

GILMANTON.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Nicholas Gilman and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, June 30, 1752. Governor's Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Gilford was set off and incorporated June 16, 1812. A tract of land was severed and annexed to Gilford July 5, 1851. Belmont was set off and incorporated as Upper Gilmanton, June 28, 1859.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 302, 456, XII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 207; papers under title Kingswood; History, by Daniel Lancaster, 1845, pp. 304; sketch by S. S. N. Greeley, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 785; Glimpses of the History of Old Gilmanton, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 304; Sketch of History, Geology, etc., by William Prescott, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 72; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 162, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; The Badger Homestead, by F. M. Colby, 6 Granite Monthly, 76; Bills of Mortality, 1825-50, by Daniel Lancaster, 6, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 244; Biographical Notices of Physicians in, by Daniel Lancaster, 1, N. H. Repository, 65; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 490, 494, 496.]

[GILMANTON CHARTER, 1727.]

*GEORGE by the Grace of GOD of *1-103
Great Britain France & Ireland King
Defender of the faith &c^a—

To all People to whom these Presents Shall
Come Greeting—

KNOW YE that we of our Especial Know-
led & mere motion for the Due Encouragement
of Settling A New Plantation By & with the

Advice & Consent of our Council have given & Granted and
by these Presents as far as in us lies do give & Grant in Equal
Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names Are En-
tred in A Schedule hereunto Annexed that Inhabid or Shall Inhab-
it within the Said Grant within our Province of New Hampshire
all that Tract of Land within the following Bounds (Viz) to begin
on the head of the Town of Barnstead at the Corner of Said Town
& next to the Town of Chichester And running from thence on a
North West Line to Winnipissiockee Pond or the River that runs
out of the Said Pond And from the first Place where it began to
run North East Six Miles on the head of the Afore Said Town of
Barnstead then North West Two Miles then West to Winni-
pissiockee Pond then on the Said Pond & river to meet the first
Line (Provided it do not intrench on Any former Legal Grant:)

Gillmanton

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and that the Same be a Town Corporate by the Name of GILLMANTON to the Persons afore Said and Such associates as they Shall admit for Ever TO HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Land to the Said Grantees & thier Associates & thier heirs And Assignes forever upon the Conditions following—

1) That the Proprietors within three Years build Seventy Dwelling Houses & Settle a family in Each or Cause the Same to be don and Clear three Acres of Ground fit for Planting or mowing and that Each Proprietor pay his Proportion of the Town Charges when & So often as Occassion Shall require the Same

2^{ly} That A meeting house be built for the Publick Worship of God within the Term of four Years—

3^{ly} That upon Default of Any Particular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his Part Such Delinquent Proprietor Shall forfeit upon his Share of the said
*I-104 Land to the other *Proprietors which Shall be Disposed of According to the Major Vote of the Said Proprietors at a Legal Meeting—

4) That a Proprietors Share be reserved for the first Minister of the Gospell that Shall be there Settled & Ordained And Another for a Parsonage—and another Proprietors Share for the benefit of a School in the Said Town—Provided nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue for the Space of three Years But if it Shall happen A Warr with the Indians do break out before the Expiration of the afore Said Three Years that then the Said Term of three years Shall be Allowd the Proprietors After the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afore Said Conditions rendring & Paying therefor to us our hiers & Successors or Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same the Annual Quitrent or Acknowledgment of one Pound of flax in the Said Town on the Last Thursday in March Yearly forever (if Demanded) reserving also unto us our hiers & Successors all mast Trees (Growing on Said Land According to Acts of Parliament in that case made & Provided And for the Better order rule & Government of the Said Town We Do by these Presents for our Selves our hiers & Successors Grant unto the Said men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit Said Town That Yearly & every Year upon the Second Thursday in March for ever Shall meet to Elect & Choose by the Major Part of the Proprietors then Present Constables Select men & other Town officers According to the Laws & usages of our afore Said Province with all the Power Previlidges & Authoritys as other Towns & Town officers within our aforesaid

Province have & Enjoy : And for the Notifying And Calling of the first Town Meeting We do hereby Appoint Major John Gillman Cap^t John Gillman & Bartho^l Thing to be Select men for the Said Town of Gilmanton & they to Continue in Said respective office as Select men until the Second thursday in the month of March which Shall be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Twenty Eight & until Other *Select *1-105 men Shall be Chosen & Appointed in their Stead in Such manner as is in thse Presents Expressed In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq our Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chieff in & over our Said Province of New Hamp^r at our Town of Portsmouth in our Said Province the Twentieth day of May in the thirteenth Year of our reign Anno Domini 1727—

J Wentworth

By order of his Hon^r the L^t Governour with the Advice of the Council

Rich^d Waldron Cler : Con :

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this 13th July 1752—

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

In Council December 17th 1729

Ordered That whereas in the Charter of Gilmanton it is Expressed that the Bounds of Said Town Shall run from the head of Barnstead norwest two miles then West to Winnipiseockee Pond which Last Point of (West) Should have been Expressed North to the Pond the Same being So Intended by the Grantors & is hereby So Explained & Declared—

Rich^d Waldron Cler Con

Vera Copia

Rich^d Waldron Cler Con

Copyd & Entred from the Back of the Original Charter above recorded this 13th of July 1752—

Theodore Atkinson Se^{ry}

A Schedule of the names of the Proprietors of the Town of Gilmanton—

Nicholas Gillman	John Gillman	John Odlin
Samuel Thing	Henry Rust	James Levit
Bartholmy Thing	Jonathan Wadley	Nicholas Dudley
Jeremiah Conner	Benj ^a Thing	Eph ^r Philbrick
Peter Gillman	James Sinclare	Eliphalet Coffin
Nich ^o Gorden	* Philip Conner	Daniel Gilman *1-106
John Robinson	Tho ^s Webster	Nich ^o Gillman ju ^r

Nathaniel Webster	Paul Hall	Andrew Gilman
John Fouslam	Zebulon Giddins	Thomas Gillman
Humph ^r Wilson	Nich ^o Gillman 3 ^d	John Chipman
James Jeffry	Richard Clark	Jethrö Pearson
William Doran	Joseph Thing	Jon ^a Young
Sam ^l Gillman	Edward Colcord	Walter Neale
Sam ^l Norris	Ward Clark	Nath ^l Gillman
James Levit jun ^r	Jonathan Colcord	Samuel Elkins
Benj ^a Rollins	Josiah Gillman	John Gilman jun ^r
Edward Gillman	Richard Smith	Treworthy Dudley
Robert Smart	Joseph Smart	Joseph Dudley
Caleb Kimball	Eph ^r Levit	Coffin Thing
Samuel Gillman 3 ^d	Ebenez ^r Wear	James Jeffry jun ^r
Tim ^o Levit	Leu ^t John Gillman	John Scribner jun ^r
John Mudget	John Odlin jun ^r	Treworgy Gilman
Samuel Norris	Benj ^a Levit	Joseph Scribner
Edward Fifield	Henry Hale	Edward Gillman jun ^r
Joseph Hall	Joseph Robinson	Jonathan Connor
John Perkins jun ^r	James Dudley	John Roberts
Theop ^h Hardy	Theop ^h Smith	Jere ^m Gillman
Theop ^h Smith jun ^r	Josiah Hall	Edward Hall
Joseph Sinkler	Rich ^d Hilton	Samuel Hillton
Benj ^a Hillton	Edward Hilton	William Hillton
Michael Bowden	Stephen Sewell	Daniel Thing
Nath ^l Gillman jun ^r	John Clark	James Norris
Jerem ^h Bean	Cornelius Drisco	Stephen Lyford
Samuel Sinclair	Jon ^a Folsam	Jon ^a Robbinson jun ^r
Oliver Smith	Abraham fouslam	Benj ^a fouslam
Andrew Glidden	Richard Glidden jun ^r	Cornelius Conner
Jerem ^h Calef	Moses Norris	John Lord
Dudley Levit	Abraham Sanborn	Caleb Gillman
Tho ^s Webster Jun ^r	Robert Gillman	Moses Leavit
Nehemiah Gillman	Eph ^r Fouslam	Edward Fouslam
Richard Sinclair	Jon ^a Hilton Jun ^r	Joseph Glidden
William Moore	Nath ^l Bartlet	Cyprian Jaffry
Alexander Gorden	R ^d Nath Ladd	Jon ^a Gillman
Rich ^d Dolloff	Thomas Willson	Benj ^a Gamblin
Clement Hughes	Eleazer Russell	Cap ^t Henry Sherburn
Benning Wentworth	Thomas Peirce	Jabez Fitch
Rich ^d Waldron jun ^r	Hunking Wentworth	John Wentworth jun ^r
William Wentworth	Peter Wear	John Plaisted
James Davis	Andrew Wiggin	Cap ^t John Downing

William Fellows	Paul Gerrish	John Sandburn
John Redman	Theodore Atkinson	Ephr ^a Dennit
Ebenez ^r Stephens	Richard Jenness	Cap ^t Samuel Tibbets
Richard Wibird jun ^r	George Jaffrey un ^r	Mathew Plant
Ephr ^a Dennet jun ^r	Benj ^a Clark	Andrew Frost
Jotham Odiorne jun ^r	Cap ^t John Gillman	Benj ^a Walton
William Odiorn	Robert Auchmuty	

Sam^l Shute Esq } Each 500 : Acres

John Wentworth } & a home Lot

Coll Mark Hunking

George Jaffrey Esq

Richard Wibird

Jotham Odiorne

Shadrach Walton } Esq^{rs}

Thos Westbrook } Esq^{rs}

John Frost

Arch^d Macphedris

The Schedule Annexed to Gillmanton Certify'd

⌘ Rich^d Waldron Cler : Con

Entred And recorded According to the Original this 13th July

1752

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec^{ry}

GILSUM.

[Granted as *Boyle* Dec. 28, 1752, to Joseph Osgood and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Re granted July 13, 1763, to Samuel Gilbert, Thomas Sumner, and others, and incorporated as Gilsum by combining the first syllables of the two names. The west part of the town was combined with a portion of Westmoreland to make up the town of Surry, March 9, 1769. The southeast part was combined with parts of Keene, Stoddard, and Nelson, to make up the town of Sullivan, Sept. 27, 1787. The line between Gilsum and Stoddard was settled June 21, 1797, by which Gilsum lost a tract of land. A small lot was taken from Sullivan and annexed to Gilsum July 7, 1874.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 303; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont Towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 18; Index to Laws, 208; History, by Silvanus Hayward, 1881, pp. 468; sketch, by same, 4, Granite Monthly, 439; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 207; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 164; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 263; Address, Centennial Celebration of Congregational Church, 1872, by Silvanus Hayward, pp. 63.]