

# Early Meredith



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## Map Explanation of Early Grants

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The town of Meredith was granted Dec. 31, 1748. It was at first called Palmerstown after Samuel Palmer, a grantee from Hampton, N. H. The land was surveyed and laid out as the town of Salem which was soon changed to New Salem, and this name the township bore until it was incorporated as Meredith, Dec. 30, 1768. The original grant was increased May 3, 1754, by calling the North line twelve miles instead of seven, so adding Meredith Neck. Stone Dam and Bear Islands were annexed Dec. 30, 1799.

July 14, 1855 the Southeasterly portion of the town which included Meredith Bridge was set off and incorporated as Laconia. By an act approved July 3, 1873, a portion of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor.

Gilmanton was granted May 20, 1727. Its settlement began in 1761.

Sanbornton was granted Dec. 31, 1748 and incorporated March 1, 1770. The Southern part of the town was set off and Incorporated as Tilton, June 30, 1869.

Moultonboro was granted Nov. 17, 1763 and an addition of a tract called Moultonboro Gore was granted Jan. 24, 1765. The town was incorporated in Nov. 1777. The Moultonboro Addition was incorporated as the town of New Hampton Nov. 27, 1777. Dec. 7, 1797 the northeast portion was set off and incorporated as the town of Centre Harbor.

Belmont was set off and incorporated as Upper Gilmanton June 29, 1859. The name was changed to Belmont June 24, 1869.

Gilford was formerly a part of the territory known as "Gunstock Parish" embraced in the charter of Gilmanton. It was set off and incorporated as Gilford June 16, 1812.

Holderness was granted Nov. 10, 1751. It was regranted Oct. 24, 1761 as New Holderness and changed to Holderness June 12, 1816.

Ashland was incorporated from part of Holderness, July 1, 1868.

Alton was formerly New Durham Gore and was settled in 1770. It was set off from New Durham and incorporated as Alton June 16, 1796.

Wolfboro was incorporated in 1770 and appears upon the records prior to 1769 spelled Wolfesborough after which date the "s" was dropped. Among the first settlers were John Wentworth, Benjamin Blake, James Lucas, Joseph Lary and Ithamar Fullerton.

Tuftonboro was settled about 1780 and incorporated December 17, 1795.

