

bury, and grandson of Col. Joshua Wingate of Hampton, who died 1795, aged 90, and whose father John Wingate was an early settler in Dover, was born March 14, 1739. He was graduated at H. C. 1759, and settled at Hampton Falls 1763, and was dismissed 1771. He was a member of the State Legislature, a Senator and Representative to Congress, and was one the Judges of the Superior Court from 1798 to 1809. He died March 7, 1838, in the 99th year of his age.

Hon. Timothy Walker, son of Rev. Timothy Walker of Concord, was born in 1737, grad. at H. C. 1756. He at first studied divinity, but relinquished that pursuit to aid in the Revolutionary struggle. He commanded a Regiment of minute men, and was afterwards Paymaster in the Army; was a member of the Convention to frame the Constitution of the State; was elected Representative and Senator of the State Legislature, and was Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and died May 5, 1822.

Hon. Ebenezer Webster was a son of Ebenezer Webster, and grandson of Ebenezer Webster, one of the grantees of Kingston, in 1692, and a settler about 1700, whose father, Thomas Webster, died in Hampton, 1715, aged 83. He was born in Kingston, 1739. At the age of 18, he joined Rogers' Company of Rangers, which went with skates and snow-shoes to Lake George, and ranged the country to defend the frontiers from the attack of the Indians. He was out two years in company with Stark and Putnam, from 1757 to 1759. In 1763, he settled in Salisbury. In 1777, he commanded a company at the battle of Bennington, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. In 1783, he was a Representative and afterwards a Senator in the State Legislature. In 1791, he was appointed a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and died in 1806, aged 67. His sons, Hon. Daniel Webster, born Jan. 18, 1782, grad. at D. C. 1801, and Hon. Ezekiel Webster, two years older, grad. at the same College 1804, and died 1829.

Similar notices of other members of the Convention, might be added, did the limits of the History permit.

1783.

A Committee settled with Joseph Badger, Esq. and Capt. John Moody for hiring soldiers, and providing beef for the Ar-

my, and the town, at the annual meeting, March 13th, approved of their doings. Lieut. Ebenezer Eastman and Thomas Currier were allowed each £3 lawful money, for services in the Army. The Selectmen were authorized to build "a pound" on the school lot, near the Congregational Meeting House. At a meeting of the town on the 18th of August, the Representatives were instructed to vote for an amendment of the 8th Article of the Constitution, as proposed by Congress, and a vote was passed by the town to repair the Province Road through the Lower Parish as far on said road as Josiah Weeks', at the town's expense. Josiah Weeks lived just above the Province Road Meeting House on the same side nearly opposite the Parsonage House of that Society. Col. Antipas Gilman was appointed agent to oversee the repairs, and was authorized to pay 3s. per day to the workmen until the last of September, and 2s. afterwards. The town voted once more to accept the plan of Government with the last amendment, 23 voting in the affirmative and none in the negative. Samuel Brown, Abel Hunt, Simeon Hoyt, John Cotton, Joseph Clark, Samuel Clark, John Lougee, Joseph Kent, William Price, and Samuel Potter, moved into town this year.

1784.

On the 11th of March, the annual town meeting was held; the article in the warrant to bring in votes for President and Representatives, under the new Constitution, seems for the first time to have been acted upon. Votes for President, were for Meshch Weare 35. Dea. Stephen Dudley and John Shepard, Esq. were appointed *Overseers of the Poor*. Such was the depreciation in the currency, and the difficulty of paying the war and other taxes, that the town voted not to raise money for the support of the schools this year. Dr. Hill and sundry others had paid Capt. Hall in beef creatures instead of paying the Selectmen for the beef the town authorized them to purchase. The town voted that the Constables collect the beef tax of them notwithstanding, and they were to settle with Capt. Hall. But it was agreed not to distress Dr. Hill until he had sued Capt. Hall and recovered damages, provided that he proceed with his case at the next Court.

The settlers of this year, were Samuel Smith, Jabez James, Isaiah Clough, Simeon Taylor, Col. Thomas Cogswell, Sergeant

pointed to examine the schools, to see that the teachers are well qualified, and the schools well regulated.

1799.

On the 14th of March, the town voted to procure a seal standard of weights and measures, according to law, and the Selectmen were instructed to furnish a device or mark to be put upon them.

On the 28th of March, the Committee, consisting of Joseph Badger, Jr., Samuel Shepard, Samuel Ladd, Samuel Greely, Joseph Parsons, and John Shepard, appointed to divide the Ministerial lands among the several religious societies in town, *reported that after examining the Charter and votes of the town, and Proprietors' Records, it is, in their opinion, best not to do any thing upon the subject.* Voted to pay John Shepard and Ezekiel Hoit \$88.20 for their time and expenses in procuring the President's Order in the year 1799.

1800.

On the 13th of March, the annual meeting was held for town business. The same Committee was continued for examining schools. The votes for Governor were for John T. Gilman 200, for Timothy Walker 188; for Counsellor, Aaron Wingate, 224; Senator, Nathan Taylor, 195. The votes for revising the Constitution of the State, were 124, against it, 124.

1801.

On the 10th of March, 1801, the town met for the transaction of the annual business, and the following was adopted as a *By-law of the town of Gilmanton.*

"Whereas travellers and teamsters are greatly incommoded in the winter season by neat cattle, sheep and swine, which are suffered to go at large on the highways and to eat and destroy the hay and provender given to the horses and cattle of such travellers and teamsters, when they stop near Meredith Bridge, the Academy, the dwelling house of Mr. Emerson Porter, and the dwelling house of Cotton Gilman, in the town of Gilmanton; and whereas the inhabitants of said town and others, who attend public worship in sleighs, on Sundays at the several meeting houses in said town, during the winter season, are much troubled

by the neat cattle and sheep, which usually range about the said several meeting houses and eat the hay and straw out of the sleighs of such attendants during the times of public worship. Therefore, to prevent which, it is voted by the inhabitants of said town, that the following regulation be received and adopted as a standing by-law of said town as soon as the same shall be approved by the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Strafford, viz. That from and after the 20th day of November to the last day of March, in each year, no neat cattle, sheep or swine, shall be suffered to go at large on any highway in said town, within one third part of a mile from Meredith Bridge, the Academy, the dwelling house of Mr. Emerson Porter, or the dwelling house of Mr. Gilman, nor shall any neat cattle or sheep be suffered to go at large on Sundays between the said 20th and the said last day of March, in each year, within the like distance from any meeting house in said town, where public worship is usually performed on the Lord's day, (excepting and reserving in all cases the necessary time for neat cattle and sheep to go to water and return,) on penalty that the owner or owners thereof, or the person having the care of such neat creature or creatures, sheep or swine, forfeit and pay one dollar for each offence to be recovered by action of debt before any Justice of the Peace in the County of Strafford, by any person who will sue for the same, with costs of prosecution, unless it shall appear that such creature or creatures, sheep or swine, were going at large without the knowledge or negligence of the owner or person having the care of the same as aforesaid. Provided, nevertheless, that no action shall be sustained for any penalty accruing from this by-law, unless the writ be issued out and legally served within thirty days from the time of committing the offence."

1802.

The annual meeting of the town was held Mar. 11th. *Dudley Leavitt* was chosen one of the Selectmen, and at the adjourned meeting, March 18th, he was at his request excused, and *Thomas Cogswell, Esq.* was chosen in his stead. The collectors appointed for the year, were in the first Collection District, *Nathan Morrill*, in the second District, *Benjamin Page*, in the third District, *Elisha Sanborn*, and in the fourth District, *Benjamin Sanborn*.

unreasonable, and that the Superintendent in all respects discharges his duty.

And whereas, in the opinion of your Committee, the proper subjects to be confined in a house of correction, are for the present so few that they may conveniently be accommodated in a private house, it is, therefore, recommended to the town to contract with some suitable person to take the charge of all the lewd and disorderly persons, who may be committed to the house of correction, at a stipulated price, to be agreed on by the Selectmen and said contractors. That said contractor be chosen Superintendent, and his house to be considered to all intents and purposes the house of correction of the town, and that as such, subject to the foregoing regulation for the present year. And it is further recommended to the town, to choose one judicious person in each village in the town, or place of resort, whose business it shall be to take notice of all idle, disorderly persons who mispend their time and property at taverns, retail houses, and places of resort, and complain to the proper authority of such persons as are guilty of such offences as subject them to be committed to the house of correction, that they may be proceeded with as the law directs."

1806.

The annual meeting was on the 11th of March. Moses Peaslee, Elisha Sanborn, David Bean, Jr., and John Follet were appointed Constables, and John Chase, keeper of the house of correction. On the 26th of August, Dudley Leavitt, the town Clerk, resigned, and Dr. Simon Foster was chosen to the office.

1807.

On the 20th of March, 1807, the following additional rule was adopted by the town in respect to the house of correction, viz.

"That any person who may be committed to the house of correction, shall be liable to pay the cost of arrest and commitment, and that after the time of confinement, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to retain such offender in his custody until the profits of labor shall pay the cost of commitment; the time and the price of labor to be judged of by the Selectmen."

At a meeting of the town on the 26th of May, the Selectmen were authorized to rebuild the *Pound*, and to build it of stone.

The location was changed, and the new Pound was placed a little Southward of William Peaslee's, where it now stands.

The Proprietors, at their meeting, July 1st, 1807, voted that "whereas timber is from time to time cut off from lot No. 10, in the 18th range, and No. 13, in the 7th range, lots reserved for the Ministry in the upper Parish, that, therefore, Joseph Badger, Jr., Benjamin Weeks, and Dudley Prescott, be a Committee to sell those lots and invest the money accruing from the same, so that the interest may be used annually for the Ministry." Daniel Gale, 3d, was by the town appointed Treasurer of this fund. At the same meeting, it was agreed by the Proprietors to sell the privilege at Folsom's Falls, consisting of about 5 acres. The same Committee were authorized to give a deed to the purchasers.

1808.

At the annual meeting, March 8th, a petition was presented to have the upper Parish set off to be united with a part of Meredith. The town voted that it was not expedient to set off the upper Parish as a town to be annexed to a part of Meredith. In the month of January, Gilmanton Academy was consumed by fire. It was agreed to raise \$500 towards rebuilding the Academy, and preparing it for town use, and also to lease a part of the School lot near Rev. Mr. Smith's Meeting House, together with a part of the broad high way adjacent, and use the proceeds for the same purpose. Near the close of the meeting, it was voted to reconsider the resolution raising \$500 for rebuilding the Academy. At a meeting of the town on the 29th of August, Stephen Moody, Esq., John Ham, Esq., Samuel Greely, Esq., Daniel Hoit, and Daniel Avery were chosen to report an Address to the President of the United States. The Address was reported and accepted, and a copy of it was ordered to be put on file.

1809.

In March of this year, four School Committees were chosen, viz.: In the first collection district, John Ham, Esq., John Shepard, Esq., and Lieut. David Sanborn; in the 2d collection district, Rev. Isaac Smith, Stephen Moody, Esq., and Capt. Thomas Burns; in the 3d collection district, William Badger,