

# What is the oldest structure or home in Gilmanton? Not being nosy, just wondering.

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[Robert Daniels](#) Could be Jack the Rippers house actually!

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) Thought that was not proven? Sorry I hit the wrong emoji!!

[Stephanie Gray](#) Herman Mudgett, or HH Holmes

[Susan Edgett](#) [Tocho A'Hagi](#) was it? I tell all our visitors about it and if I'm wrong, I'd like to know. Thx

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) [Susan Edgett](#) Not sure either way really, what I've read and watched does not make me a believer. Have you read the book? Wish that we had something more definitive, maybe some of our neighbors know something. But we still have Grace!!

[Robert Daniels](#) Definitely true, they have a new show all about him and how he grew up in Gilmanton. They believe he killed a young girl as a child.

[Susan Edgett](#) [Robert Daniels](#) where is this new show available ?

[Robert Daniels](#) [Susan Edgett](#) Netflix I believe, was done by his great great grandchild I think.

[Michele Mudgett Bushnell](#) [Robert Daniels](#) my relative was not jack the ripper!

[Susan Edgett](#) I found a miniseries on H H Holmes on the channel Vice.

[Kristy Cole Durgan](#) My former home on Stone rd was built in 1780

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) Still standing?

[Kristy Cole Durgan](#) [Tocho A'Hagi](#) yes, and in fantastic shape!

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) [Kristy Cole Durgan](#) Thanks so much!

[George McCluskey](#) I believe the brick house with the antique shop at the 4-corners dates to 1790. It's probably one of the oldest buildings.

[Ted McGuigan](#) Pilgrim house

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) ? Never heard of it.

[Ted McGuigan](#) <http://realestate.boston.com/.../the-man-behind-this.../>



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[Ashley Claire](#) [Ted McGuigan](#) wow, this is a beautiful home!

[Andrew Crowell](#) I guess technically the pilgrim house would be the oldest, but it pre dates the towns settlement and isn't in its original location.

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) The Farley house came from Billerica Mass. Mr. Towle did a wonderful job with it!!

[Andrew Crowell](#) [Tocho A'Hagi](#) yes he did, I love the property. Ironically Billerica Ma is my home town and now we're both here!

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) [Andrew Crowell](#) That's cool, did you know where it was located in Billerica?

[Andrew Crowell](#) [Tocho A'Hagi](#) I think it was on Boston rd. North of the center but I can't be sure. I've been re located here since 94. I could tap into my Billerica town page and try to find out.

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) [Andrew Crowell](#) Thanks!

[Andrew Crowell](#) [Tocho A'Hagi](#) I threw a line out on the Billerica page, there's some decent historical buffs on there. I'll share whatever I learn.

[Andrew Crowell](#)

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[Sam Potter](#) Potter farms house was built by Orlando Weed in 1761 and potters toke it over in 1781

[Sam Potter](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) has done a lot of research into lower gilmanton which was first established

[Paula L Gilman](#) Thank you, Sam - as Katie said - you beat me to it~!!!

[Kelsey St. James](#) Our house on Bunker Lane was built in 1750... I haven't done much research about it yet. 🏠

[Devon Preisendorfer](#) Yes, I believe that's the oldest house in gilmanton

[Penny Ferris](#) [Devon Preisendorfer](#) and I believe both of you are correct... I have my mom's dated to around 1770ish

[Lance Reinholz](#) I spent nearly a year working on the Farley house! Though not original to town 1665 is about as old as a house can get in America. What a great town we live in!

[Tim Towle](#) Hazel Parsons house built 1763

[LarSue Nieder](#) Me? I'm older than dirt.

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) That includes me as well!

[Andrew Crowell](#) Not sure if it's the same house, but some family info on Farley family, I'll see what else comes through

[Caleb Price](#) Price Farm was built in the late 1700s but the actual date is unknown. From the records we do have the oldest thing is dated 1790. The price family moved into the farm in 1804 given as a wedding gift. An old wood beam behind one of the walls we worked on had a date in it, so I use that as the original year. I'm the 6th generation in the house.

[Lisa Fournier](#) I love this string its so awesome to hear about the history ...i grew up in a house built in 1851 in Haverhill MA..it use to be a hat factory in Ayers Village...my parents still live there..

[Jeremy Caldwell](#) Not the oldest but the love the history at Varney hill farm 1791.

[William Harris Philpot](#) [Jeremy Caldwell](#) I am kinda partial to Varney Pond Farm!

[Frederick Speck](#) I spent many happy hours at the Price farm, playing

[Frederick Speck](#) with Chuck and [Mary](#)

[Krystal Anstey](#) I live in a post and beam that's estimated 1780, in the Ironworks

[Brie Groleau](#) My folks have a 1784 cape on Middle Route. We know it's not the oldest, but it's one of them for sure!

[Susan M. Barr](#) Tim Towle got it!!!

It's the oldest house in 1763.

The Farley House is not original to Gilmanton.

[Ted McGuigan](#) [Susan M. Barr](#) but it's still the oldest and it's in Gilmanton 🙌👍😊🏠

[Susan M. Barr](#) [Ted McGuigan](#) - that's a technicality.

I love the Farley Garrison House - I worked on it, but the Parsonage was the first house built here in Gilmanton by the Parsons Family. When Hazel Parsons (her father was Reverend Parsons), sold it to Doug Towle, she was in her 90's.

The Farley Garrison House was imported from MA.

[Ted McGuigan](#) [Susan M. Barr](#) it's just a fact. But that's okay you can disagree.

[Em Collins](#) Our farm has dates and names from the early 1900s written way up in the barn cupola, but we believe it was built in the mid 1800s. I even found an old black powder flask hidden in the wall, pretty awesome!

[Paula L Gilman](#) Actually, there are several homes that were built the at the same time. People would gather together and do them together then move on to another person's house. I have a book of some Genealogies of Lower Gilmanton families that was collected and composed by Anna Gilman Moody. In the very back of it there 5 drawings of homes here. Two of them are of the Dudley family one is fro Dea Stephen Dudley 1764-1816. The other is for Peter Dudley 1788-1851. To follow up on Sue Barr's comment: I have drawings of what one would think is two Parsons houses. However, they started small like the Parsons house that initially belonged to Abraham Parsons 1784-1852. The drawings of the additions are belonging to Abraham Parsons, Jr. dates 1813-1830, then James Parsons from 1813-1851 was the latest addition to the Parsons house in this collection. The last one I have belonged to Joseph Gilman Jr, family from 1780-1856. Doug Towle's first house is located just below the First Baptist Church in Lower Gilmanton and was built in 1790 for Emerson Porter, Esq. the first attorney in town. This house later was owned by my grandparents Amy & Shurdin Hawkins.

[Paula L Gilman](#) I continue my research in Lower Gilmanton's history as it was the First Village in Gilmanton and I am pestering Bobbie Potter as he has all of his family's history and is willing to share it with me ----- when he has time. Help me out here, Sam~!!

[Jenni Elle](#) My income property 41 Bunker Lane. It was built in the 1700's.

[Paula L Gilman](#) In 1733 it was decided to lay out a second division of lots, and to build block houses. In 1736 two block houses were built in the extreme southeast corner of the first division of lots which would be Lower Gilmanton and the other at the Weirs. These were the first houses built on the grant and were constructed simultaneously. The block house in Lower Gilmanton was 18 feet square and in the Weirs was 14 feet square. The block house in Lower Gilmanton was called White Hall and was located on Wilson Hill (then Sanborn Hill and currently Bosiak property located on Upper City Road). In 1738 a party of 20 men cleared a way from White Hall and measured the distance to Loon Pond as 1 ½ miles. From there to Block House Pond on Dr. French's farm, now called Shell Camp a distance of 1 ½ miles. From Shell Camp to Third Block House at Camp Meadow is a distance of 4 miles. (my mother Lucile Hawkins Gilman elementary school report taken from Old Gilmanton Matters, by Albion H. French, MD).

Because of Indian attacks the early settlement was delayed until 1761. The first settlers were Benjamin and John Mudgett (Pancake Hill) and Orlando Weed (now Potter Family land on Potter Road). On December 26, 1761 Benjamin Mudgett and his wife came from Brentwood arrived in town. On December 27th the next day, John Mudgett and his wife arrived. On January 10, 1762 Orlando Weed and his wife arrived and these three families remained through a winter of terrible severity with snow nearly six feet deep on level ground.

[Paula L Gilman](#) Eight more families arrived in 1762 and among them was Samuel Gilman. Samuel Gilman (born 8/3/1764), son of Antipas and Lydia Thyng Gilman (born 3/8/1732) married Hannanh Tilton (born 7/9/1730) and lived in Gilmantown after 1762. He was the father of twelve children: Samuel II, John, Betty, Peter, Hannah, Levi, Lydia, Nathaniel, Anna, David, Dolly and Hitty.

Samuel Gilman and his wife Hannah were the fifth family to locate in the town of Gilmantown. They came from Brentwood in the early spring of 1762. One more thing - the very first houses were simple shacks made out of hemlock and did not last long, but the families needed shelter a reason they all helped each other build their homes.

[Susan M. Barr](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) - and the Corners also has early homes. Our "Pumpkin House", the S L Greeley House, we researched, was built in 1790. Other pre-1800 are: the Sumner Cape on Copp Hill, Henry Page's (which was originally a cape). The Tavern, Roxy's (it u...[See More](#)

[Paula L Gilman](#) So true. All i have posted comes from Lancaster's History of Gilmanton. And I continue to research.....looking for input from all of you who are interested in the history of this town.

[Paula L Gilman](#) I realize that-- the Bunkers have been here a very long time and initially there were two blacksmiths on Bunker Lane. There are still remnants of one of them there as well.

[David Geddes Jr.](#) Paula, thank you for the wonderful journey through our towns history! You are certainly well versed.

[Tocho A'Hagi](#) Love the history, wow!!

[Paula L Gilman](#) Thank you, I cannot help myself.

[David Geddes Jr.](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) When I was young I remember my grandmother telling me that at one time the Publicover house on the corner of 129 and 107 was a post office.

[Paula L Gilman](#) Yes, as was the Kelley house and there used to be a house across the street from my grandparents' house - Hawkins House - this house was owned by Horace Gilman. Horace Gilman was not only postmaster for awhile, but an undertaker. there are still foundations of his house, etc. across the street from both Hawkins House and what is now Brian Forst's house.

[David Geddes Jr.](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) There is a picture of them in the church history from around 1900. It came from a stack of old glass negatives that were in my grams shed chamber. I was living with her when I was in high school and brought them to photography class and printed them. Didn't realize that there was a funeral home there!

[Paula L Gilman](#) I have one photo of the house and barn with I assume Mrs. Gilman standing outside and a huge dog beside her. The Hearse House was separate. May I be so bold as to ask you for copies of these photos? They are precious as gold~!!

[David Geddes Jr.](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) Of course. Please allow me time to try to locate them. Lost in the attic somewhere lol.

[Paula L Gilman](#) OHHHHHH do not lose them~!! thank you.

[Garrett Lemke](#) My house is on the corner of 107 and 129 in lower Gilmanton as well.. the info I got says about 1790 and used to have a barn attached..

[Alexis McNamara](#) What year was the house on top of Cop Rd. off 107 built?  
For some reason, I remember that was being said to be the oldest house in Gilmanton.

[Paula L Gilman](#) I do not know, but Bill Sumner's family has been there many years, perhaps Bill or his wife, Sharon Olson will know.

[Eleanor Wilson](#) [Alexis McNamara](#) yes...Sharon has done lots of work....

[David Geddes Jr.](#) The Kelly's go back a long ways as well! We logged up on pine hill and were asked by the Kelly family to be aware that their family had originally settled in a log cabin on pine hill and that there were graves on the hillside that were lost in time and were worried they may be disturbed

[Tim Towle](#) [David Geddes Jr.](#) I

[David Geddes Jr.](#) By the way, pine to anyone who's unaware, pine hill is on the east side of 107 across from the end of 129.

[David Geddes Jr.](#) Pine hill

[Erik Robinson](#) [Matt Spaulding](#) Spaulding, he is definitely oldest structure! Lol

[Eleanor Wilson](#) This is great...so what about our house the post office about 1780?

[Paula L Gilman](#) I wish I knew Ellie. For the most part, I have concentrated on Lower Gilmanton. The reason being in the past people kept asking me where Lower Gilmanton was~!!

[Eleanor Wilson](#) [Paula L Gilman](#)  We will have to try this summer

[Paula L Gilman](#) Yes, we will~!!

[Eleanor Wilson](#)



[Rick Lucas](#) I would say my aunt Monica on Jackson road...

[Virginia Sapiro](#) When we moved into our house on Loon Pond Rd we were told it was from late 1790s, but some records suggest 1770s... Would be great to get good tracking on this in Gilmanton.

[Paula L Gilman](#) The early deeds for Gilmanton would be at the Strafford County Registry of Deeds not certain how far back the Belknap County Registry of Deeds goes.

[Anne Harris Onion](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) I think one can access these records on line nowadays... but you are correct, it was Strafford County.

[Paula L Gilman](#) Yes, you can, but you need to work your way backwards from now.

[Nancy Potter](#) Potter farms was bought from Orlando Weed, first settler to Gilmanton, in 1781.. 9 generations now with Jackson Potter, son of Carl and Julia Potter..  
Robert L. Potter Jr. And Melissa Potters son.

[Sarah Chipman](#) I learned a lot today with everyones posts! Love it!

[Julianne Parker](#) Very interesting thread! Love this small town that I call home.

[Jeremy Caldwell](#) Can anyone Guess what this picture is of



[Andrew Crowell](#) [Jeremy Caldwell](#) it's a house and some barns! But where?? It's awesome where is it?

[Jeremy Caldwell](#) [Andrew Crowell](#)



[George Nazer](#) John Hall's house on Meetinghouse Road.

[Jeremy Caldwell](#) Varney hill farm on 140

[Andrew Crowell](#)



[Paula L Gilman](#) Where is this?

[Andrew Crowell](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) it's the Farley house during dismantling in Billerica

[Paula L Gilman](#) OH - really??? amazing - thank you.

[Andrew Crowell](#) [Paula L Gilman](#) I shared a bunch further back in the thread, this one just got away from me.

[Lance Reinholz](#) [Andrew Crowell](#) I Saw these pictures when it was re-erected on frisky hill. I was able to salvage some of the wide pine boards from the sitting room and some of the hand wrought nails as well. I built a gun cabinet out of them for a dear friend a few years ago



[Andrew Crowell](#) [Lance Reinholz](#) I got these pics from someone on the Billerica page, that cabinet is awesome

[Lance Reinholz](#)



[Lance Reinholz](#)



[Lance Reinholz](#) All from the Farley house except the hinges and hand wrought "crosstie" from another barn frame I worked on. The right side board was super soft and nearly unsalvageable but I used it anyway. I clinched the nails as any door maker would have done in the day. Circa 1665





**Lance Reinholz** What many local folks don't know is that with the Farley house came a desk that was built by a Farley and carried to the Farley house property prior to its construction. This desk also came into Dougs possession with the purchase of the house. The story I was told is at one point the house caught fire and the desk was thrown from the second floor to save it which resulted in damaging its legs and was repaired some time after. Once returned to its proper place Doug asked me to repair the lock mechanism on the front door to make it operable again. If it's not clear already I LOVE THAT HOUSE 😊

**Paula L Gilman** WOWOW~!!!! Love this information

**Linda Bailey Bolton** Our home is quite old...have a cemetery 'Gilman' marker from the cellar ... often wondered as stories differ from early 1800s I believe.

**Paula L Gilman** Oh Really???? Is it simply 'Gilman' or does it have a first name. I would love to see this. for obvious reasons~!!