

## ATKINSON AND GILMANTON GRANT

LOCATED in the far reaches of the north country along the Maine boundary, this uninhabited tract of land was granted by the legislature in 1809 during the administration of Governor Jeremiah Smith. The grantees were Gilmanton Academy and Atkinson Academy, which were to hold the land in equal shares and derive the income from it. The academies, named for two prominent New Hampshire families of the Colonial and early Federal period, were then important educational institutions in the state. The grant followed by two years that of an adjoining tract, six miles square, to Dartmouth College. These unincorporated areas remain on the state's official list of towns and places. The Atkinson and Gilmanton Grant consists of about 13,000 acres, mostly timberland.

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