

should Tak it a Grate Honor to heair of it (by mr Sprage) and Sir if it is not Recived or is not the thing intended I stand Rady at all Tims to inform the Proprietors in the Real Surcamstancis to the Bast of my Judment att the Same Time I Would bag Leve to Subscribe my Self your Honors Ever Humbel Servant att Comand

Monadnock No 4

James Reed

may the 23—1770

To the Honrable George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

## 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 New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; 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.]

[*Proprietors of Gilmanton*, 1727-8.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

A schedule of the names of the proprietors of the Town of Gilmanton—

Theodore Atkinson	Cornelius Drisco	Daniel Gilman
Robert Auchmuty	Richard Dolloff	Nicholas Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Michael Bowden	James Davis	Andrew Gilman
Nath <sup>l</sup> Bartlet	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Downing	Zebulon Giddings
Joseph Baker	William Doran	Thomas Gilman
Jeremiah Bean	Ephraim Dennitt	Nicholas Gilman 3 <sup>d</sup>
Jeremiah Connor	Ephraim Dennitt Ju <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Gilman
Philip Connor	Joseph Dudley	Nathaniel Gilman



John Chipman	Sam <sup>l</sup> Elkins	Josiah Gilman
Richard Clark	John Fulsom	Leiu <sup>t</sup> John Gilman
Edward Colcord	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Fulsom	Edward Gilman
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Clark Ju <sup>r</sup>	Abraham Fulsom	Samuel Gilman 3 <sup>d</sup>
Ward Clark	Benj <sup>n</sup> Fulsom	John Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Colcord	Jabez Fitch	Trueworthy Gilman
John Clark	William Fellows	Edward Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Connor	Andrew Frost	Jeremiah Gilman
Cornelius Connor	John Frost Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Jeremiah Calfe	Ephraim Fulsom	Andrew Glidden
Benj <sup>n</sup> Clark	Edward Fulsom	Richard Glidden Ju <sup>r</sup>
Eliphelet Coffin	Edward Fyfield	Caleb Gilman
Thomas Dean	Nicholas Gilman Esq <sup>r</sup>	Robert Gilman
Nicholas Dudley	John Gilman Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nehemiah Gilman
Trueworthy Dudley	Peter Gilman	Joseph Glidden
James Dudley	Nicholas Gorden	Thomas Gorden
Alexander Gorden	James Leavitt	Matthew Plant
Jonathan Gilman	Ephraim Leavitt	Ephraim Philbrick
Benjamin Gambling	Timothy Leavitt	Nicholas Perryman
Paul Garrish	James Leavitt Ju <sup>r</sup>	John Perryman
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Gilman	Benjamin Leavitt	Henry Rust
Theophilus Hardey	Stephen Lyford	John Robinson
Robert Hale	John Lordd	John Roberts
Paul Hall	Dudley Leavitt	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Robinson Ju <sup>r</sup>
Henry Hale	John Low	Benj <sup>n</sup> Rawlings
Joseph Hall	Moses Leavitt	Joseph Robinson
Josiah Hall	Nathaniel Ladd	Eleazer Russell
Richard Hilton	John Leavitt	John Redman
Samuel Hilton	John Mudgett	James Sinkler
Benjamin Hilton	Archiball M <sup>c</sup> phedriss	Richard Smith
Edward Hilton	William Moore	Robert Smart
William Hilton	Walter Neal	Joseph Smart
Jonathan Hilton Ju <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Norriss	John Scribner Ju <sup>r</sup>
Edward Hall	James Norriss	Joseph Scribner
Clement Hughes	Moses Norriss	Theophilus Smith
Co <sup>l</sup> Mark Hunking	John odlin	Theophilus Smith Ju <sup>r</sup>
James Jaffrey	John odlin Ju <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Sinkler
James Jaffrey Ju <sup>r</sup>	Jotham odiorne Ju <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Sewall
Cyprian Jaffrey	William odiorne	Samuel Sinkler
George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jotham odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>	oliver Smith
George Jaffrey Ju <sup>r</sup>	Jethro Pearson	Abraham Samborn
Richard Jenness	John Perkins Ju <sup>r</sup>	Richard Sinkler
Caleb Kimball	Thomas Peirce	Henry Shearburne



John Kimball	John Plaistead	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Stevens
John Samborn	Samuel Thing	Peter Weare
Jacob Smith	Jonathan Wadleigh	Andrew Wiggin
Samuel Smith	Thomas Webster	Richard Wibird Ju <sup>r</sup>
Bartholomew Thing	Nathaniel Webster	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>
Benj <sup>n</sup> Thing	Humphry Willson	Benj <sup>n</sup> Walton
Joseph Thing	Ebenezer Weare	Shadrack Walton Esq <sup>r</sup>
Coffen Thing	Thomas Webster Ju <sup>r</sup>	Tho <sup>s</sup> Westbrook Esq <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Thing	Thomas Willson	Richard Waldron Ju <sup>r</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Tibbitts	Benning Wentworth	Jonathan Young
Nath <sup>l</sup> Thing	Hunking Wentworth	Minister Right
Jonathan Thing	John Wentworth Ju <sup>r</sup>	Parsonage Right
Edward Thing	William Wentworth	School Right

Samuel Shute Esq<sup>r</sup> 540 Acres—

John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> 540 Acres—

Eighteen Rights to Masonian Proprietors six Hundred Acres voted to Benj<sup>n</sup> & Jont<sup>n</sup> Brown Aaron Clough Timothy Barnard and orlando Sargeant for to acquit James Jaffry Right Cornelius Connors Right and Samuel Hiltons Right which Rights were Declared forfeited and sold may y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1750

Fifteen of the proprietors before mentioned were not in the first schedule but were admitted as proprietors as follows—

At a Legal Town meeting held at Exeter March the 14<sup>th</sup> 1727/8

Voted at the same meeting that the several Persons whose names are Under written have an Equal share of Land with the other proprietors of Gilmantown—

Thomas Dean	Joseph Baker	Thomas Gorden
Robert Hale	John Leavitt	Nicholas Perryman
Jacob Smith	Jonathan Thing	John Perryman
Samuel Smith	John Kimball	Jonathan Clark Ju <sup>r</sup>
Nathaniel Thing	John Low	Edward Thing

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Attest Joseph Badger propr<sup>s</sup> Clerk—

[*Petition for Quit-Claim*, 1749.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

Rye Jun the 16, 1749

The humbel Regast of the Subscribers to the Honrabel proprietors of masons Rite of Land in this provnce Shueth that thay have Ben at Charg in purching oregnel Rits in gilmantoun do pay the Honrabl



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in this province

and we Remn your mst humbel most obedent Sarvnts

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danel molten  
John garLand

[*Vote of Proprietors of Gilmanton, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of Gilmantown holden at the house  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Light in Exeter March 12. 1752

Col<sup>l</sup> Peter Gilman Moderator—

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>'</sup>itte to treat & finally agree with any  
person or persons that Lay Claim to Gilmantown or any part thereof

Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Odlin Josiah Gilman & Sam<sup>l</sup> Gilman Jun<sup>r</sup> be a  
Com<sup>'</sup>itte for that End they or the Major part to Act—

true Coppy Attest

Josiah Gilman Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

[*Petition of Robert Jenkins, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 18.]

To The Hon<sup>le</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Rich<sup>d</sup> Wiberd Esq<sup>rs</sup> & Others Pur-  
chasers & Propriators of Masons Right in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

The Petitsion of Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins of Boston Mer<sup>t</sup> Sheweth that Y<sup>r</sup>  
Petition<sup>r</sup> purchased One full Right & Share of Land in y<sup>e</sup> Township of  
Gilmantown in S<sup>d</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> As may Appear by y<sup>e</sup> Deed in y<sup>e</sup> hands of  
M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Perce Which Right Originally belon<sup>s</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>l</sup> Jotham  
Odiorn late of Port<sup>m</sup> in S<sup>d</sup> Provi<sup>ce</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup> & Y<sup>r</sup> Petitioner Not  
knowing that S<sup>d</sup> township or any part of It fell within Y<sup>r</sup> Claime till  
lately Therefor prays that when You Shall grant away S<sup>d</sup> Township  
You would be pleas to Resarve S<sup>d</sup> Right to him & his Heirs &c—  
which will Oblidge

Gent<sup>l</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> most Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Port<sup>m</sup> March 27 1752

Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins

[*Quit-Claim to Gilmanton, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 30, 1752.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 30<sup>th</sup> 1752. Tuesday four of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton  
the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—



Voted That there be and hereby is granted to the Proprietors of Gilman Town so Called in said Province & their Assigns all The Right Title Claim Interest Estate Property and Demand of the Proprietors herein first Named and who are the Grantors in these Presents on the Terms & Conditions herein after Expressed of in and unto all the Land Contained within the Bounds of the Charter According to The true Intent thereof made by the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour & Council for said Province to the said Proprietors of Gilman Town with a View of Granting the same Land in the Year 1727 and the amendment or Explanation thereof made in the year 1729, only Reserving to the Grantors in these Presents Eighteen Shares, each equal for Quantity & Quality with the other Single Shares of the said Proprietors of Gilman Town which Reserved Shares are to lye in a body altogether to be laid out on the Northerly part of said Township between their second Division & the North line of said Township from the pond Called Winnepiseokee pond & so Runing back till the whole quantity aforesaid shall be made up That the said Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expence lay out the same Reserved Land and make a Division thereof as the said Grantors shall hereafter Direct and Order and make an exact plan of the whole Township and the Quantity of Land therein Contained and also of the said Division and Return the same to the said Grantors within Ten Months from this time That Convenient highways be left in said Division & thro' The Township to the said Land so Reserved— That the said Proprietors of Gilman Town make the Settlement of said Town according to & in such manner as the said Charter directs within Three years from this time in case there is no Indian War within that time & if there is then the like time to be allowed afterwards— That the said Reserved Shares be & hereby are Exempted & Exonerated of & from any part of the Charge of making the said Settlement & from all Charges whatsoever that have already arisen or may hereafter arise concerning the said Township & the Settlement thereof by any ways or means whatsoever untill Improved by the owner of each Respective share or such as hold under 'em That the said Gilman Town Proprietors do as soon as may be conveniently call a meeting of the said Proprietors and Vote a Confirmation of this Vote and the Several Articles & matters herein Contained on their part & behalf to be done and their Assent and Consent to the same and Transmit an Attested Copy thereof to the Grantors herein mentioned



[*Surveyor's Report on Gilmanton Lots, 1763.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 19.*]

To the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the  
Province of New Hampshire  
Gentlemen

In Consequence of a Vote Passed by your Proprietary at a Legal meeting, & Pursuant To an order from George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> your clerk, And an Additional Instruction Sign'd by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson, Richard Wibird & Mark H<sup>g</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Wallingford, George Jaffrey, Daniel Peirce Thomas Packer Esq<sup>rs</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Moffatt, Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1763—& by Order of a Com<sup>'</sup>ittee of the Proprietors of the township of Gilman Town in said Province; We the Subscribers have Allotted & set of the Shares Reserved by you, in the said Township of Gilmantown, Agreeable to the aforesaid Orders & a Plan Hereto Anexed, in manner Following Viz<sup>t</sup> We Have Laid out Eighteen Shares into Fifteen Equal Parts (haveing had Due Regard to the Quality as well as Quantity) Each Share containing two Lotts—said Lotts are Laid out in two Ranges, & Bounded as Follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a Beach tree which is marked for a Bound tree about two miles North West from the East corner of said township, which tree is marked with Sundrie Letters and Figures Viz<sup>t</sup> E. G. June 16<sup>th</sup> 1731, & N. S. 1749.—And from the said tree we Run North West two Hundred Sixty Seven Rods, & marked a tree with R 1<sup>st</sup> for the corner of the first Range, then we Run North 74 Rods & Numbred one, then we continued our course North Parrell with the Towns Line to Winipisaro Pond, & Numbred from one to 14 in said Range. Excepting the first & the 14<sup>th</sup> Lotts are Laid out one Hundred & Sixty Nine Rods wide, And from where they are numbred they Run East one hundred & Eighty Seven Rods to the East Line of the township aforesaid—The 14<sup>th</sup> Lot Bounds upon the said Pond,—the Cross ways in said Range are Between the Lotts Numbred 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 6 & 7, 8 & 9, 10 & 11, 12 & 13, & Each of said Cross ways are three Rods wide, & Lay on the North side of Each of said Numbers, & Run East to the Line of said town.—the Second Range at Winipisaro Pond aforesaid is two Hundred & twenty one Rods West from the first Range & Runs Parellell with the Line of the township to Number Sixteen at or Near the first Divission of said Gilmantown, & from said Number sixteen the Lot Runs South East to a tree marked R, 2<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 16, Every Lott in said second Range from where they are Numbred Runs East till they come within three Rods of the first Range which three Rods we have Left for a high way—the Cross ways in the second Range are Left three Rods wide Between N<sup>o</sup> 2 & 3—4 & 5—6 & 7—8 & 9—10 & 11—



12 & 13—14 & 15 & Lay on the south side of Every of said numbers & we have Laid out a Range way of three Rods wide on the west side of the second Range from the Pond to Number Sixteen—We Have Also Laid out the aforesaid Fifteen Shares into thirty Lotts & have Coupled them (Agreeable to our orders) as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> the first Lot in the first Range & the twelfth Lot in the Second Range—the Second Lot in the first Range & the third Lot in the Second Range—the third Lot in the first Range And the first Lot in the second Range—the fourth Lot in the first Range & the second Lot in the Second Range—the fifth Lot in the first Range and the Sixth Lot in the Second Range—the Fourteenth Lot in the first Range & the fifth Lot in the second Range—the Sixth Lot in the first Range & the Ninth Lot in the Second Range—the Seventh Lot in the first Range and the Eleventh Lot in the second Range.—the Eighth Lot in the first Range & the thirteenth Lot in the second Range—the Ninth Lot in first Range & the tenth Lot in the Second Range—the tenth Lot in the first Range & the fourth Lot in the second Range—the Eleventh Lot in the first Range & the seventh Lot in the second Range—the twelfth Lot in the first Range & the Eighth Lot in the second Range—the thirteenth Lot in the first Range & the fifteenth Lot in the second Range—the fourteenth & the Sixteenth Lotts in the second Range—

Exeter the 12<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1763. —

Daniel Beede }  
John Gilman } Surveyors.

[*Joseph Badger to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 19.*]

Gilmantown octo<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1773

S<sup>r</sup> I Rec<sup>d</sup> Yours of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Inst: Respecting the Mistake Between Gilmantown & the Gore and in answer say that I will endeavour to be at portsmouth some time in Decem<sup>r</sup> next and if your propriety would be pleased to appoint a Committee with power and Instructions that would be satisfactory to them I should think the affair might be the easier Comprimid as it is some times attended with Dificulty to Get Your proprietors to meet Ebenezer Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> with my self are a Committee in behalf of Gilmantown and I have shewn m<sup>r</sup> Fisher the Vote and he thinks the vote is not sufficient to Impower us to Convey any of the proprietors Intrest I Intend to show it to m<sup>r</sup> Sargeant before I Come Down and if he thinks it not sufficient we must Call a proprietors meeting I am s<sup>r</sup> Your Hon<sup>rs</sup> most Hum<sup>le</sup> ser<sup>t</sup>

Joseph Badger

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>



[*Conditions of Quit-Claim to Gilman Town Proprietors.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 20.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> of An Agreement made between the Proprietors Claiming under John Tufton Mason & the Agents of the Proprietors of Gilman Town as follows viz first the Said Masonian Proprietors are to have an Equal Share Each with Each of the Proprietors of Said Gilman Town which is to be laid out in a body altogether on the Northerly part of Said Township between their Second Division & the North Line of Said Township.

2<sup>d</sup> that the Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expence Lay out the Same & Divide it as they Shall be Directed by the Masonian Propriet<sup>rs</sup> and also make an Exact plan of the Whole Township & Quantity of Land in the whole & also of the Division afores<sup>d</sup> within months & that Convenient high Ways be Left in Said Division & So thro' the township to the Division that they have a Quit Claim of the Masonian Proprietors Right Wherein they are to be held to Make the Settlem<sup>t</sup> of Said Town Ship agreeable to Charter within Years from this time in case of Peace & the Masonian Proprietors at no part of that Charge until they make Improvem<sup>t</sup> of their Particular Shares

July 15<sup>th</sup> P M

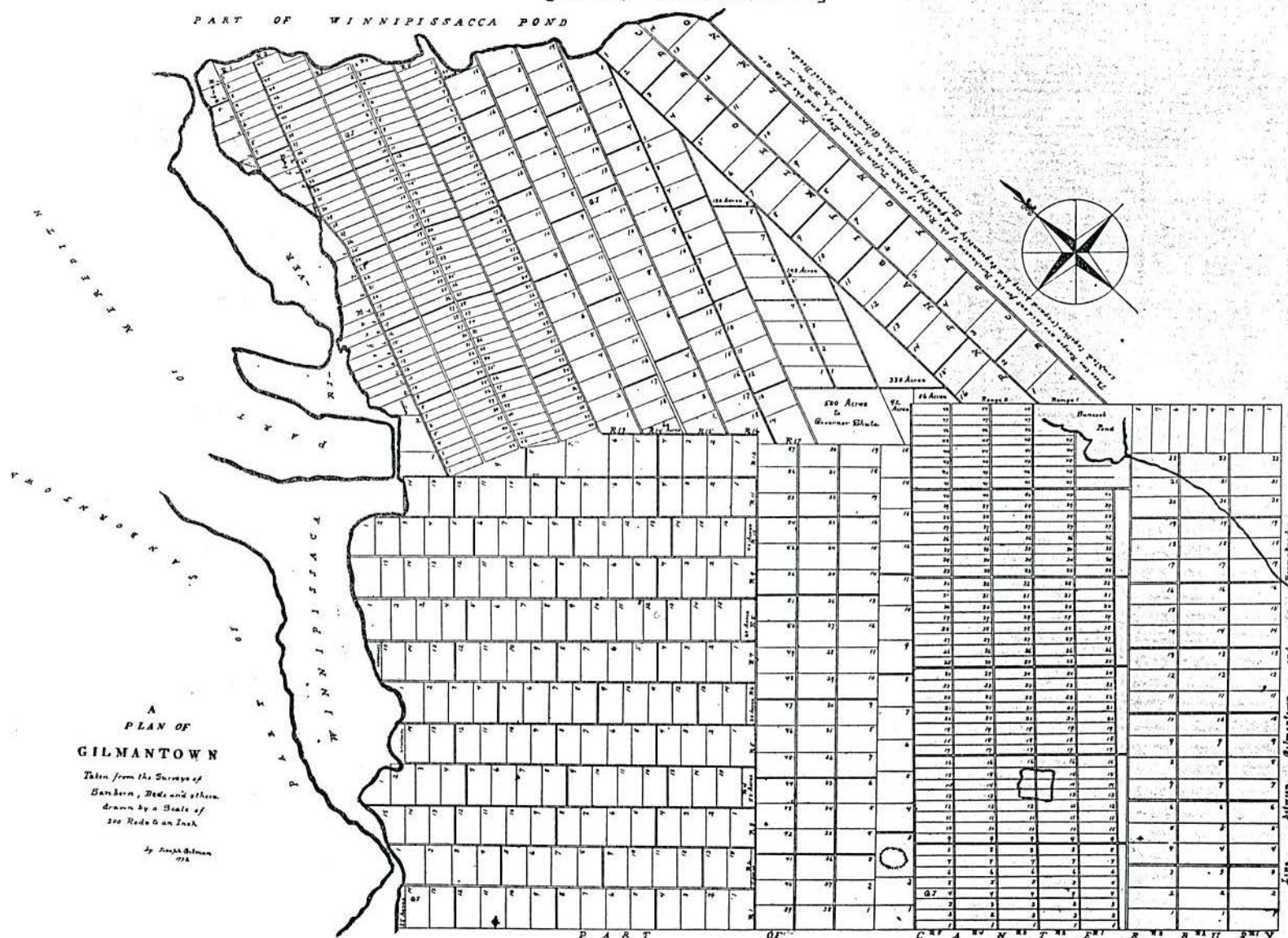
### GILSUM.

[Granted as *Boyle*, Dec. 28, 1752, to Joseph Osgood and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Regranted July 13, 1763, to Samuel Gilbert, Thomas Sumner and others, and named 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 New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; 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.]



[Plan of Gilmanton, 1772.]



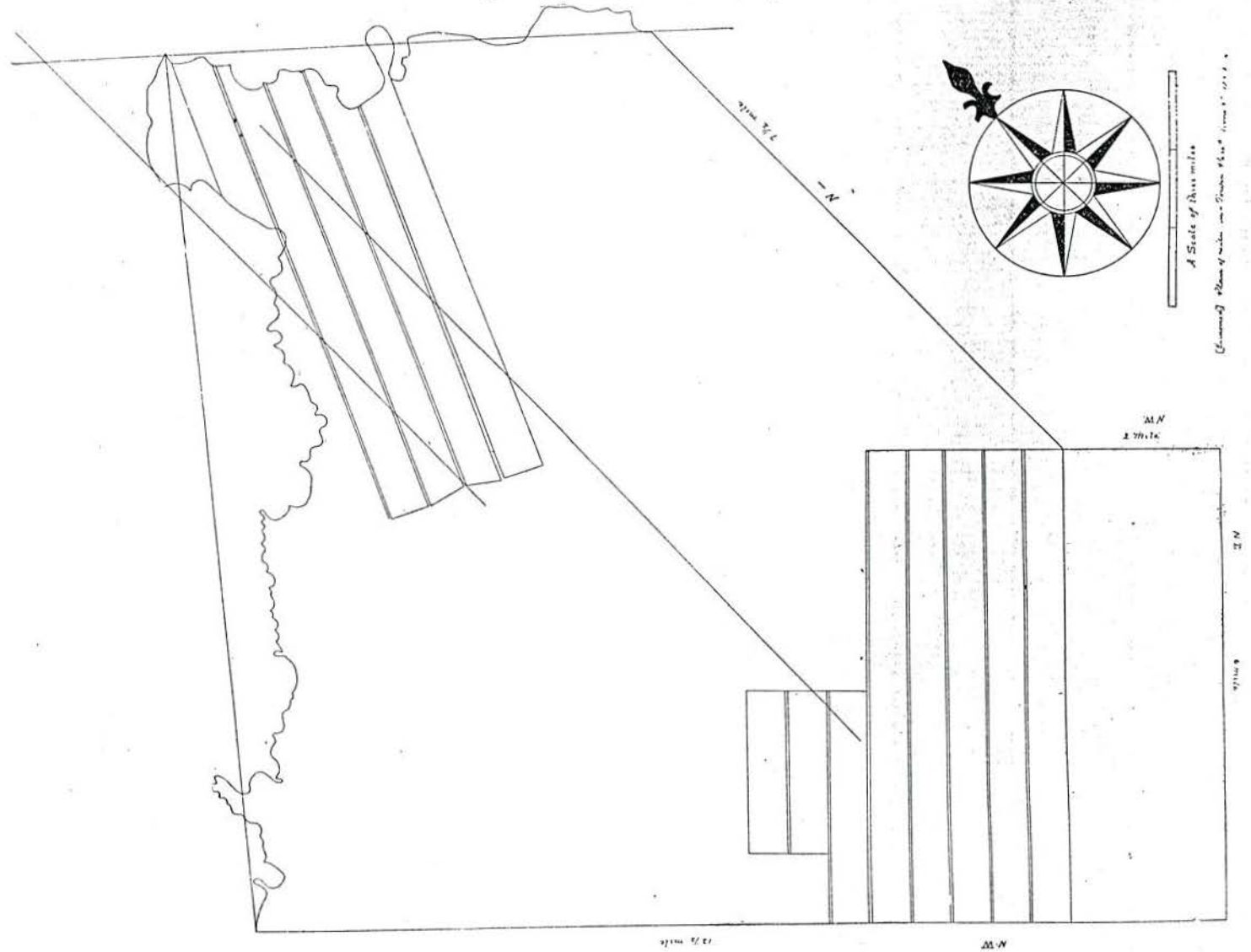
The 40 Acre Lots numbered with Red Ink are the first division of 40 Acres—Those 100 Acres that are number'd with Red, were laid out for the first Settlers to choose out of.—

To the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Gentlemen  
 Agreeable to your Vote; This Plan is presented to you, by the Proprietors of Gilmanton.—  
 Gilmanton Janu<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1772

Joseph Badger } Committee  
 Ebenezer Smith }



[Plan of Gilmanton, 1753.]



[Gilmanton] Plan of water and Town of 1753. from a 1753. map.