hampshire: 376,530<sup>72</sup></p> <p>Americans suffer from post-war economic depression including a shortage of currency, high taxes, nagging creditors, farm foreclosures and bankruptcies.<sup>53</sup></p> <p>The power loom is invented.<sup>31</sup></p>
<p>Selectmen: Tristram Redman, Stephen Page, Thomas Marston. Moses Leavitt Town Representative.<sup>5</sup></p>	1786	<p>Congress adopts monetary system based on the Spanish dollar, with a gold piece at \$10, silver pieces at \$1, one-tenth of \$1 in silver, and copper</p>

<p>North Hampton votes to make paper money legal tender.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Daniel Gookin petitioned the State for back pay while serving in the Revolution, the difference being the pay of a serjeant (old spelling) and the retro commission pay of ensign. Petition was granted.<sup>167</sup></p> <p>Moses Leavitt petitions the State to refund the Town of North Hampton for over-payment of fees assessed for “Deficiency of Soldiers” in the Revolutionary War. He found that 4 soldiers served in the war, which the State did not give the town credit. State approved request.<sup>167</sup></p> <p>While the legislature is in session in Exeter, a post-war angry mob (comprised of men from surrounding towns) stormed Exeter Sept 20<sup>th</sup> because of economic hardships. By the next day, 2000 armed soldiers put down the mob, arresting the leaders.<sup>157</sup></p>		<p>pennies, establishing the United States mint.<sup>53</sup></p> <p>The Virginia legislature passes Jefferson's Ordinance of Religious Freedom guaranteeing no man may be forced to attend or support any church or be discriminated against because of his religious preference (model for the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)<sup>53</sup></p>
<p>Selectmen: Stephen Page, Thomas Marston, Tristram Redman.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Henry Dearborn becomes Brigadier General<sup>36,109</sup></p> <p>Six families excused from paying the (Puritan) minister tax providing they support a minister of their choosing (Baptist.)<sup>5</sup></p>	1787	<p>Levi Hutchins (Concord, NH) invents the 1<sup>st</sup> alarm clock.<sup>31</sup></p> <p>Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey become 1<sup>st</sup> 3 states.<sup>158</sup></p>
<p>Selectmen: Jacob Brown, Stephen Page, Thomas Marston. Moses Leavitt Town Representative.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Rev. Thurston represents North Hampton at the New Hampshire (Constitutional) convention in Exeter is a persuasive debater.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>A huge parade in Portsmouth celebrated the adoption of the Federal Constitution. 6-horse coach of musical band lead the procession of reapers, haymakers,</p>	1788	<p>Announcement made by Congress that the Constitution is in effect having been ratified by the required nine states.<sup>53</sup></p> <p>New Hampshire, one of the thirteen colonies, becomes the 9th state.<sup>31, 157, 158</sup></p> <p>Commodity prices stabilize, spurring economic recovery and a gradual return to pre-war levels of</p>

<p>threshers, blacksmiths, sailors, caulkers, shiprights (old spelling), rope-makers, tailors, barbers, hat-makers and more. <sup>157</sup></p>	<p>prosperity. <sup>53</sup></p> <p>Maryland proposes giving a 10 square-mile area along the Potomac River for the establishment of a federal town to be the new seat of the U.S. government. <sup>53</sup></p> <p>Following an incident in which free blacks were kidnapped and transported to Martinique, the Massachusetts legislature declares the slavery trade illegal and provides for monetary damages to victims of kidnappings. <sup>53</sup></p> <p>Britain sends convicted criminals to Australia, harsh conditions and little food. <sup>195</sup></p>
<p>Selectmen: Stephen Page, Thomas Marston, Jacob Brown. <sup>5</sup></p>  <p>Very nice example of the cherub face headstone. Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Sarah (Phillips) Thurston, Consort (wife) of Rev. Benjamin Thurston, who Departed this Life May the 22nd, AD 1789 in the 34th year of her Age (giving birth to his 5th child.) Cherub face headstone, in Latin at</p>	<p>1789 George Washington is sworn in as the First President of the United States. <sup>17,31</sup> From a poor family and orphaned at 15. First Lady: Martha Washington. <sup>158</sup></p> <p>French Revolution begins with the fall of the Bastille in Paris, an event witnessed by the American ambassador, Thomas Jefferson. <sup>53</sup></p> <p>Guillotin invented by Joseph Guillotin. <sup>195</sup></p> <p>Thanksgiving Day established by a congressional resolution and a proclamation by George Washington. <sup>53</sup></p>

<p>the base, it says, “Remember you must die.” She was his first wife. He married his second wife, Sarah Moulton less than a year later.<sup>37,37A</sup></p> <p>George Washington rides north on Post Road through North Hampton, upon “Nelson”, his white steed (with a black mane), witnessed by Dorothy Leavitt when she was 4 years old, to address a crowd in Portsmouth October 30<sup>th</sup>. The whole town lines the road to get a glimpse of the first president. Washington had been met at the New Hampshire border by state councilmen and many mounted gentlemen, escorting him to Portsmouth by a troop of NH cavalry and other military units “drawn-up in salute” along the way. Portsmouth gave him a 13-gun salute with 3 days of parades and fireworks.<sup>5,8, 31,37,157</sup></p> <p>Henry Dearborn becomes a Major General and is appointed as US Marshall for the District of Maine.<sup>5, 36, 32,109</sup></p>		
<p>Population: 657<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Selectmen: Thomas Marston, Jacob Brown, Stephen Page.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Henry Dearborn earned the rather dubious distinction of committing the first federal execution when he hanged the murderer, Thomas Bird.<sup>36, 32,109</sup></p> <p>Simon Leavitt is born to Simon and Sarah Drake Leavitt, who will later marry Abigail Chapman who dies at 24. Simon then marries Julianna Chapman who lives to be 80.<sup>192</sup></p> <p>Mary Marston (daughter of Ensign Samuel and Catherine (Carr) Marston) dies at 71 years old.</p> <p>Rev. Thurston (age 37) remarries after his wife’s death last year in childbirth. His new</p>	<p>1790</p>	<p>First official US census: 3,929,214<sup>40,5</sup> Population per square mile: 4.5<sup>40</sup></p> <p>African Americans make up 19 percent of the population, with 90 percent living in the South. Native Americans were not counted, although there were likely over 80 tribes with 150,000 persons. For white Americans, the average age is under 16. Most white families are large, with an average of eight children born.<sup>53</sup></p> <p>Benjamin Franklin dies in Philadelphia at 84. His funeral four days later draws over 20,000 mourners.<sup>53</sup></p> <p>District of Columbia authorized, including National Capital Parks, National Mall and White House.<sup>26</sup></p>

wife, Sarah Moulton (age 50) is the recent widow of Gen. Jonathan Moulton, who stands to inherit a fortune. <sup>5</sup>		
Selectmen: Morris Hobbs, Capt. Thomas Leavitt, Simeon Fogg. <sup>5</sup>	1791	The First Bank of the US is chartered after Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton argues for a centralized banking system. Deposits are funded by selling \$10 million in stock. <sup>191</sup>
<p>Selectmen: Stephen Page, Jacob Brown, Thomas Leavitt.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Dr. Levi Dearborn dies at 62 and buried at North Hill Center Cemetery<sup>14, 201</sup>. b.3/7/1730; surgeon; selectman 1753, 1758; enlisted 5/1775 under Capt. Kinsman, who served with Col. Stark for 8 months; assemblyman in 1775. In June 1776, transferred to Henry Dearborn's company. surgeon New Hampshire Militia 1777-1778; at age 47 surgeon in Col. Drake's Regiment at Bemis Heights 1777 Pay for 3.8 months for Bemis Heights Battle and travel: 18 pounds/mo+ return travel = 66.0.6p; 1778 Delegate to Constitutional convention<sup>5</sup> His headstone reads,"In Memory of Doctor Levi Dearborn, who after a life of extenfivse ufeulnefs in healing, departed this life March 28, 1792 Aged 62."<sup>201</sup></p> 	1792	James Hoban, an Irish-born architect wins a competition organized by Pres. George Washington & Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson to build the White House. <sup>18</sup>

<p>Simon Dearborn, son of Captain John Dearborn, opens a tavern on corner (2 Exeter Road) and Country Road, which was then known as Stage Road (now Post Road). At age 26, he is considered too young to sell alcohol or mixed drinks responsibly and is also forbidden to allow gaming, as cards or dice.<sup>5,12</sup></p>		
<p>Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, Abraham Drake, Jacob Brown.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Dispute concerning line between Rye and North Hampton was settled by a report written by legislative appointments of 3 men from Newmarket, Kensington and Greenland, verified by charter manuscripts "final and conclusive."<sup>39</sup></p> <p>Henry Dearborn elected to Congress as one of Jefferson's Democratic Republicans<sup>36,32,109</sup></p>	1793	<p>Vermont Influenza epidemic. Influenza kills 500 people in 5 Virginia counties in 4 weeks. Philadelphia has one of the worst Yellow fever epidemics ever for 5 more years as 4,000 people die.<sup>83</sup> Many unexplained deaths in Harrisburg and Middletown, PA.<sup>82</sup></p>
<p>Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, Abraham Drake, Jacob Brown.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Simon Dearborn is warned not to charge unreasonable rates to travelers at his tavern.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Dr. John Fogg Town Clerk for next 22 years.<sup>5</sup></p>	1794	<p>Men's powdered wigs go out of fashion.<sup>158</sup></p>
<p>Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, Jacob Brown, Abraham Drake. Col. Thomas Leavitt North Hampton Town Representative for next 5 years.<sup>5</sup> General Moses Leavitt appointed Senator.<sup>5,71</sup></p> <p>Currency is almost worthless. Hard times continue.<sup>5</sup></p>	1795	
<p>Selectmen: Major Thomas Leavitt, Samuel Dearborn, John Lamprey.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Simon Dearborn is warned, again, that he may not allowing gambling in his tavern.<sup>5</sup></p>	1796	<p>Public sentiment in Portsmouth, NH prevents the return of a fugitive slave to President Washington<sup>31</sup></p>

Sally Brown dies at 16 (oldest head-stone at Little River Cemetery.) <sup>37</sup>		
<p>Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, Samuel Dearborn, John Lamprey.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Henry Dearborn gives up seat in House of Representatives<sup>36,109,32</sup></p>	1797	John Adams, 2 <sup>nd</sup> U.S. President and first resident of White House. First Lady: Abigail Adams. <sup>17, 18</sup>
<p>Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, Cornet Abraham Drake, John Lamprey.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Rev. Thurston is paid in US currency of \$400.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Joseph Stacy Leavitt (age 27) father's son, Joseph Stacy Leavitt, Jr.<sup>192</sup></p>	1798	
Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, John Lamprey, Simon Ward. <sup>5</sup>	1799	<p>George Washington dies at 67.<sup>158</sup></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> US smallpox vaccine.<sup>158</sup></p> <p>The Rosetta Stone is found in Egypt enabling translation of 2 forgotten Egyptian languages.<sup>195</sup></p>
<p>Population: 653<sup>12</sup></p> <p>Town Inventory: 71 horses; 105-pair oxen; 246 cows; 546 other cattle.<sup>12</sup></p> <p>Selectmen: Thomas Leavitt, John Lamprey, Thomas Lovering.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Because of several years of responsible management, tavern owner Simon Dearborn, now 34, is allowed to sell alcoholic beverages in his establishment "during good behavior".<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Henry Dearborn, strong Jefferson advocate, campaigned actively against John Adams in presidential election.<sup>32, 36</sup></p> <p>Rev. Thurston dismissed as pastor after asking for a \$100 raise. He kept few records and had bad handwriting. He had a shaky position in the community. Thurston left town without his furniture. A later minister wrote saying Thurston had been accused of "un-Christian-like</p>	1800	<p>National Population: 5,308,483.<sup>40</sup></p> <p>Population per square mile: 6.1<sup>40</sup></p> <p>Portsmouth Navy Yard established.<sup>31</sup></p> <p>New Hampshire towns added since 1775: Benton, Bethlehem, Carroll, Chatham, Colebrook, Columbia, Eaton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Errol, Gilford, Jackson, Lincoln, Madbury, Madison, Ossipee, Pittsburg, Randolph, Stewartstown, Tuftonboro.<sup>77</sup></p>

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Chapman garrison house taken down at 120 Post Road. <sup>5,12</sup>		