

Gilmanton Events Timeline  
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Date	Event	Source
B211A2:A2:C174	Gilmanton incorporated as Gilmanton because 24 of 177 grantees named Gilman	SSN Greeley History
1761	First Gilmanton settlers (Benjamin and Hannah Mudgett)	SSN Greeley History
1762	Dorothy Weed first child born in Gilmanton	SSN Greeley/ Badger Histories
1763	First minister and school master selected, Rev. William Parsons	SSN Greeley History
1766	First town meeting; first selectmen appointed (Joseph Badger, John Sanborn, Stephen Dudley)	Badger's History
1769	First school teacher hired	SSN Greeley History
1770	First two school houses erected	SSN Greeley History
1773	First Baptist church established	Badger's History
1774	First Congregational Church established and erected at current Smith Mtg House site	Badger's History
1774	First Baptist church erected at current Lower Gilmanton site	SSN Greeley History
1775	Mary Butler rides to Charlestown, MA to find her husband not hurt at Battle of Bunker Hill	SSN Greeley History
1775	Gilmanton population 775	
1775-1781	Revolutionary War, seven Gilmanton die	
1777	Battle of Bennington with 35 people in Gilmanton company. Not all from Gilmanton.	
1778	Averytown becomes Gilmanton Iron Works	Badger's History
1778	Iron mining begins in Lougee Pond (Crystal Lake)	Badger's History
1780	By this date Freewill Baptist Church organized	SSN Greeley History
1780	Society of Friends (Quakers) organized near Gilmanton Corner	Badger's History
1785	Town divided into school districts	SSN Greeley History
1790	Smith Meeting House completed	
1794	Gilmanton Academy chartered	Badger's History
1796	Gilmanton Academy building erected	Badger's History
1796	Post office established in Gilmanton Corner, Dudley Leavitt first postmaster	Badger's History. Laconia Democrat
1797	First Gilmanton Academy classes held (Mary Young enters)	
1797	First town meeting held in Academy	Badger's History
1800	Gilmanton population 3752	
1800	Gilmanton newspapers published for 2 years: The Gilmanton Gazette and Farmer's Weekly Magazine and the Rural Museum	Badger's History
1801	Town library incorporated - eventually moved to GIW	Badger's History
1804	Major Rufus Parrish establishes a town militia artillery company	Badger's History
1807	First Methodist church established	Badger's History
1808	Gilmanton Academy destroyed by fire after hot ashes left in a barrel. Building rebuilt	
1811	Gunstock (today's Gilford and part of Laconia) secedes due to distances needed to reach town meetings	SSN Greeley History
1814	First preceptress appointed for Gilmanton Academy	Badger's History
1815	Town auctions off care of paupers	Badger's History
1815	Gilmanton Corner library incorporated	Badger's History
1816	Freewill Baptist Church established	Badger's History
1818	Post office established in GIW	Badger's History
1819	Stocks are erected at the House of Correction	Badger's History
1821	Post office established in Lower Gilmanton	Badger's History
1823	Special tax of one day's labor per poll was established to maintain roads	Badger's History
1824	Animals restricted from running loose within 1/2 mile of the Academy	Badger's History
1826	Congregational meeting house erected in GIW	Badger's History
1826	Congregational meeting house erected in Gilmanton Corner	Badger's History
1826?	Friends meeting house erected in Gilmanton Corner	Badger's History
1826	Methodist Episcopal Society meeting house erected in Gilmanton Corner	Badger's History
1828	Town pound built in Gilmanton Corner	
1830	Gilmanton population 3816	
1830	Congregational Church formed in GIW	SSN Greeley History
1830	Town establishes town farm (poor house)	Badger's History
1832	Last Smith Meeting House pastor leaves	
1833	Liquor sales prohibited in Gilmanton	Badger's History
1835	Academy theological department established	Badger's History
1838	Town meetings began starting with a prayer	Badger's History
1838	Smith meeting House torn down and replaced	Smith Meeting House History
1839	Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company established	Badger's History
1839	Academy seminary school building begun (dedicated in 1841)	Badger's History
1840	Gilmanton population 3483	
1840	Freewill Baptist Church rebuilt (original built in early 1800's)	Badger's History
1840	Belknap County seceded from Strafford County	

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1840	Town meeting voted to destroy liquor near the town house	Badger's History
1841	Lower Gilmanton Baptist Church taken down and replaced	
1847	Theological seminary closes due to economic hardship (building becomes Academy dormitory)	Badger's History
1847	Seminary and Gilmanton Corner libraries consolidated in the Academy	Badger's History
1849	Gilmanton Academy's largest class, 144 people	Academy reports
1852	Town began contributing to the Belknap County teacher's institute	Badger's History
1853	Town began publishing annual reports on receipts and expenditures	Badger's History
1859	Gilmanton and Upper Gilmanton (Belmont) split	Badger's History
1860	Population of Gilmanton 2073 -67%of people 39 and under	US Census
1860	Town majority votes for Abraham Lincoln	
1860	Freewill Baptist Church of Lower Gilmanton organized	SSN Greeley History
1861 to 1865	Civil War. Of 134 residents who served, 30 died. Battles included Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Gettysburg, Antietam, and Port Hudson	Badger's History
1861	Town votes bonus fund not to exceed \$1500 for Union military volunteers	Badger's History
1862	Town votes bonuses of \$200 for Union military volunteers	Badger's History
1863	Reenlistment bonuses of \$200 voted	Badger's History
1864	Town majority votes for Abraham Lincoln	
1864	Town votes bonuses of \$200-\$800 for Union military volunteers	Badger's History
1864	Town votes bonuses of \$500 per year of service	Badger's History
1867	Town farm for paupers closed	Badger's History
1868	Mary A. Marshall may have been Academy's first woman principal	
1870	Population of Gilmanton 1642, down 21% in 10 years- 63% of people 39 and under	US Census
1872	\$20,000 voted to buy railroad stock if railroad built through Gilmanton	Badger's History
1878	Academy attendance 60 pupils	Laconia Democrat
1878	Hussey Swivel Plow wins prizes	Laconia Democrat
1879	GIW tannery is foreclosed	Laconia Democrat
1879	First Gilmanton baseball team organized	Laconia Democrat
1880	Population of Gilmanton 1455, down 10% in 10 years-58% of people 39 and under	US Census
1880	Gilmanton has 18 school houses (unknown when they were established)	Town Annual Report
1880	Society of Friends rebuilds their meeting house	SSN Greeley History
1881	Academy attendance 16 pupils	Laconia Democrat
1883	GIW shoe factory opens	Laconia Democrat
1884	Crystal Lake Grange is organized	The News and Critic
1885	GIW shoe factory employs 75 people	SSN Greeley History
1886	Academy attendance 45 students	Laconia Democrat
1886	Gilmanton Corner fire company formed and town purchases a fire engine	Laconia Democrat
1888	Hussey and Emerson factory burns down	Laconia Democrat
1889	Hussey moves operations to the old tannery	Laconia Democrat
1889	Gilmanton's two Weeks brothers start News and Critic weekly newspaper in Laconia	
1889	Railroad reaches Belmont	Laconia Democrat
1889	GIW shoe factory closes	Laconia Democrat
1889	Prospect House (old Seminary building) is reconditioned as Mountain View hotel	Laconia Democrat
1890	Population of Gilmanton 1211, down 18% in 10 years	US Census
1890	GIW shoe factory reopens	Laconia Democrat
1890	Last year of Parish School	Town Annual Report
1891	Last year of Pond School	Town Annual Report
1892	Gilmanton Corner fire district organized	Laconia Democrat
1893	Mountain View hotel burns down	Laconia Democrat
1894	Academy burns down	Laconia Democrat
1894	Methodist Episcopal Church closes	Laconia Democrat
1895	Academy reopens in today's building	Laconia Democrat
1895	Herman Mudgett apprehended in Philadelphia	Laconia Democrat
1895	GIW shoe factory closes	Laconia Democrat
1896	Gilmanton creamery opens in Gilmanton Corner	Laconia Democrat
1896	Gilmanton library opens with branches in Corner, GIW and Lower Gilmanton	Laconia Democrat
1898	GIW shoe factory building bought by town and used for meetings and entertainment	
1898	Mary Chase NH leader of the suffrage movement made Academy principal	Laconia Democrat
1898	Smith Meeting House refurbished	Laconia Democrat
1898	First Gilmanton Old Home Week	The News and Critic
1899	Last year of Cogswell School	

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1900	Population of Gilmanton 1100, down 9% in 10 years -56% of people 39 and under	US Census
1901	Last year of Hall's Hill (also called Page), Griffin, and Loon Pond schools	Town Annual Report
1903	Odd Fellows Hall completed and dedicated in GIW	The News and Critic
1905	Last year of Lamprey School	Town Annual Report
1906	Academy adds agriculture and domestic science to curriculum	The News and Critic
1907	No graduating class at Academy	The News and Critic
1907	Central House hotel in GIW closes	The News and Critic
1908	Creamery closes	The News and Critic
1909	Gilmanton Corner purchases chemical fire engine and trains a fire company	The News and Critic
1910	Population of Gilmanton 968, down 12% in 10 years-55% of people 39 and under	US Census
1910	Academy is reported to be in financial straits	The News and Critic
1910	Methodist meeting house razed	
1910	Last year of Lougeetown and Guinea Ridge schools	Town Annual Report
1911	Creamery assets sold	The News and Critic
1912	A new attempt is made to start up the creamery	The News and Critic
1912	Academy closes and buildings leased to town	The News and Critic
1913	Last year of Allen's Mills school	Town Annual Report
1914	Steam saw mill explodes, no one killed or badly hurt	The News and Critic
1914	Creamery closes again	The News and Critic
1914	Town decides not to rename GIW: suggested names include East Gilmanton, Crystal Lake, Lakeville	The News and Critic
1915	GIW fire destroys major part of downtown, may have been arson	The News and Critic
1915	Academy reopens in today's building	The News and Critic
1916	Academy to be public "moral" high school	The News and Critic
1916	Effort to raise Karakulei sheep begins	The News and Critic
1917	Congregational and Free Baptist churches of GIW merge	The News and Critic
1917 to 1918	World War I, one Gilmanton resident died	
1918	Last year of town's Academy high school. this final year there were 24 students	Town Annual Report
1918 to 1919	Spanish Flu epidemic kills several in Gilmanton	The News and Critic
1919	Fire equipment voted for GIW	The News and Critic
1919	First airplane sighted over Gilmanton	The News and Critic
1919	Last year of Rogers School	Town Annual Report
1920	Population of Gilmanton 814, down 16% in 10 years -49% of people 39 and under	US Census
1920	Town decides not to make the old Academy building a high school	The News and Critic
1921	Sheriff's sale of Karakule sheep	The News and Critic
1921	New creamery formed on Robinswood Farm	The News and Critic
1922	Mary Butler plaque dedicated	The News and Critic
1923	Electric lights first used in Academy building (run by a generator)	The News and Critic
1923	Last year of Osgood School	Town Annual Report
1926	Belmont rail service closed	The News and Critic
1926	Odd Fellows Hall (now GIW town hall) transferred to the town	The News and Critic
1927	Short lived Gilmanton radio station broadcasts	The News and Critic
1927	Town purchases first snow plows	The News and Critic
1928	Electric service comes to GIW and Gilmanton Corner	The News and Critic
1929	Town pound refurbished	The News and Critic
1929	Creamery at Robinswood Farm closes	The News and Critic
1929 to 1941	The Great Depression: Gilmanton suffers as New Deal provides make-work jobs	The News and Critic
1930	Population of Gilmanton 676, down 17% in 10 years -52% of people 39 and under	US Census
1930	From 1890 to 1930 Gilmanton recorded 893 deaths and 593 births	Town Annual Report
1934	Last year of Sanborn School	Town Annual Report
1938	The Great Hurricane of 1938 strikes Gilmanton	
1938	Last year of Jones Mills School	Town Annual Report
1940	Population of Gilmanton 708, up 5% in 10 years	US Census
1940	Last year of Kelley, Potter, Smith Meeting House, and Gale schools	Town Annual Report
1941 to 1945	World War II: 75 men and 5 women served, Duncan Geddes killed	
1950	Population of Gilmanton 754, up 6% in 10 years	US Census
1956	Publication of Grace Metalious's Peyton Place	
1960	Population of Gilmanton 736, down 2% in 10 years	US Census
1964	I-93 completed as far north as Tilton	
1965	Last year of Corner and Iron Works schools	Town Annual Report
1966	First year of Gilmanton Elementary School	Town Annual Report
1970	Population of Gilmanton 1010, up 37% in 10 years	US Census

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1980	Population of Gilmanton 1941, up 92% in 10 years	US Census
1990	Population of Gilmanton 2590, up 35% in 10 years	US Census
2000	Population of Gilmanton 3060, up 18% in 10 years	US Census
2010	Population of Gilmanton 3777, up 23% in 10 years	US Census
1762	First town sawmill located in Lower Gilmanton on Butler's Creek	
1783	NH Constitution: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state on account of race, creed, color, sex or national origin."	
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1788	Gilmanton favors George Washington for President	
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1800	No slaves in Gilmanton	
1800	Gilmanton favors John Adams for President	
1803	Town inoculates against small pox	
1804	Gilmanton favors Thomas Jefferson for President	
1808	Gilmanton favors Charles Pinckney for President	
1809	NH gives Atkinson-Gilmanton Land Grant to finance Academies construction. Later sold in 1830;s?	
1810	First Superior Court of Common Pleas of Stafford County held Gilmanton's first session	
1812	Gilmanton favors Dewitt Clinton for President	
1816	Gilmanton favors James Madison for President	
1820	Gilmanton favors James Monroe for President	
1824	Gilmanton favors John Quincy Adams for President	
1828	Gilmanton favors John Quincy Adams for President	
1832	Gilmanton favors Andrew Jackson for President	
1834	First anti-slavery society in NH largely driven by women. No representatives from Gilmanton	
1834	William Badger of Gilmanton elected Governor	
1836	Local Gilmanton proposal to hold anti-slavery convention denounced by other a Federalist trick	
1836	Gilmanton favors Martin van Buren for President	
1838	Gilmanton's Ira Allen Eastman elected to US House of Representatives	
1840	Gilmanton favors Martin van Buren for President	
1843	NH only New England not to send delegates to anti-slavery Liberty Party convention	
1843	First anti-slavery convention in NH largely driven by women. No representatives from Gilmanton	
1844	Gilmanton favors James Polk for President	
1848	Gilmanton favors Lewis Cass for President	
1852	Gilmanton favors Franklin Pierce for President	
1856	Gilmanton favors John Fremont for President	
1860	Gilmanton favors Abraham Lincoln for President	
1864	Gilmanton favors Abraham Lincoln for President	
1868	Gilmanton favors Ulysses S. Grant for President	
1872	Gilmanton favors Ulysses S. Grant for President	
1876	Gilmanton favors Rutherford B. Hayes for President	
1880	Gilmanton favors James Garfield for President	
1880	Gilmanton's Black Population peaks at 28 per census	
1884	Gilmanton favors James Blaine for President	
1888	Gilmanton favors Benjamin Harrison for President	
1890	NH required 10 weeks of school, Gilmanton 19 weeks	
1892	Gilmanton favors Benjamin Harrison for President	
1895	Moses Dustin buried in Beechgrove Cemetery distant from white graves at his request to be distant from whites who had mistreated him.	
1895	Serial killer Herman Webster Mudgett, alias H.H. Holme, hanged in Philadelphia for murder	
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1896	Gilmanton favors William McKinley for President	
1900	Gilmanton favors William McKinley for President	
1901	Town first pays to send students to local high schools	
1904	Gilmanton favors Theodore Roosevelt for President	
1908	Gilmanton favors Theodore Roosevelt for President	
1912	Gilmanton favors Woodrow Wilson for President	
1916	Gilmanton favors Woodrow Wilson for President	
1917	Lower Gilmanton Community Club formed	

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1919	NH school teachers either must have attended normal school or pass tough state exam	
1920	By this year no manufacturing in Gilmanton outside of saw mills	
1920	Gilmanton requires 35 weeks of school	
1920	Gilmanton favors Warren Harding for President	
1924	Gilmanton favors Calvin Coolidge for President	
1928	Gilmanton favors Herbert Hoover for President	
1932	Gilmanton favors Herbert Hoover for President	
1936	Gilmanton favors Alfred Landon for President	
1940	Gilmanton favors Wendell Wilkie for President	
1944	Gilmanton favors Thomas Dewey for President	
1948	Gilmanton favors Thomas Dewey for President	
1950	Population of Gilmanton 754, up 6% in 10 years	
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1952	Gilmanton favors Dwight Eisenhower for President	
1954	Publication of Grace Metalious's Peyton Place	
1956	Gilmanton favors Dwight Eisenhower for President	
1958	World War II monument dedicated at Smith Meeting House	
1960	Gilmanton favors Richard Nixon for President	
1960	Population of Gilmanton 736, down 2% in 10 years	
1964	Gilmanton favors Barry Goldwater for President	
1964	I-93 completed as far north as Tilton	
1965	Last year of Corner and Iron Works schools	
1966	First year of Gilmanton Elementary School	
1968	Gilmanton favors Richard Nixon for President	
1970	Population of Gilmanton 1010, up 37% in 10 years	
1972	Gilmanton favors Richard Nixon for President	
1976	Gilmanton favors Gerald Ford for President	
1980	Gilmanton favors Ronald Reagan for President	
1980	Population of Gilmanton 1941, up 92% in 10 years	
1984	Gilmanton favors Ronald Reagan for President	
1988	Gilmanton favors George H.W.Bush for President	
1990	Population of Gilmanton 2590, up 35% in 10 years	
1992	Gilmanton splits vote between Bill Clinton and George H.W.Bush for President	
1996	Gilmanton favors Bill Clinton for President	
2000	Gilmanton favors George W.Bush for President	
2000	Population of Gilmanton 3060, up 18% in 10 years	
2004	Gilmanton favors George W.Bush for President	
2008	Gilmanton favors Barack Obama for President	
2010	Population of Gilmanton 3777, up 23% in 10 years	
2012	Gilmanton favors Mitt Romney for President	
2016	Gilmanton favors Donald Trump for President	
2020	Gilmanton favors Donald Trump for President	
2021	Refurbishing of Kelly School completed	
2021	Refurbishing of Freewill Baptist Church completed	