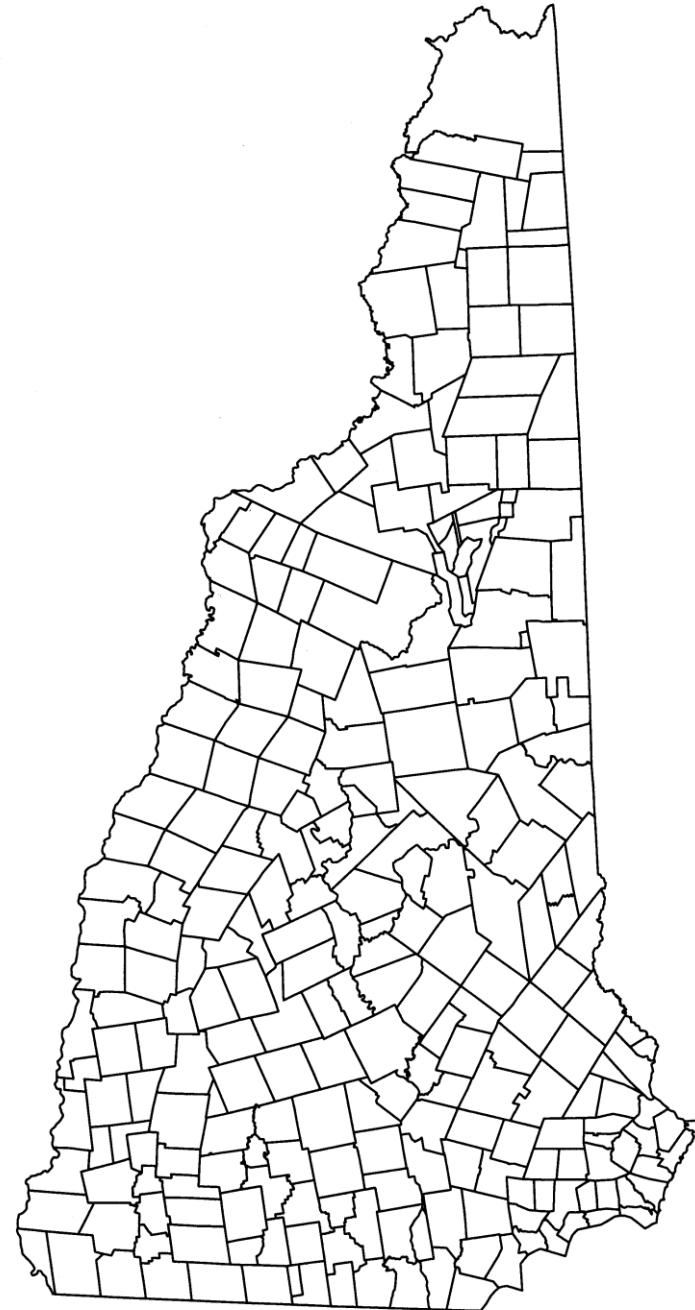


Perambulation of Town Lines in New Hampshire

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A MANUAL ON MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

PERAMBULATING TOWN LINES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

“Municipal Institutions constitute the strength of free nations. Town meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within the people’s reach, they teach men how to use and how to enjoy it. A nation may establish a free government, but without municipal institutions, it cannot have the spirit of liberty.”

Alexis De Tocqueville (Democracy in America 1835)

IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (1)

Greenville v Mason (57 N.H. 385) 1876

“But as to its (a town's) territorial jurisdiction and its established boundaries, it was created and its limits defined for public purposes, as part of the machinery of government,

its principal functions being to assess and collect public taxes, support common schools, build and maintain highways, relieve paupers and conduct elections.

IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (2)

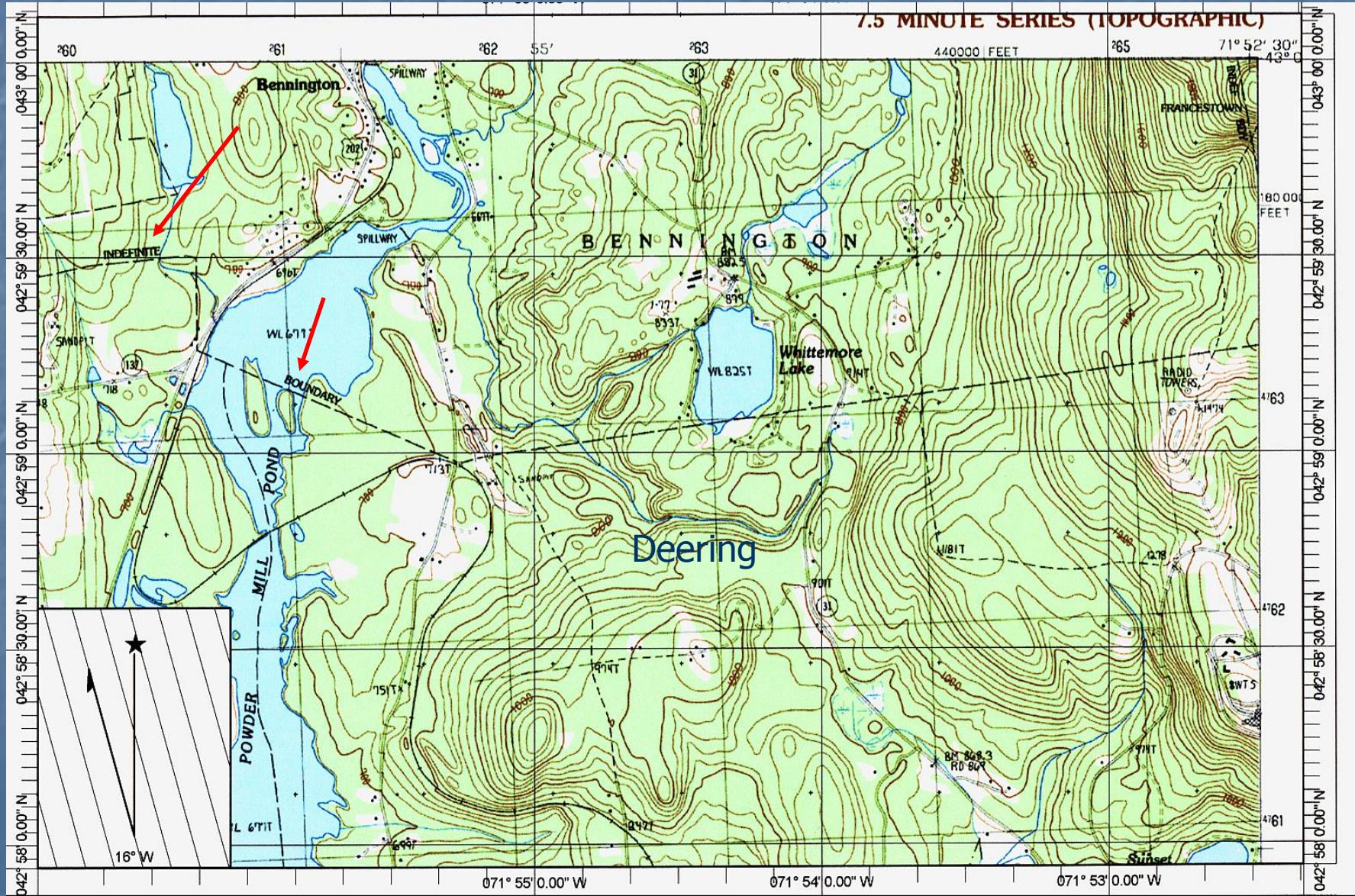
....In exercising jurisdiction in any of these particulars the town acts as part of the Sovereignty of the state, and its right to this jurisdiction within its established territorial limits is held ... as an attribute of sovereignty under the legislative power for public purposes..."

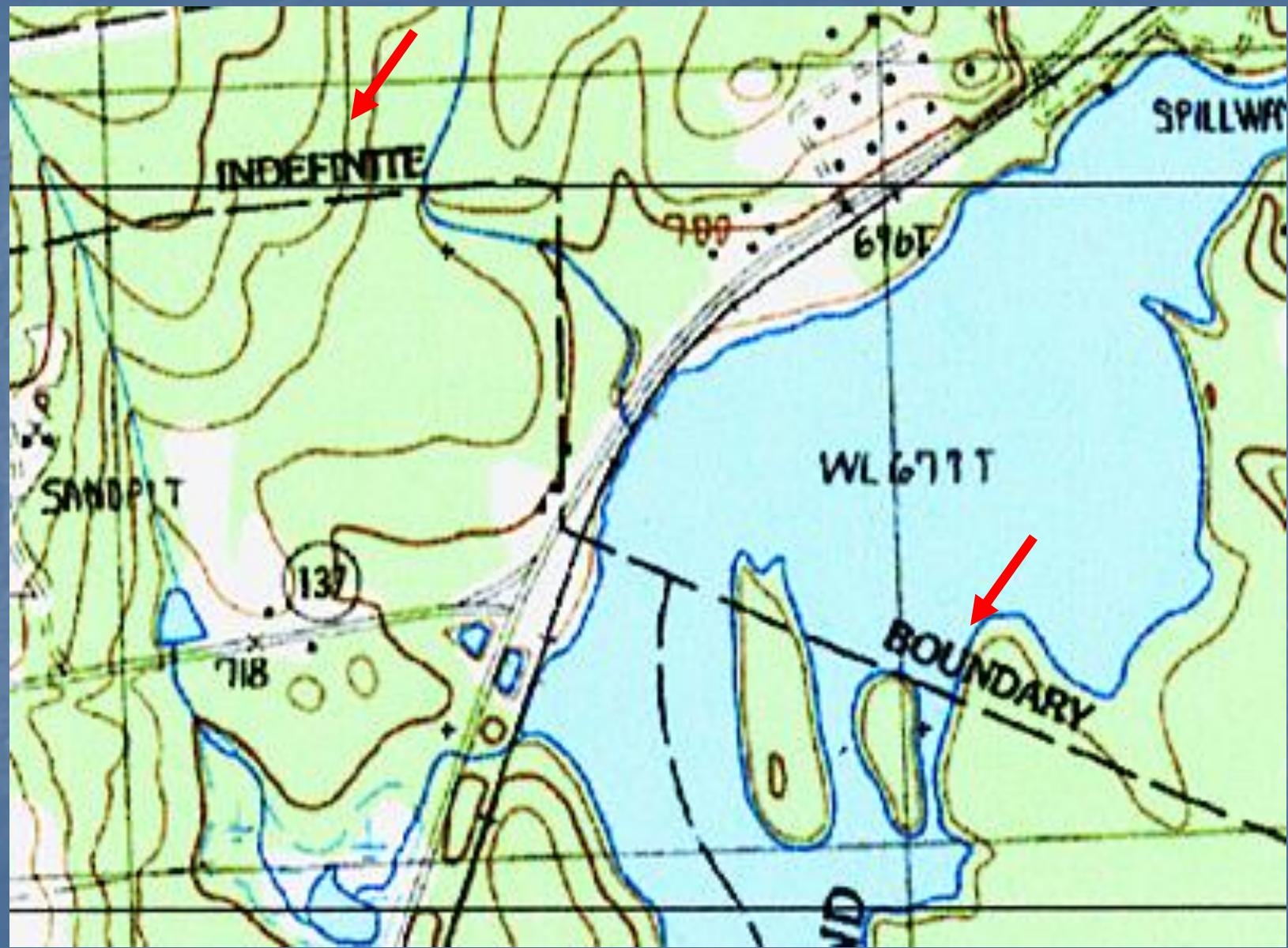
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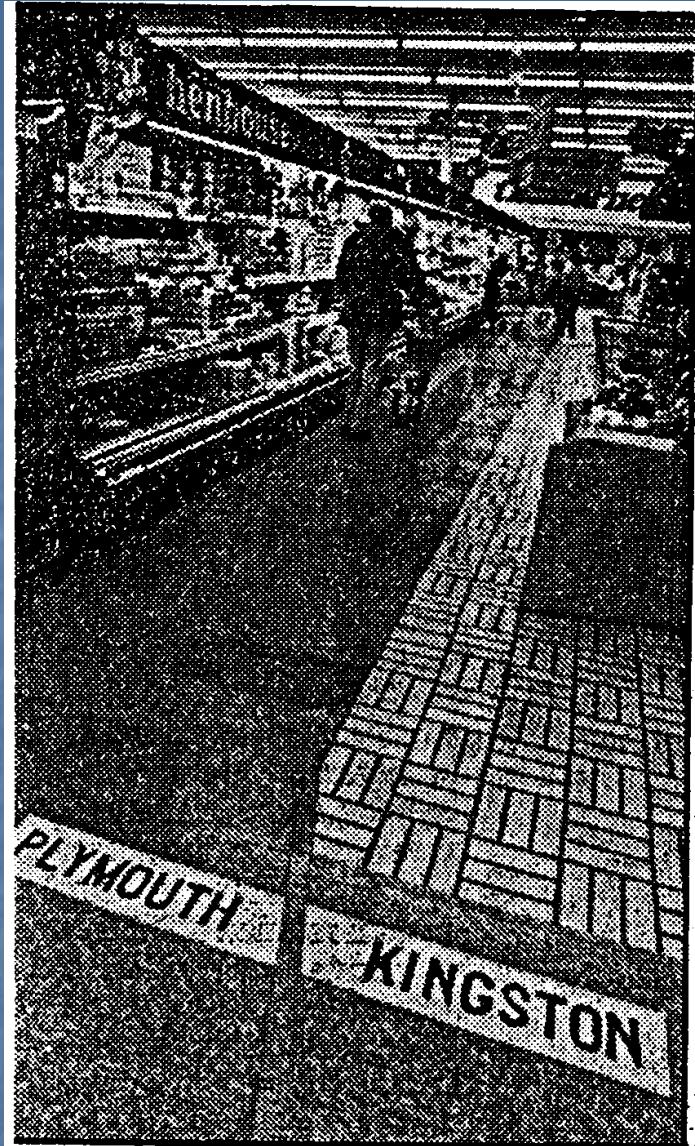
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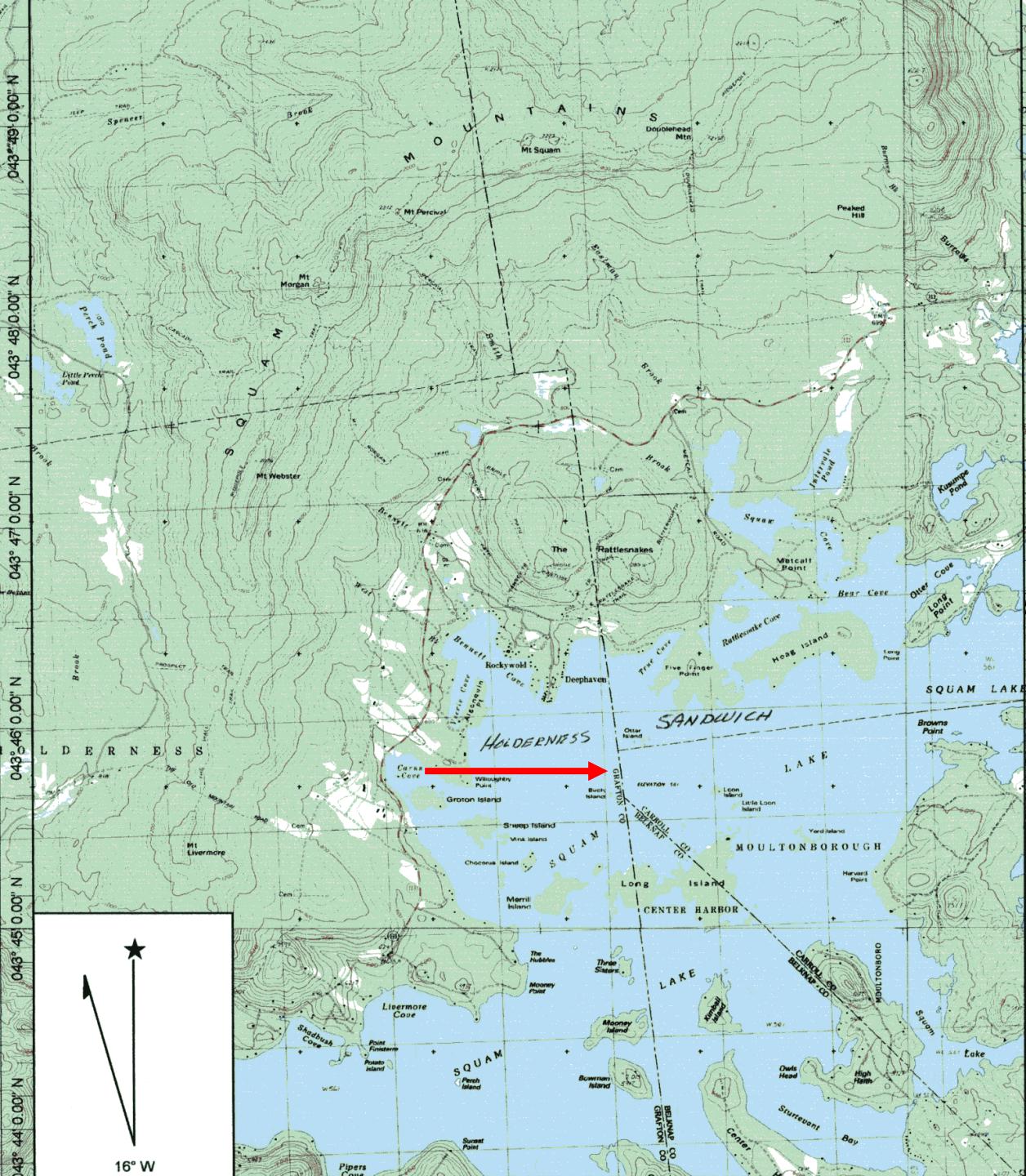




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TOWN BOUNDARY line runs across floor of a Stop & Shop supermarket in Kingston, Mass. (AP Photo)

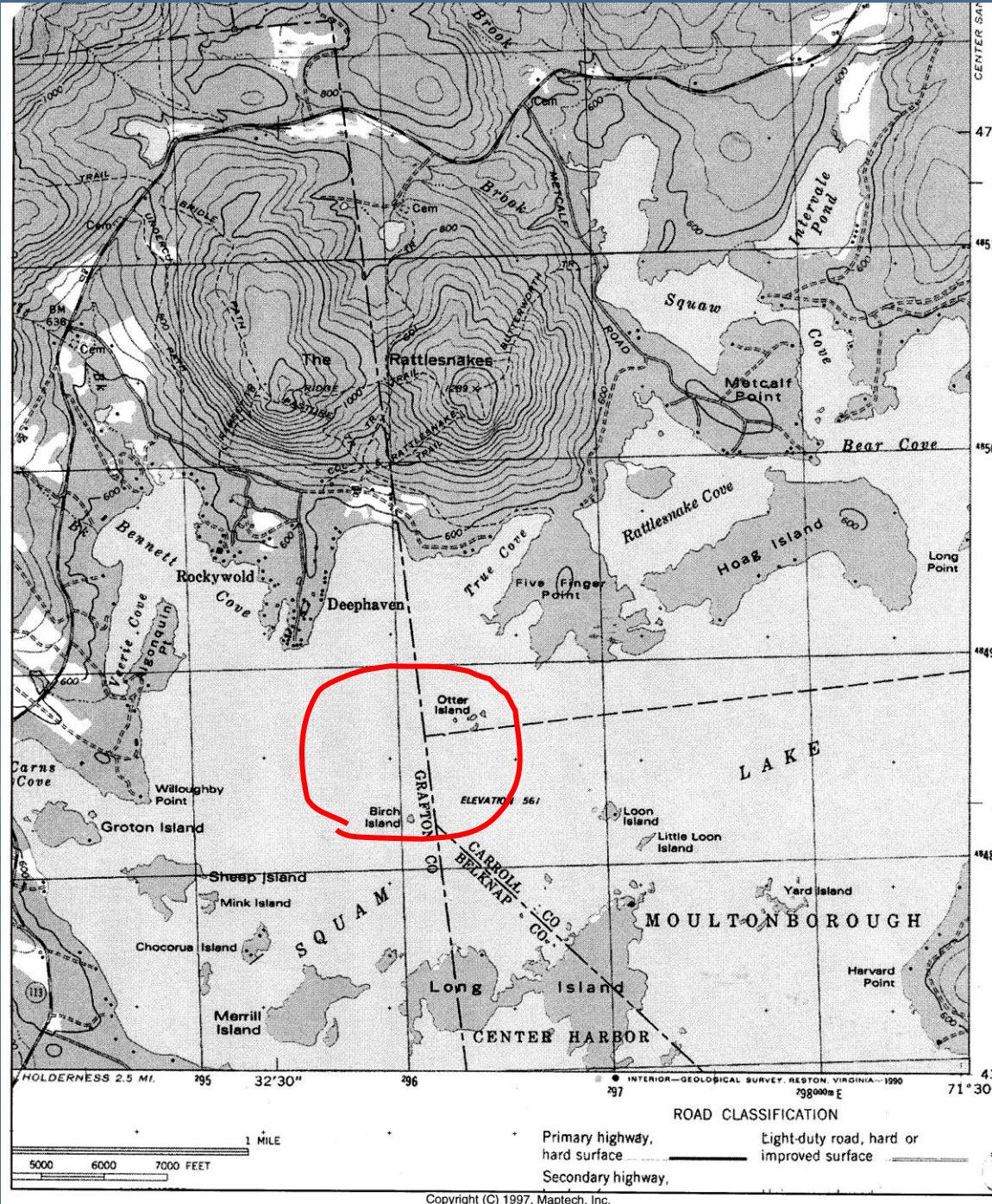


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Holderness, Sandwich,
Moultonborough, and
Center Harbor

Supposed to come to a point?

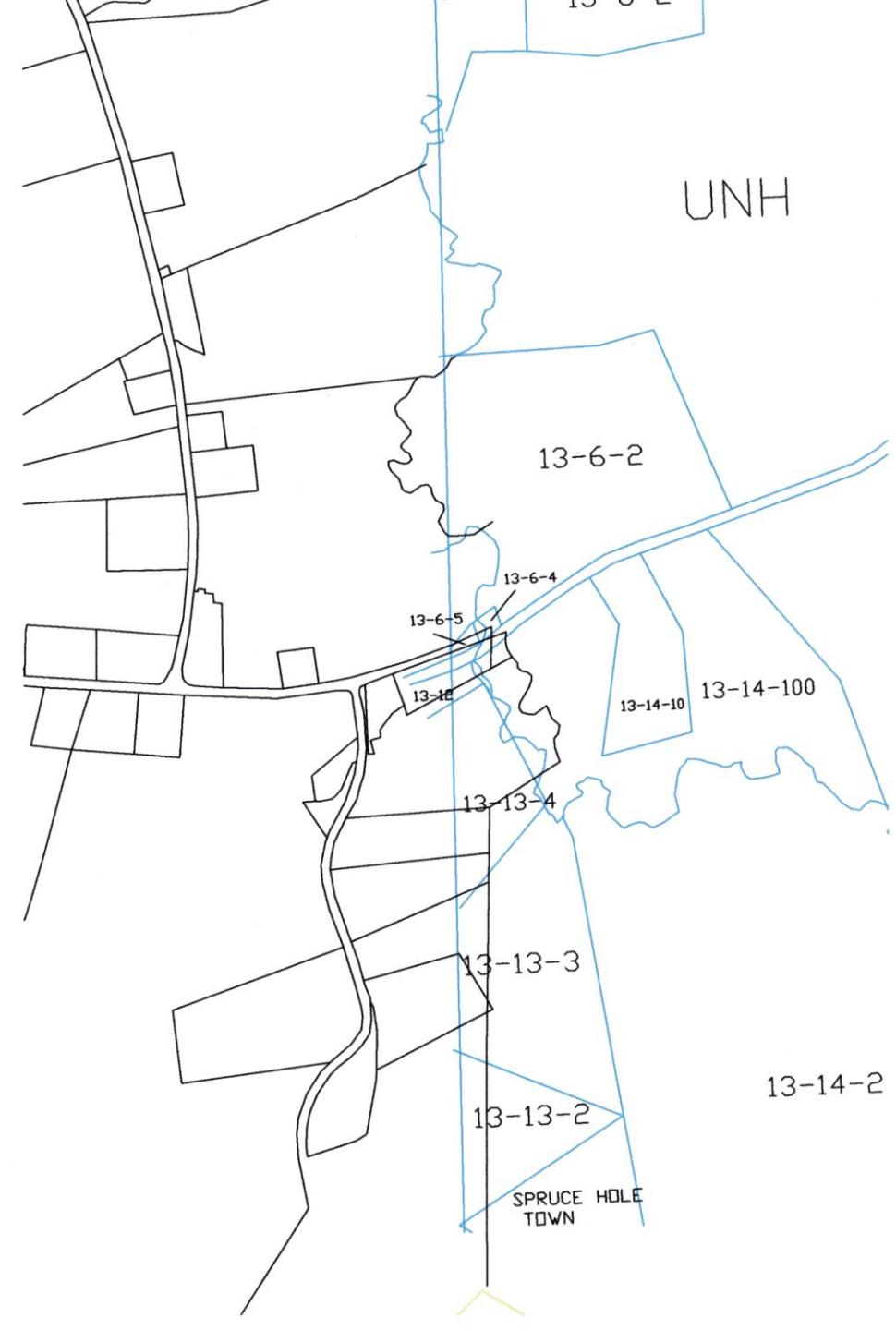


SOME EXAMPLES OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY PROBLEMS

- A recent (2002) N.H. Supreme Court case (Appeal of Meunier v. N.H. Board of Land and Tax Appeals, 147 N.H. 546) deals with a landowner disputing the Municipal boundary as determined by the selectmen.

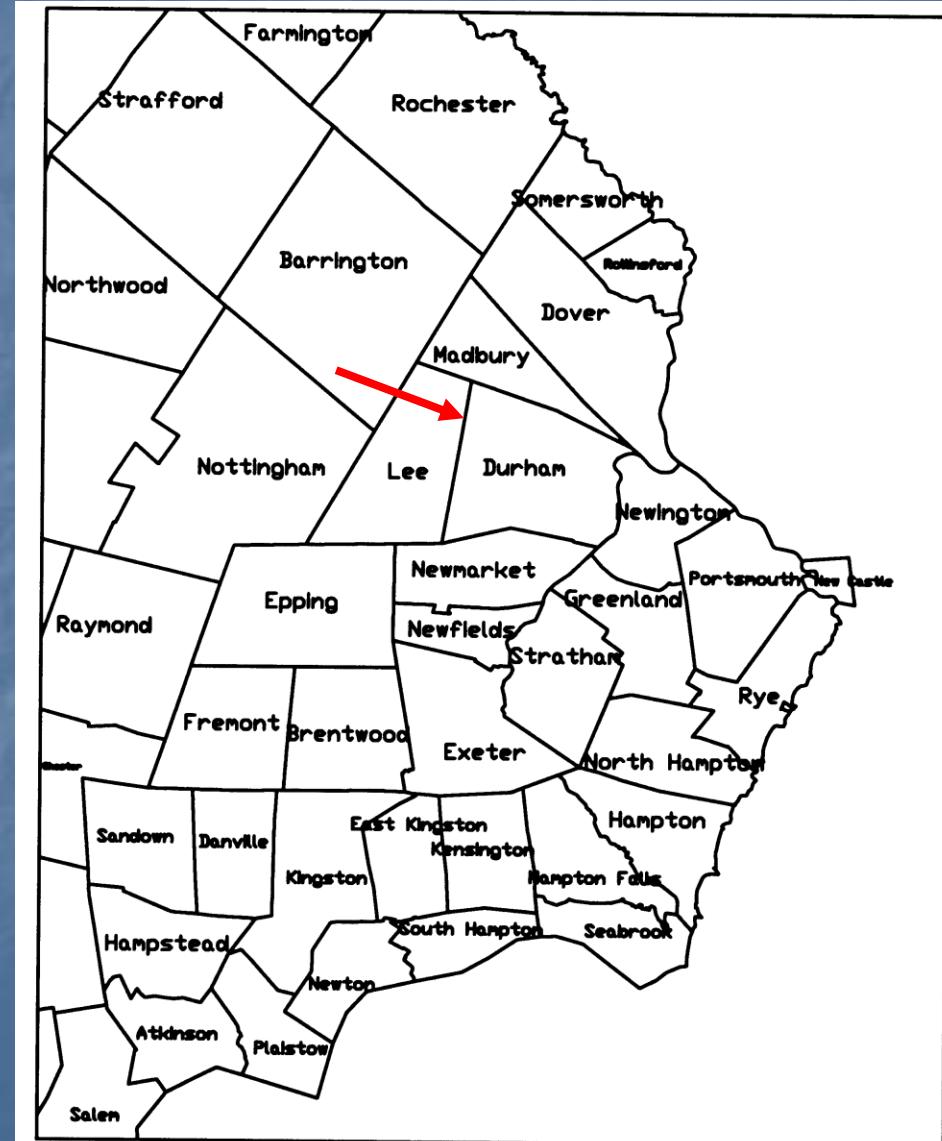
The latter in apparent contradiction to the perambulation records and town charter lines and monuments.....

Adjoining Town Tax Map Disagreements



Adjoining Town Tax Map Disagreements

- Causes conflicts in the Political Boundary Layer Of the State Geographic Information System (GRANIT) (from USGS maps)
- And the ability to Include Land Parcel Information from towns.



SOME EXAMPLES OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY PROBLEMS

- In North Stonington, Conn. a landowner's house is found to be not only in a different town but in a different state!

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES/PERAMBULATION (1)

*Preamble and portion of the original perambulation statute,
Colonial Laws of Massachusetts, 1641*

"Forasmuch as the bounds of towns, and the lands of particular persons, are carefully to be maintained and not without great danger to be removed by any, which notwithstanding by deficiency and decay of marks, may at unawares be done, whereby great jealousies of persons, trouble in townes, and incumbrances in Courts do often arise, which by our own care and means might be prevented.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES/PERAMBULATION (2)

*Preamble and portion of the original perambulation statute,
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It is therefore ordered by the court and the authority thereof, that every town shall set out their bounds, within twelve months after their bounds are granted: and that when the bounds are once set out, **once in three years**, three or more persons of a Town, appointed by the selectmen, shall appoint with the adjacent Towns, **to go to the bounds betwixt their said Towns and renew their marks**". (NH part of Mass 1641-1680)

Historical Changes in the Perambulation Requirement

- The next earliest requirement for perambulation created in the Province of New Hampshire was passed on May 2nd, 1719 .
- It required “that the bounds of all townships within the Province shall be perambulated betwixt town and town, and marks renewed once in three years.”
- In 1791 (February 8th) (N.H. Laws, 1808, p. 195) an act was passed which changed the requirement to every seven years forever.

The Current Legal Requirement

N.H. RSA 51:2

“The lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every seven years forever, by the selectmen of the towns, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint for that purpose”

THE IMPORTANCE OF PERAMBULATION

"It is always necessary in proving the boundaries called for in a charter, or in a deed, or in any other document, to identify the monuments by extrinsic testimony.

So long as the witnesses are alive who saw the monuments placed in position and were present at the running of the lines, they can testify of their own knowledge of those monuments;

but when those original witnesses are dead, which usually happens in no very long period of time, there is absolutely no means of identifying the marks and bounds except by tradition, hearsay, or reputation, for I believe that in this connection these words are nearly synonymous."

Justice Cushing in *Greenville v Mason* 1876 (57 N.H. 393)

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WHO ESTABLISHES MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (1)

“The fixing of boundaries for municipal corporations is a **legislative function**, and such legislative action is not reviewable by courts, unless it is arbitrary, unreasonable, or a violation of constitutional rights.”

56 Am Jur 2nd 28,

WHO ESTABLISHES MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (2)

“Municipalities in the State of New Hampshire are divisions of the State, and they derive their authority from the legislature”.

Dugas v. Town of Conway, 125 N.H. 175 (1984)

WHO ESTABLISHES MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (3)

Per *Lisbon v. Lisbon Village District*, 104 N.H. 255, 258 (1962) :

the traditional “plenary control by the Legislature over municipalities” included the power to create, modify, or divide them for the advancement of the public interest.

“...the only elements of a particular municipality’s charter which are constitutionally insulated from legislative change, absent referendum, are those provisions concerned with the form of local government”.

Opinion of the Justices (Weirs Beach) 34 N.H. 711 (Decided Oct. 21, 1991)

WHY PERAMBULATIONS ARE NOT DONE

- A “legal dinosaur”
- More “important” things to do
- Can’t afford it
- Regional Government issues critical, not local
- Don’t understand it
- Don’t know how to do it
- Selectmen think they have to do it themselves

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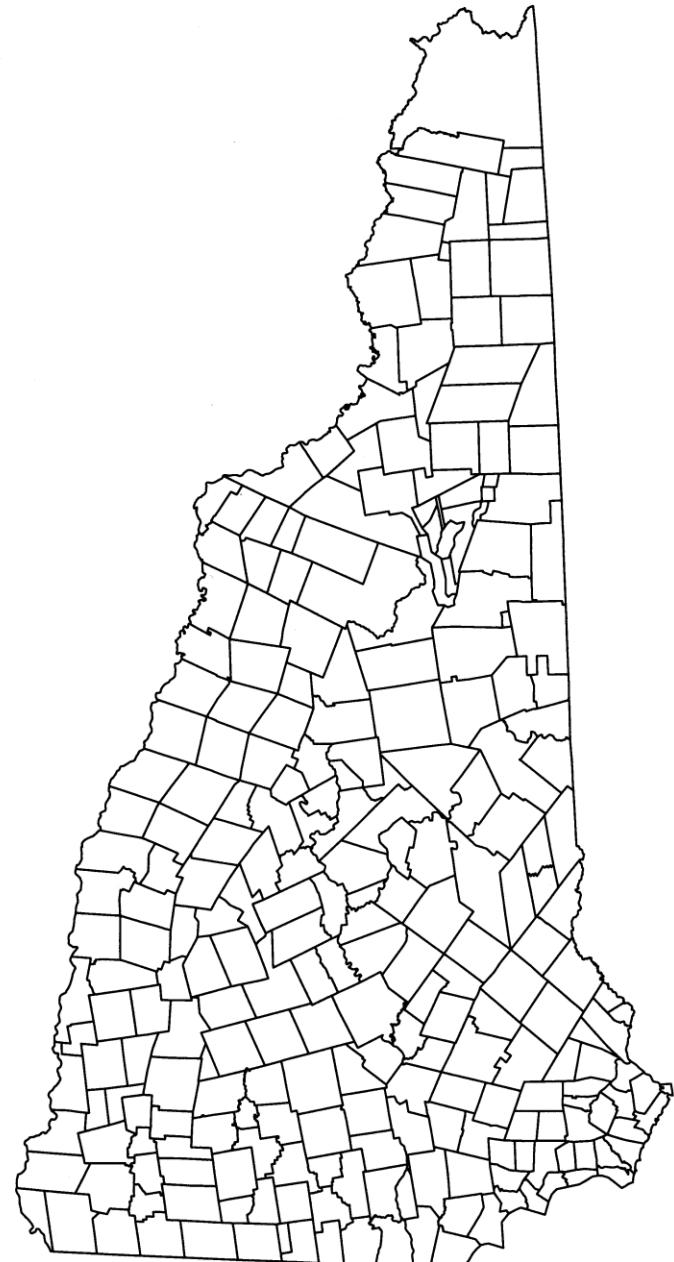
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SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK (1)

Total number of towns, cities,
and unincorporated places
in New Hampshire: 259

13 Cities,
221 Towns
25 Unincorporated Places.

(For unincorporated places, the County
Commissioners assume the responsibility
for performing the perambulation.)



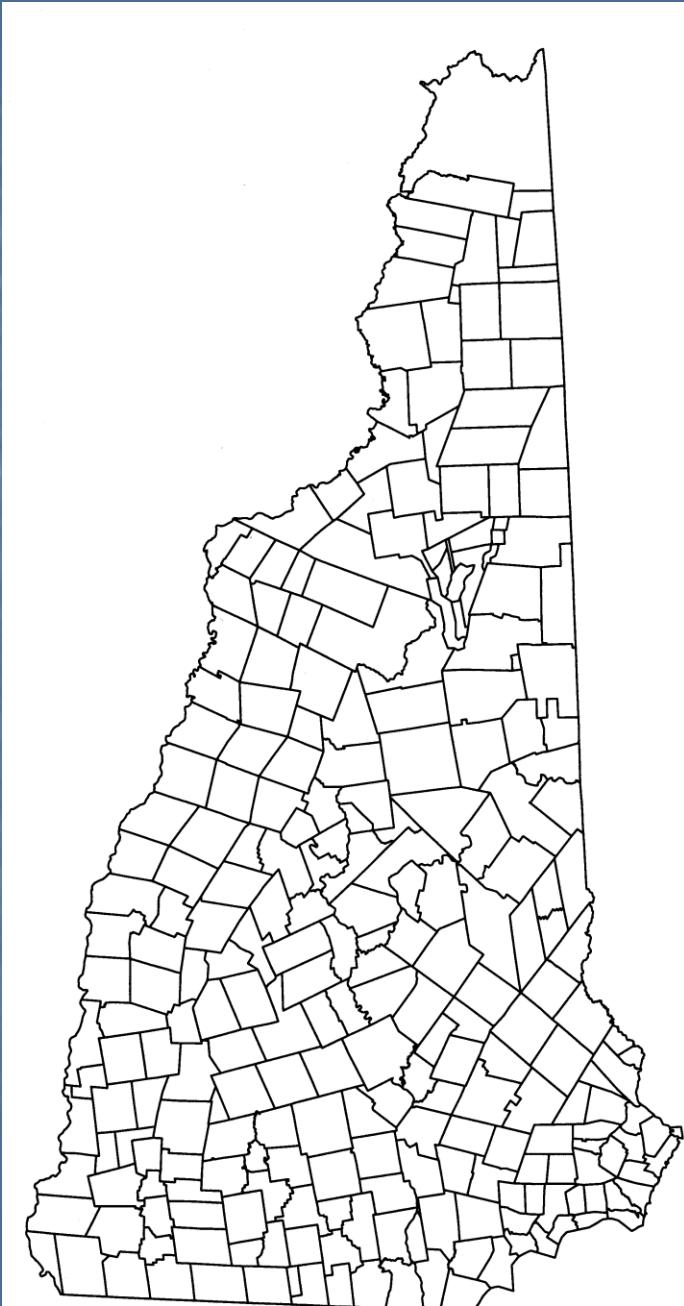
SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK (2)

Miles of Town Lines:

There are in the neighborhood of 7000 miles of town lines in the state.

But because most are common with another town, there are **approximately 4000 miles of unique town lines.**

(3,760 miles according to the State GIS)



SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK (3)

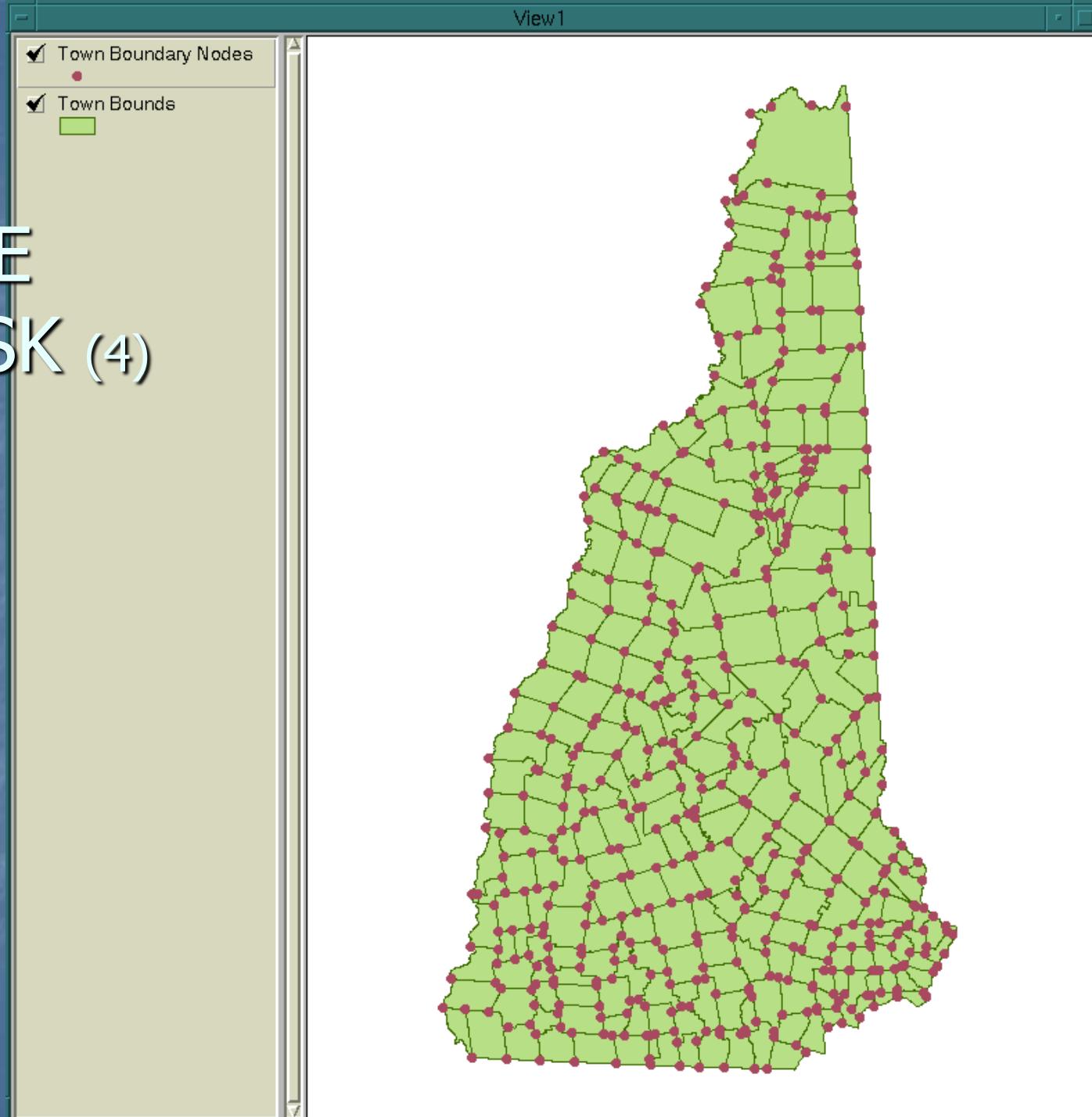
Of the 4000 miles of town lines, some are adjacent to other states or countries.

Some approximate lengths are:

Canada	:	58 miles
Maine	:	175 miles
Massachusetts	:	100 miles
Vermont	:	190 miles
Atlantic Ocean	:	<u>20 miles</u>
	Total	543 miles

SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK (4)

Current
of Nodes
In State
GIS
“GRANIT”:
515



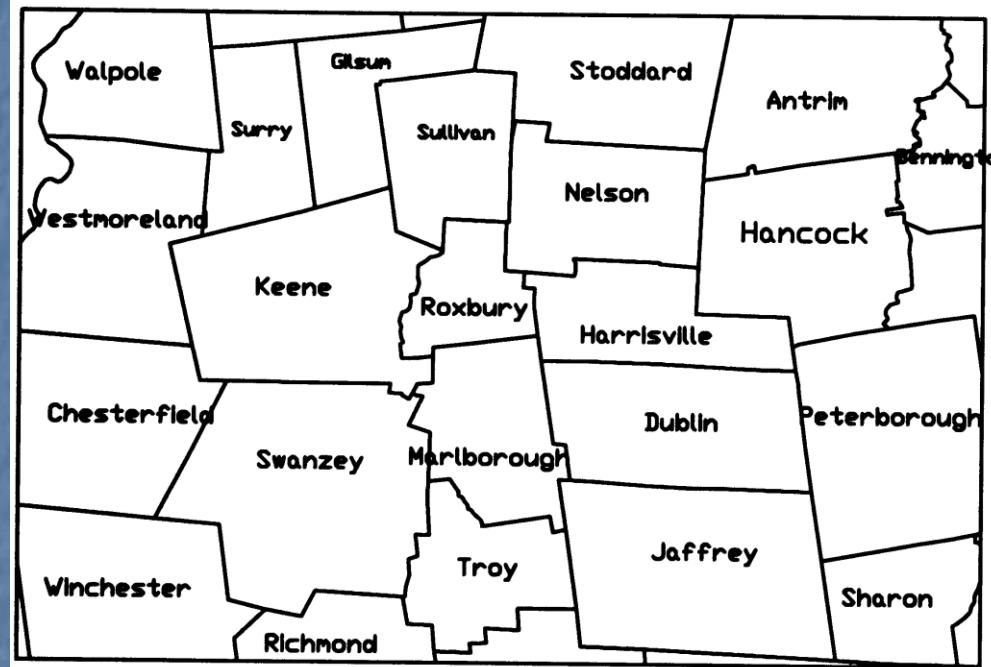
SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK (5)

Number of Town **Bounds**:

Assuming an average of two bounds
per mile

$$4000 \text{ miles} \times 2 \text{ Bounds per mile} = 8000 \text{ Bounds}$$

**8,000 unique municipal
monuments in the State.**

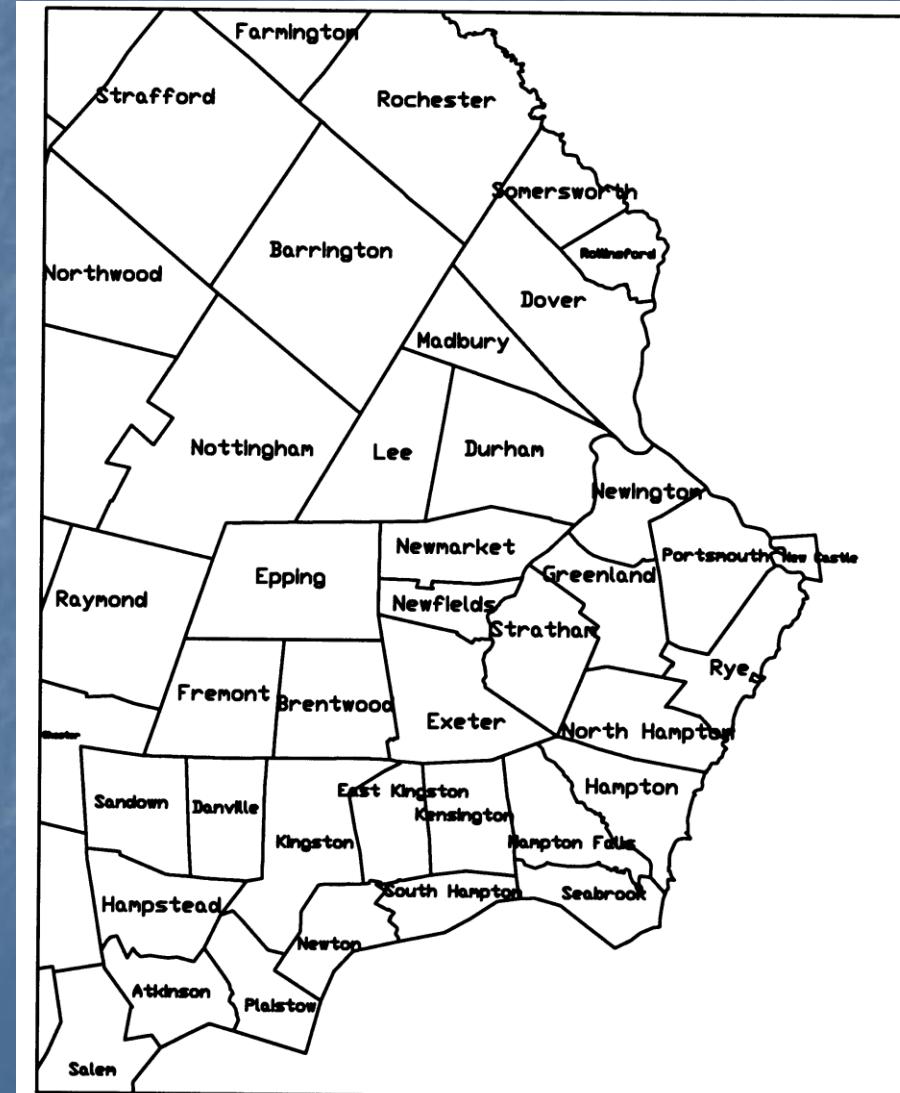


SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK (6)

No matter how you look at it,
when seen in its entirety;

**4000 miles of town lines
and 8,000 monuments**

needing to be searched for,
recovered, and reported on
every seven years is an
overwhelming task.



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BRIEF HISTORY OF “PERAMBULATION”

Perambulation: “The act or custom of walking over boundaries of a district or piece of land, either for the purpose of determining them or of preserving evidence of them.”

Black's Law Dictionary, 5th Edition

THE BIBLE SAYS

- Deuteronomy
- 19:14 “Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmarks”
- 2:17 “Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark”
- Proverbs 22:28 “Remove not the ancient landmarks, which thy fathers have set”

“Beating the Bounds”

In Britain a custom of “beating the bounds” has existed for well over 2000 years.

Its origins are thought to come from ritual celebrations by many cultures across Europe and beyond.

Before the Roman invasion, spring rituals, as part of the pagan festival of Beltane, involved using birch or willow twigs known as rods or wands to ‘beat’ the bounds and ward off the evil spirits or ghosts which they believed resided there. These spirits would wreak havoc on anyone who removed or tampered with them.

“Beating the Bounds” (ctd)

In Saxon times another interesting custom would occur. At the bounds and other significant points (where the line would cross a stream, for example) young boys were ‘bumped’ with a spade or thrown into the water so that they would remember important locations along the boundary.



Figure 1.3. Beating the bounds of Edgmond Parish, Shropshire, about 1933. Courtesy Local Studies Department, Shropshire County Library.

Historical Value of Perambulation

- It developed to allow societies that had no written records or maps a way to pass on to successive generations of the community the location and extent of their territory.
- In addition, it was a legal “document” that asserted the rights of the ‘landowners’ and would define the extent of their territory.
- Limits were marked and memorialized during these regular ‘perambulations’. Monuments would thus be able to be identified by extrinsic testimony in the future.

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STEP 1: GATHERING AND RESEARCHING INFORMATION ON THE TOWN LINE

- Original Grant or Charter
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- Collateral Information

RESEARCHING / GATHERING EVIDENCE ORIGINAL GRANT / CHARTER

Sample Town
Charter
Meredith, N.H.

[*Interpretation of Meredith Charter, 1754.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 3, 1754.]

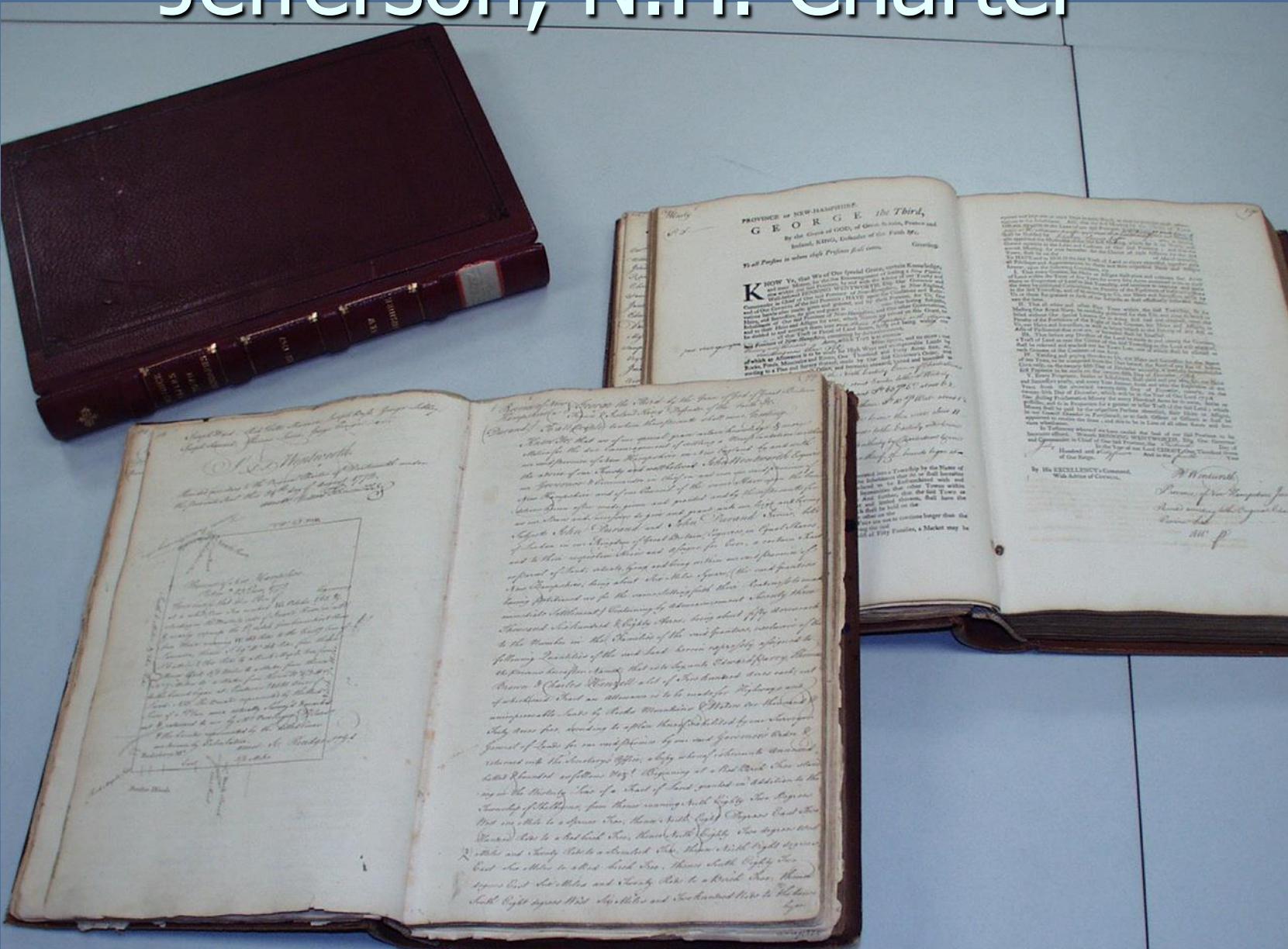
Province of { Portsmouth May 3^d 1754, Fryday eight of the
New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held in December 31st
1748—Granted to Samuel Palmer Esqr Jonathan Shaw and others
a tract of Land within Said Province containing the Extent of Six
Miles Square bounded viz^t beginning at an Hemlock Tree by the

great Bay of Winipisiokee River which is the South easterly Corner
bounds of that Tract of land granted to John Samborn and others by
Said Proprietors and which lyes adjoining to the land hereby granted
and runs from Said Tree northwesterly Six miles joining on the Said
land granted to John Samborn or near Six miles to a Beach tree
marked which is the northwesterly Corner bounds of the Said Tract
of land then running fifty five degrees east about Seven Miles to a
white oak tree by the Side of Winipisiokee Pond marked on four
Sides then running South Easterly by the Side of Said Pond to the
River aforesaid then on said River to the great Bay aforesaid then
on Said Bay to the Hemlock tree first mentioned and whereas the
Second Side line mentioned in Said Grant, that is to Say, from the
Beech Tree mentioned—running fifty five degrees east about Seven
Miles to a white oak tree by the Side of Winipisiokee pond, the
word north not there mentioned, as was intended admitts of Some
Doubt about that Line—

Voted That the Grant aforesaid made to Samuel Palmer Esqr and

Jefferson, N.H. Charter



Dunbarton, N.H. Original Charter (1748)(1752)

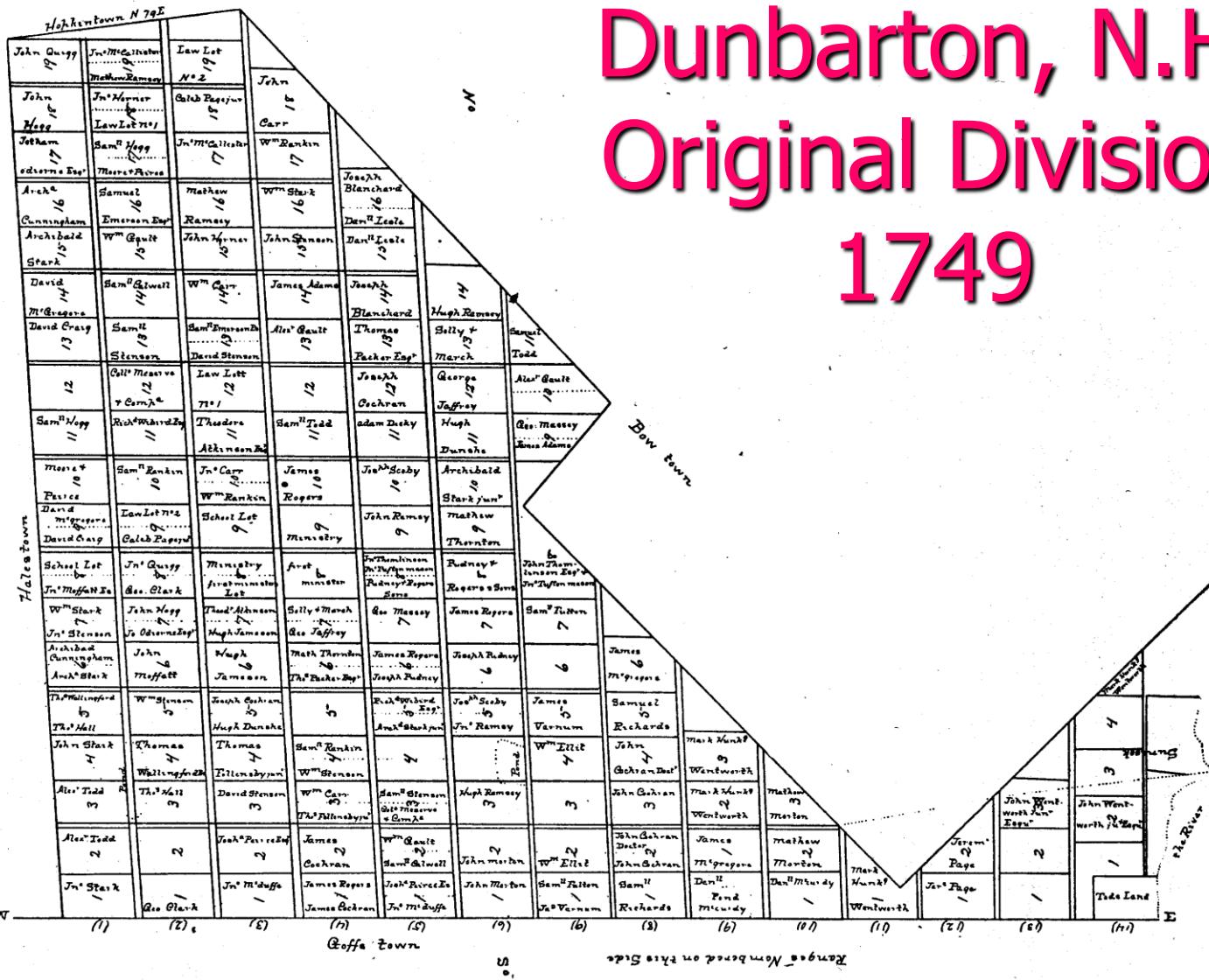
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CHARTER RECORDS.

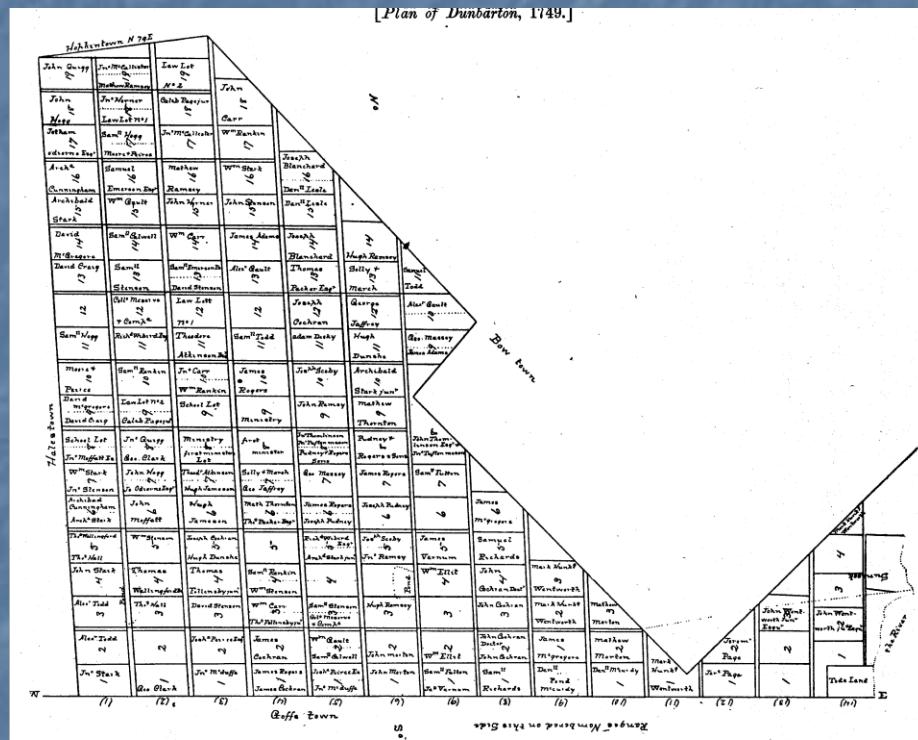
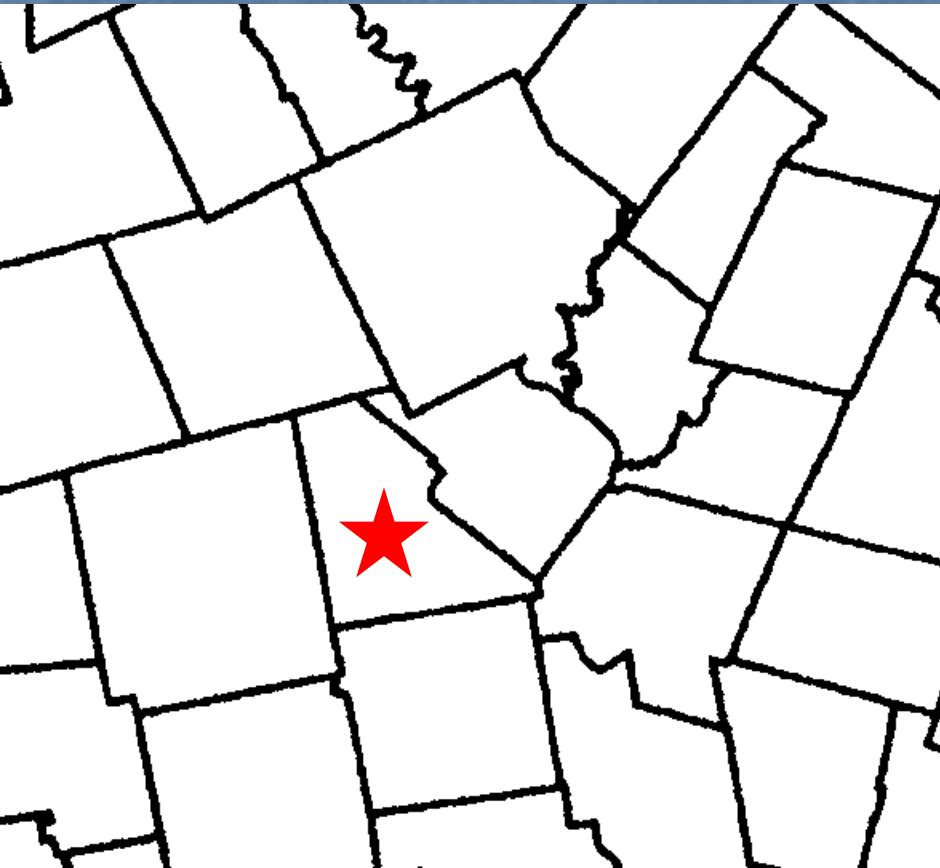
Pudney & James Rogers both one Such Share Equally to them their Heirs & Assigns, Excepting as hereafter Excepted on the terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed, all that Tract or parcel of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing about five Miles Square more or Less Bounded as follows, viz Beginning at the Main River on the Northerly Side of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others and runing Westward as far as that Tract of Land runs Joining on the Same, then running North two Degrees West five Miles & one hundred & Eighty rods, then North Seventy Nine Degrees East till it Comes to a place Called Rumford then runing South Seventeen Degrees East three hundred & forty Rods then East till it Comes to the Township of Bow, then by that till it Comes to said River and then by that till it Comes to the place where begins.—

To have and To hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid

Dunbarton, N.H. Original Division 1749



Dunbarton, N.H.



A Plan of the Division of That Tract of Land Granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq to Archibald Stark—William Starke & others as Said Division hath been made by the Grantees to be return'd to the Grantors in order to the Drawing the Lots Agreeable to the Vote by which it was Granted—

This Plan Contains a true Account of all the Land Contained in the Grant made to Archibald stork and others as Sivvayed And Laid Down by a Scale of one Hundred and Sixty Rods to an Inch

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Sample Act of the Legislature Modifying Town Lines

A SAMPLE ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO MODIFY A TOWN LINE

State of New Hampshire

L.S. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight, one hundred and eighteen.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH LINES OF LEE AND DURHAM, AND THE NORTH LINES OF EPPING AND NEWMARKET.

Preamble - Whereas a Committee appointed by the Legislature of said State to examine and run the lines between the towns of Lee and Durham ion the County of Strafford on one side and the towns of Epping and Newmarket in the County of Rockingham on the other side, having made report thereon, accompanied with a plan of survey made by and under the direction of said Committee, and the same having been accepted. Therefore –

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, that the line between the towns of Lee and Durham in the County of Strafford on one side, and the towns of Epping and Newmarket in the County of Rockingham on the other side be and the same is hereby established a straight line from an ancient red oak tree being the South corner bounds of the town of Nottingham and the western boundary between said Lee and Epping, to a large picked rock in the South abutment of Durham and Lamperill River Bridge so called, beginning at said red oak tree, and running South eighty three degrees east, nine hundred and fifty five rods to the easterly line of Epping and the westerly line of Newmarket. Thence the same course four hundred and eighty seven rods to the westerly line of Durham. Thence the same course six hundred and ninety eight rods to the aforesaid picked rock, and all persons whose situation is hereby changed in relation to the towns in which they heretofore may have been considered inhabitants, shall do the same duties and enjoy the same privileges as the other inhabitants of the town to which they belong; subject however to the payment of all taxes legally assessed upon them or their property by any of the towns aforesaid prior to the passing of this act.

State of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives, June 18th 1818. The foregoing Bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted. – Sent up for Concurrence

Matthew Harvey, Speaker

In Senate, June 19, 1818 – The forgoing Bill was read a third time and enacted. – Tom A. Harvey, President

Same day by the Governor approved

William Plumer

Recorded agreeably to the original

Attest _____

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Act Legalizing a new Town Bound

Laws of New Hampshire 1983
CHAPTER 199 (HB 435)

AN ACT LEGALIZING A CERTAIN MARKER PLACED ALONG THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF LEE AND BARRINGTON

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General court convened:

199:1 Boundary Marker Legalized. The placement of a stone marker along the boundary line between the towns of Lee and Barrington, located at the edge of the New Hampshire route 125 right of way at coordinates north 242, 355.12, east 676, 210.82, as approved at the 1981 annual town meetings of the towns of Lee and Barrington, is hereby legalized, ratified and confirmed.

199:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved June 16, 1983.]

[Effective Date June 16, 1983.]

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N.H. Supreme Court Cases

RESEARCHING / GATHERING EVIDENCE

COLLECTING PREVIOUS PERAMBULATIONS

Sample Perambulation: Chester - Raymond

Town Lines: Chester and Raymond
Pursuant notice given by the Selectmen of the Town of Chester to the Selectmen of Raymond; the undersigned met at the corner bound of Chester and Raymond and line of Fremont in the Town of Chester on the 24th day of November 1956 at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to perambulate the lines between said Towns and renew the marks and bounds thereof and establish the same as follows;

Beginning, at the North-east corner of Chester and the South-east corner of Raymond at a stone marked C R F standing on Fremont line.

✓ Thence, North 68 degrees 50" West 194 rods to a stone on the West side of the road Easterly of the Elijah Sanborn place marked C R: 5201 3224

✓ Thence, same course 109 rods to a stone on the North side of the Road East of the formerly Thomas B. Batchelder Place marked C R: 1748 1786

✓ Thence, same course 3½ rods to a stone in the wall marked C R East of the barn: 57.75

✓ Thence, North 59 degrees West 156 rods to a stone marked C R on the West side of the road near the True Bridge, so called: 2574 2673

✓ Thence, same course 104 rods to a white pine marked C R:

✓ Thence, 81½ degrees West 150 rods to a stone marked C R on the Knowles land on the South side of a swamp about a rod from high land:

✓ Thence, same course 157 rods to a stone marked C R on the North side of the road leading from the James Marden Place towards Branch Bridge and on the East side of the Todd Road so called:

✓ Thence, North 25 degrees 13" East 41 rods to a stone on the East side of said Todd Road marked R B C: 67650

✓ Thence, North 63½ degrees West 112 rods to a stone on land formerly Melvin Wason's marked C R: 1826.50

✓ Thence, same course 96 rods to a stone on land of heirs of James Marden marked L:

✓ Thence, same course 87 rods to a stone on land of heirs of Seth D. Lane marked L on the South end two rods East of a ledge: 1425.50

✓ Thence, same course 91 rods to a stone marked L on land of J.E.H. Marden 3 rods East of a wall:

✓ Thence, same course 62 rods to a stone in the wall on the East side of the road North of the James A. Hook place marked R C:

✓ Thence, same course 86 rods to a stone marked R C L on land of heirs of H. H. Lane, one rod East of the wall near the foot of the hill:

✓ Thence, same course 76 rods to a stone marked L on the East side of road North of the McLaughlin House:

Thence, same course 35½ rods to a large stone on land formerly Josiah Seavey's marked C R on top and L on the East end:

Thence, same course 215½ rods to a stone marked C R standing on land formerly of Alfred Lucas being the South-West corner of Raymond:

Thence, North 30½ degrees East 104 rods to a stone marked C R on the southerly side of the Highway West of the Alfred Lucas dwelling-house:

Thence, same course 200 rods to a stone monument marked C R Ch on land formerly of Thomas Wason it being the South-East corner of Candia, North side of Chester and North-West corner of Raymond. The whole distance is 6 miles 148½ rods, and we have renewed the marks on the monuments and stones or trees on said line.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 24th day of November 1956.

Chester, N.H.

Selectmen _____ Selectmen _____

Commissioner of Deeds

of

Chester

Raymond

RESEARCHING / GATHERING EVIDENCE

COLLECTING PREVIOUS PERAMBULATIONS

Sample Perambulation: Warren - Wentworth

Warren – Wentworth Town Line Perambulation September/October 2002

September 21, 2002

This day the perambulation of the Town Line between Wentworth and Warren was commenced by Francis Muzsey, a Selectman and representative for the Town of Wentworth, and Charles and Nancy Foote as designated representatives for the Town of Warren. This party of three served as representatives for the respective towns for the duration of the three-day perambulation. Old blazes were renewed and new blazes made as necessary; all blazes were painted yellow, the color of the former blazes between the two towns.

The representing parties met on Atwell Hill Road at a woods road leading to the boundary line between Warren and Wentworth, from which point the line was carefully followed. A wooden stake at a three-way intersection of stonewalls marks the corner of Wentworth, Warren, and Piermont (N 43 degrees 55.021, W 71 degrees 57.564). The line follows a stone wall for approximately 0.4 miles, at an angle of approximately 192 degrees, to a wooden stake in the stonewall at the Southwest corner of Warren and a Northwesterly corner of Wentworth (N 43 degrees 54.677, W 71 degrees 57.534). The stake is marked on its sides with the words "War", "Wen" and "W. Chase 1947". Witness trees at a bearing of approximately 260 degrees were blazed and painted yellow as follows: a 9" yellow birch, and three soft maples of approximately 9", 13" and 14" in diameter.

From this point, as well as along most of the Warren/Wentworth boundary, the line follows a bearing of 121 degrees and follows intermittent stonewalls and wire fence. This line is shared by private boundaries in two locations and had been recently marked and painted to two corners marked "R.S." The line followed old blazes, which were re-blazed and painted, to an area recently logged. The clear cut in this area included most of the old blazed trees, and considerable compass work was required to reestablish the line to the power line. Two or three old blazes were discovered confirming the line, and a pile of stones was placed on the westerly edge of the power lines and painted yellow (N 43 degrees 54.355, W 71 degrees 55.892). The line passes a high-tension tower on the power line which was painted "WWTL" for future perambulations.

From the east side of the power lines the town line continued to follow an area of clear-cut. About one fourth mile on each side of the power line right-of-way required a part of two days to ascertain its location due to neglect of loggers to preserve existing line trees. At the base of a twenty-foot rock ledge former blazes were discovered and the line was easy to follow from this point to Beech Hill Road (N 43 degrees 54.257, W 71 degrees 54.478). At about 0.15 miles from Beech Hill Road a pin was discovered in a stone wall and is inscribed "CMA". Good blazes from past perambulations were found from Beech Hill Road to Route 25. The town line crosses the Wentworth Elementary School property, a portion of this property being in Warren. A pile of stones and steel post was found near the west bank of Baker's River (N 43 degrees 53.969, W 71 degrees 53.865). After crossing Baker's River (by bridge) we located a steel pin driven in the ground at the east side of the old railroad bed and followed the line to Red Oak Hill Road (N 43 degrees 53.884, W 71 degrees 53.422). Here ended our first day of perambulation and, with the exception of a half-mile section near the power lines, the line remained in good condition and was easily followed even after many years.

September 28, 2002

The first half of this day was spent in re-establishing the line in the area of the power lines as described above. A well-blazed section about one-quarter mile west of the power lines was tied to a well-blazed section at the base of a twenty-foot cliff east of the power lines. Access

RESEARCHING / GATHERING EVIDENCE

COMPARING PREVIOUS PERAMBULATIONS

Sample Perambulation Course Tabulation

SAMPLE PERAMBULATION COURSE TABULATION OVER THE YEARS

Manchester-Hooksett Town Line

November 2, 1904	December 29, 1925	December 13, 1932
Beginning at a stone erect in the ground (marked MHG) being the northwest corner of Manchester, the southwest corner of Hooksett and on the east line of Goffstown; thence	(for convenience, we began at the stone bound in the west bank of the Merrimack River and perambulated westerly. The subjoined description of the line starts at the westerly end.) Beginning at a stone bound in the ground (marked M.H.G.) being the northwest corner of Manchester, the southwest corner of Hooksett, and on the east line of Goffstown; thence	Beginning at a stone erect in the ground (marked M.H.G.) at the northwest corner of Manchester, the southwest corner of Hooksett and on the easterly line of Goffstown; thence
South about 88 degrees East, 396 rods to a grey oak tree(marked JFJ) standing on the west side of the Poor road (and is 4 feet south of a large stone marked H); thence	South about 88 degrees East about 395 rods to a gray oak tree (marked J.F.J.) standing on the west side of the Poor road (and is 4 feet south of a large stone marked H.); thence	South about 88 degrees East about 395 rods to an oak tree (marked J.F.J.) standing on the westerly side of Poor road (said oak tree is about 4 feet southerly of a large boulder marked H.); thence
South about 13 degrees East, 65 rods; thence	South about 13 degrees East, 65 rods; thence	South about 13 degrees East, about 65 rods; thence
South 10 degrees east, 100 rods to a stone (marked M.H.) standing on the west side of said Poor road; thence	South 10 degrees East 100 rods to a stone (marked M.H.) standing on the west side of the said Poor road; thence	South about 10 degrees East, about 100 rods to a stone (marked M.H.) standing on the westerly side of Poor road; thence
South about 6 degrees West, 18 rods; thence	South about 6 degrees West, 18 rods; thence	South about 6 degrees West, about 18 rods; thence
South about 5 degrees East, 10 rods; thence	South about 5 degrees East, 10 rods; thence	South about 5 degrees East, about 10 rods; thence
<i>[did not reproduce on fixed copy]</i> , about 27 rods; thence	South about 11 degrees East, 27 rods; thence	South about 11 degrees East, about 27 rods; thence
South about 40 degrees East, 40 rods; thence	South about 40 degrees East, 40 rods; thence	South about 40 degrees East, about 40 rods to a stone (marked L.) standing on the easterly side of Front Street;
South about 37 degrees East 40 rods to a stone (marked L) standing on the east side of the River road; thence	South about 37 degrees East 40 rods to a stone (marked L) standing on the east side of the River road; thence	
South about 16 degrees East, 11 rods; thence	South about 16 degrees East, 11 rods; thence	South about 16 degrees east, about 11 rods; thence
South about 50 degrees	South about 50 degrees East	South about 50 degrees

Town Records at State Archives

X	Town Lines File	FC1
	Town Names (Old) See "Town Records" Binder on Research Shelf	RA
	Town Plans of 1805 (3 Vols.) See under Individual Town Name	MF & V37
	Microfilm M#196.00	943033
	Transparencies (Slides)	V25
	Town Records (Alphabetically by Town)..... File.....	V48
	On Microfilm at State Library.....	FC1
X	Towns See also under Individual Town/City Names See also Separate Binders for "Town Records" and "Town Inventories"	FC1
	1805 Plans	V37
	Blister Rust Maps.....	V43
	Boundaries.....	V20
	Charters	V20
	Grants listed in "Red Book" Number 3 (1893)	RA
	Inventories.....	V21
	Lotting Plans See <u>The Catalogue of Lotting Plans of NH Towns</u> (1982: NH Land Surveyors Association) FG#28 or #29	RA
	Marriage Intentions	V25
	Meetings See Planning, Reports #121, 122, 122a	
	Post Office, 1890 = Post Offices as of 1890, Listed in "Red Book" #3 (1893)	RA
	Physical Backgrounds See Planning, Report #11a	
	Perambulations	V45
	Property Report See Planning, Report #143	
	Province Records.....	V20
	Records.....	V48
	Road/Highway Layouts.....	V75
	Townsend, Rep. Jonas D. Photograph, 1895	MD1, F6
	Townshend, VT Charter 1753, Charter Records, Vol.1, p.157.....	V20
	Charter 1762, Charter Records, Vol.1, p.250.....	V20

Sample Town Information at State Archives: Lancaster

APPENDIX 14

NH State Archives

Guide to Archives

Example of Town Data Available

<http://www.state.nh.us/state/guide.html>

Lancaster, Town of Coos County	
1805 Plans #154, 155 (Vol.2)	V37
Blister Rust Maps	V43
Charter July 6, 1763, Charter Records, Vol.2, p.484	V20
Charter 1763, Charter Records, Vol.5, p.430.....	V20
Charter 1769, Charter Records, Vol.1, p.347.....	V20
Civil War Pension List	V66
Inventories 1775-1899.....	V21
Perambulation with Dalton, 1970.....	V45
Perambulation with Jefferson, 1970.....	V45
Perambulation with Stark, 1995	V45
Perambulation with Whitefield, 1969	V45
Province Papers, Vol.4, pp.91-96.....	V20
Road/Highway Layouts.....	V75
Swimming Pool, 1944 See Planning, Report #75	

***Division of Records
Management and Archives***

Town Records: State Archives Land Title Research

Land Title Research

Collections that might be useful in Researching Land Titles

Provincial Deeds, 1670-1772

Rockingham County Deeds, 1772-c.1840

Grafton County Deeds, 1772-c.1860

Town Charters

Town Records (for some towns)

Masonian Plans (layouts -- some showing lots & ranges -- at time of charter of establishment of towns with Masonian Curve)

Town Plans of 1805 (shows boundaries of each town, other detail varies depending on the surveyor)

Surveyors' Records -- plans, fieldbooks, research notes

Oren James, c.1890-c.1950, Northwood, Deerfield, Loudon area

True Chesley, c.1925-c.1975, Northwood area

George Lane, 20th century, Exeter area

Samuel Lane, 18th century

Alfred Osborne, mid-20th century

Lewis Perley, 20th century, Lakes Region

Albert Schaal, c.1950-c.1975, Peterborough area

Road and Highway layouts of state Roads, c.1790-c.1900. There is a file for each town.

Provincial Court Records., c.1650-1772

Land Records at the State Archives, February 1996

County Court Records

Rockingham, 1772-c.1920

Merrimack, c.1825-c.1885

Hillsborough, 1772-c.1880

Sullivan [not processed]

Strafford [not processed]

Provincial Probate, c.1650-1772. Later records at Counties.

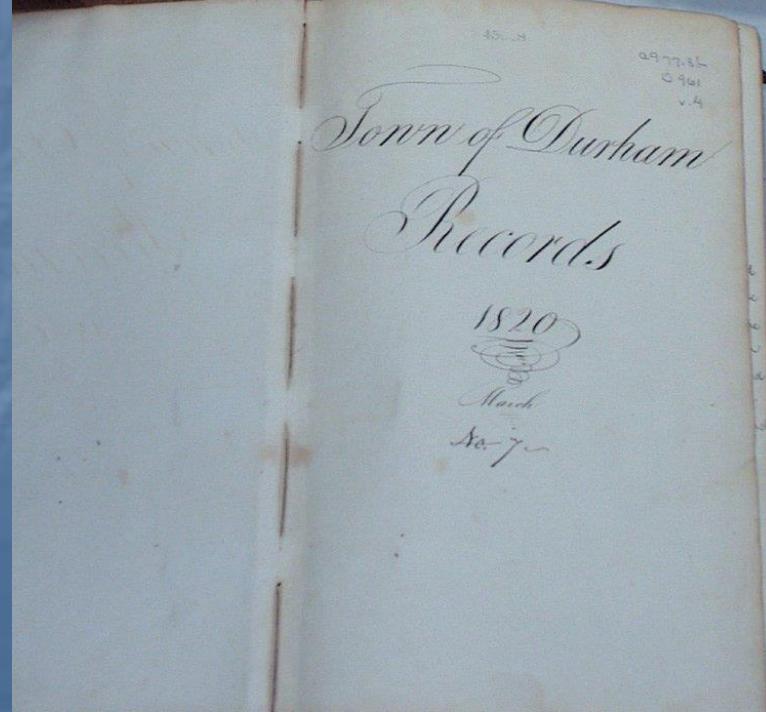
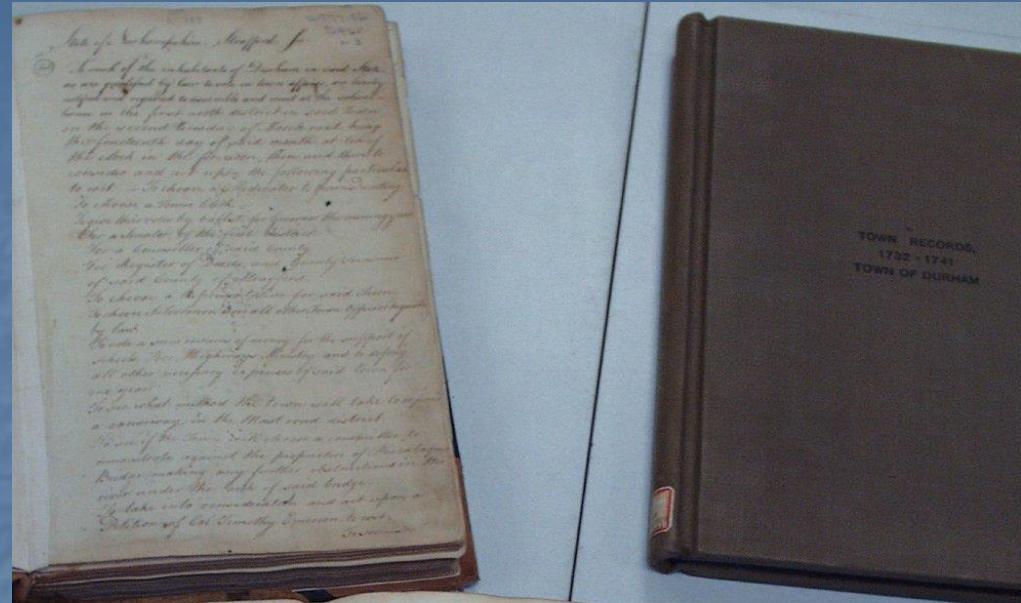
Town Records

Durham, N.H.



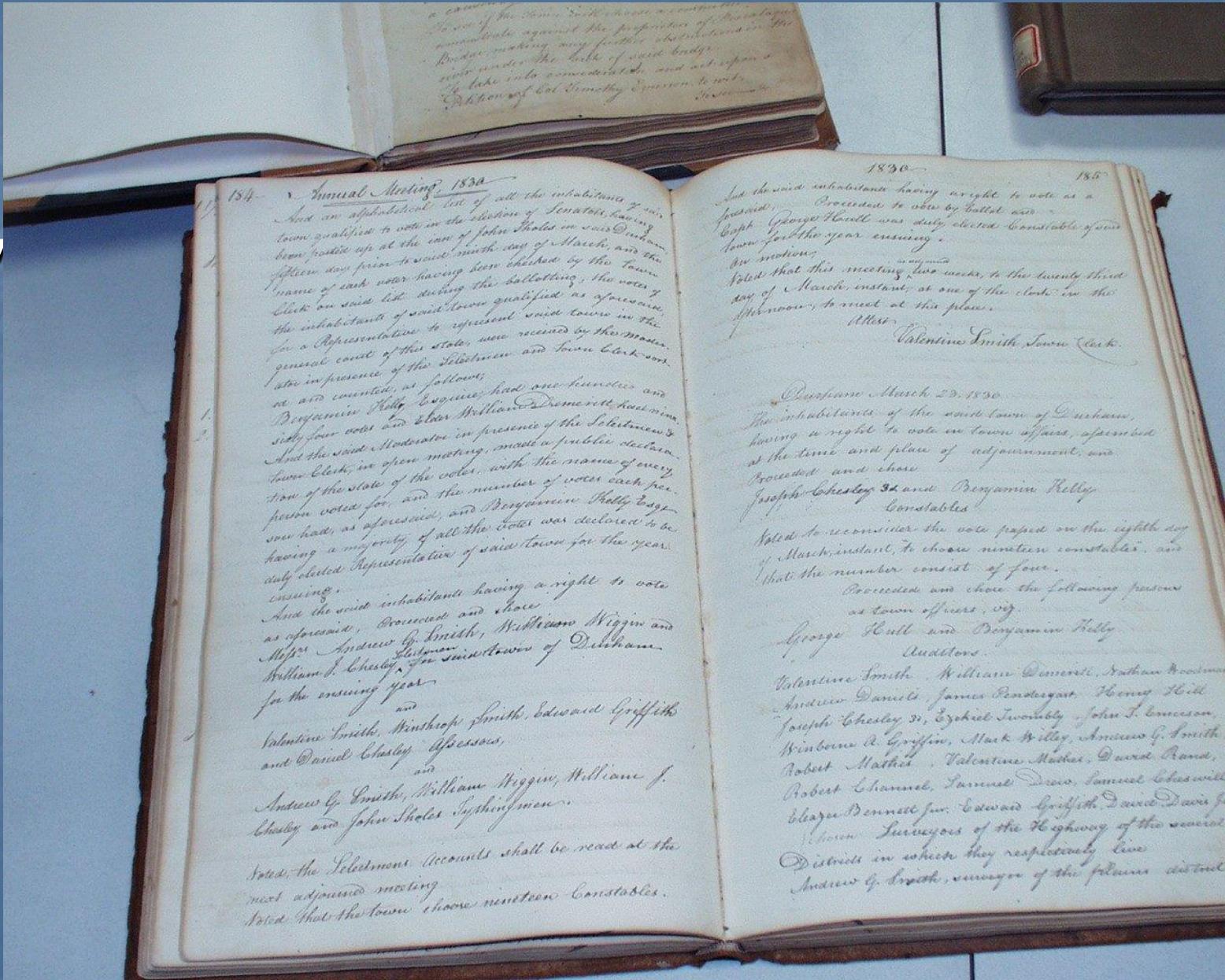
Town Records

Durham,
N.H. Town Book:
1820



Durham, N.H. 1830

Town Records



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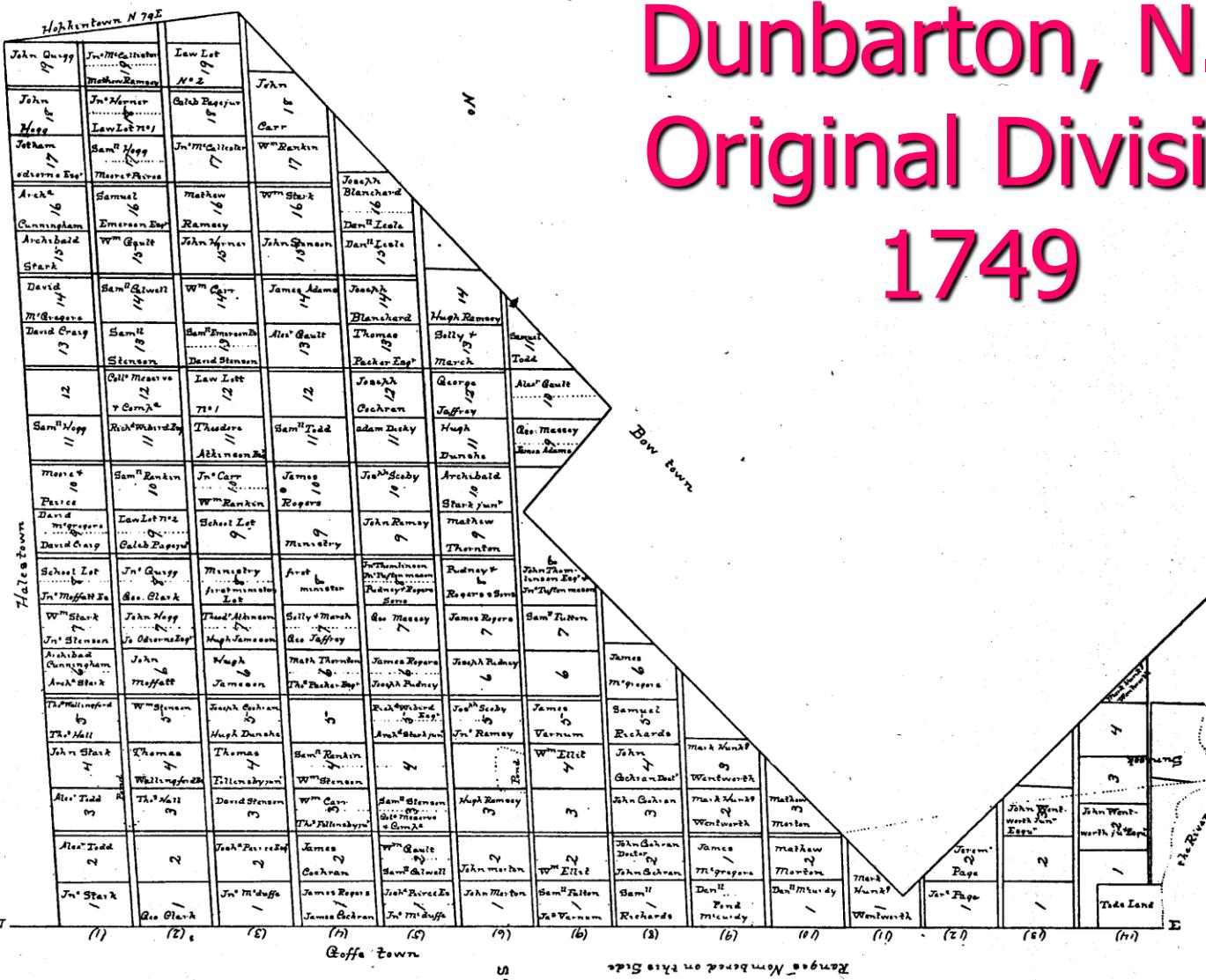
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- **Town Histories** and Historical Societies
- Other **Historical Maps**
- **Blister Rust Maps**
- Surveyor’s Records
- Road Layout Records

[*Plan of Dunbarton, 1749.*]

Dunbarton, N.H. Original Division 1749

SAMPLE TOWN LOTTING PLAN



Goffs Town

A Plan of the Division of That Tract of Land Granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq to Archibald Stark—
William Starke & others as Said Division hath been made by the Grantees to be returnd to the Grantors in order to the Drawing the Lotts Agreeable to
the Vote by which it was Granted—

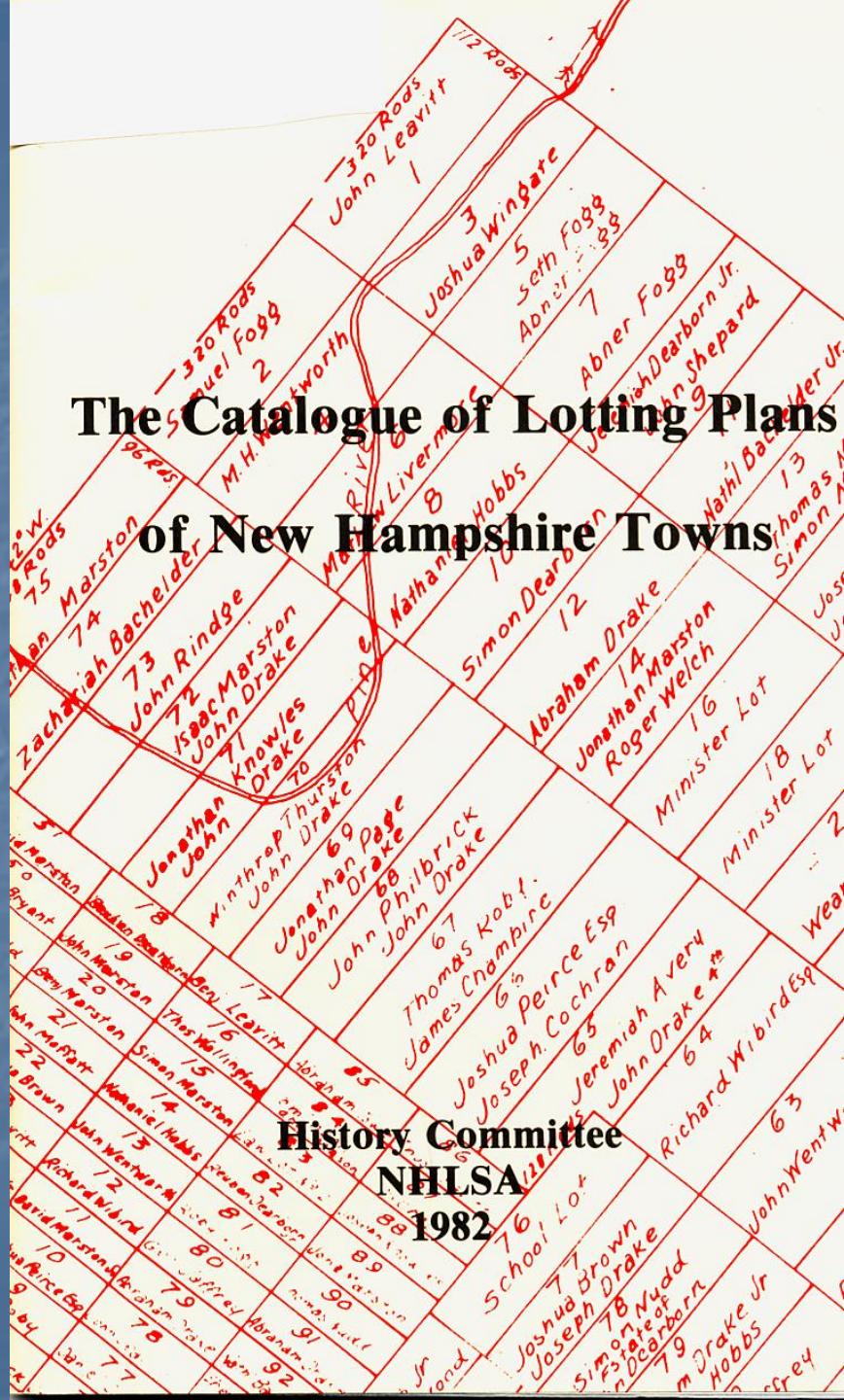
This Plan Contains a True Account of all the Land Contained in the Grant made to Archibald stork and others as Sirvayed And Laid Down by a Scale of one Hundred and Sixty Rods to an Inch

by Sam^{ll} Emerson Sirvayor

Catalog of Lotting Plans

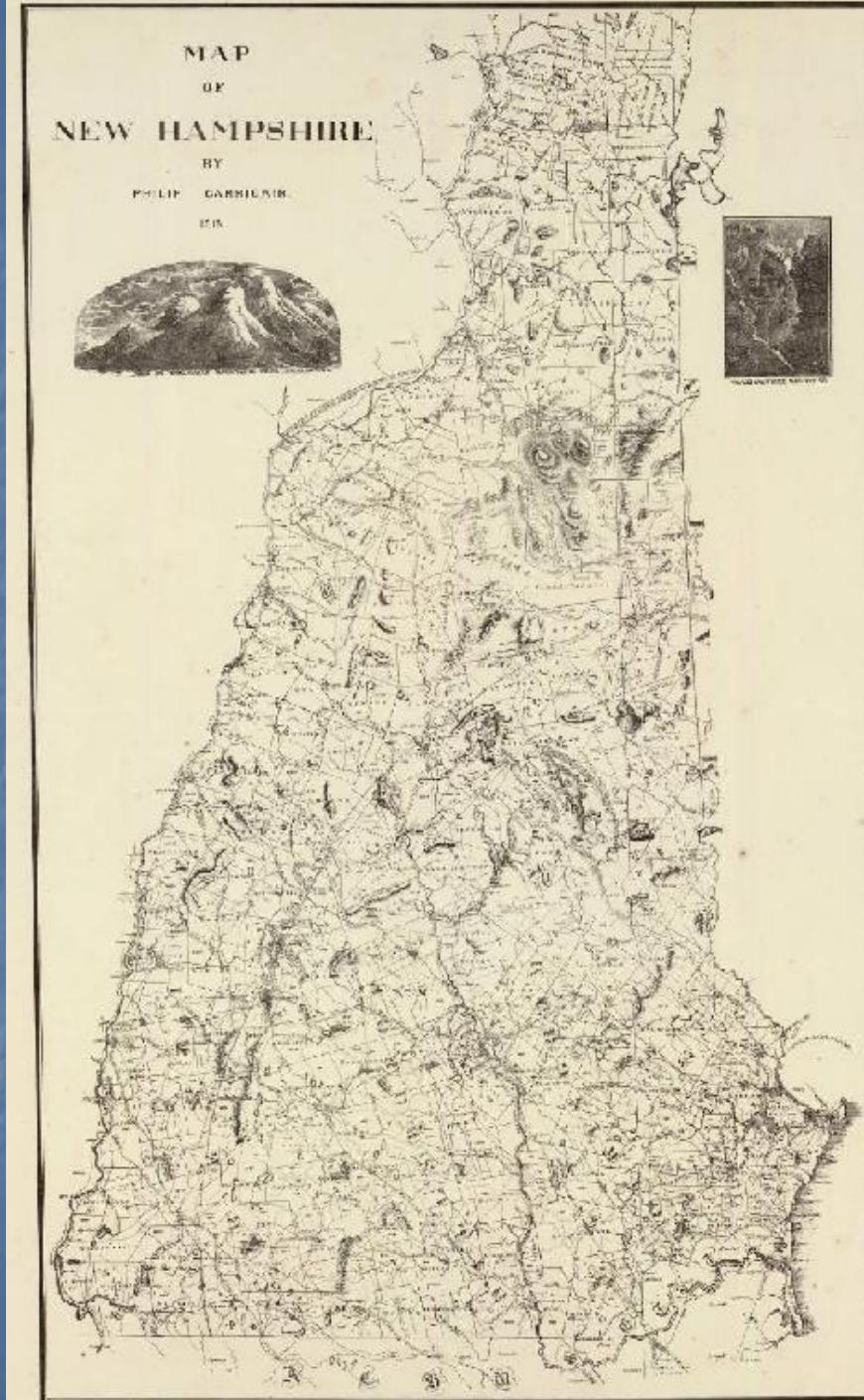
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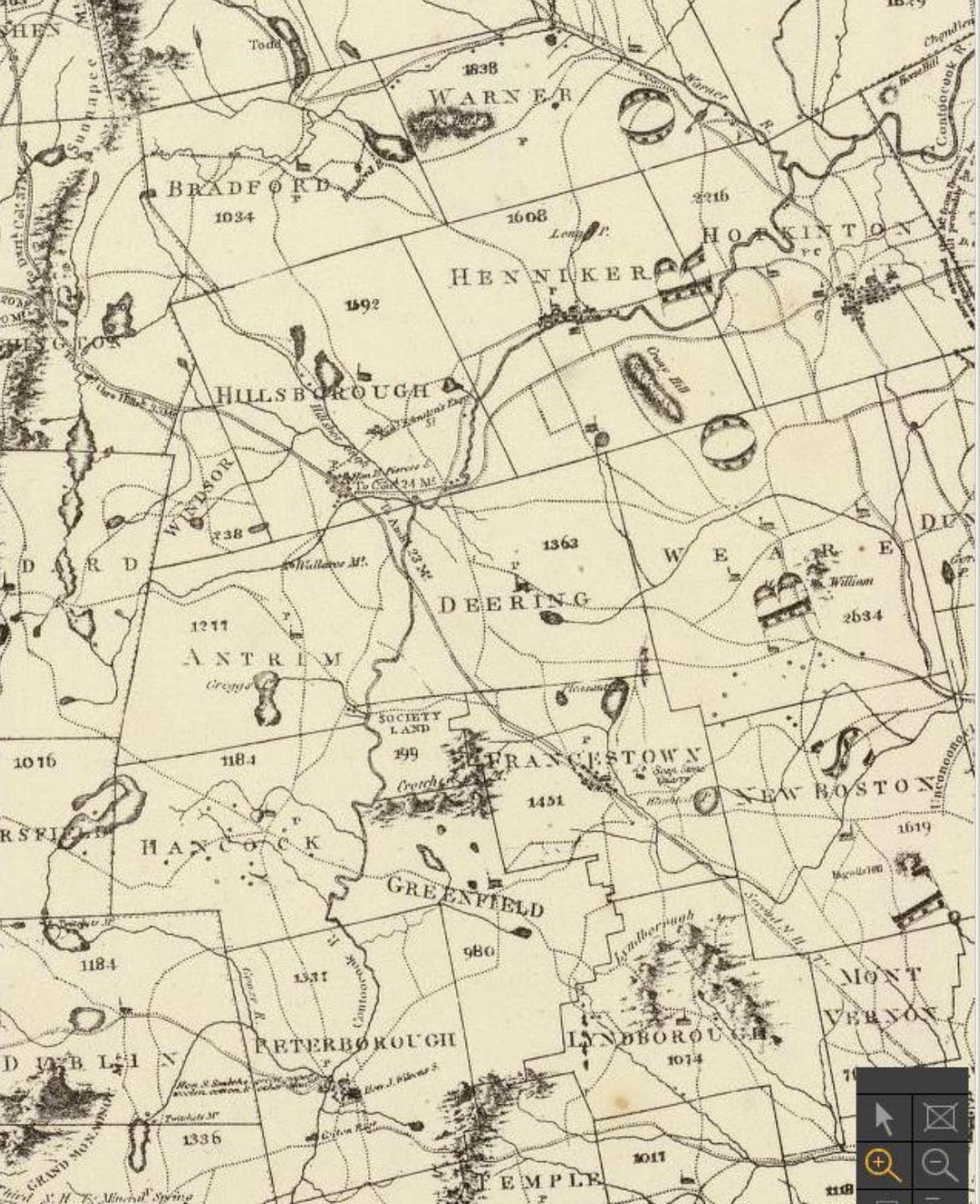


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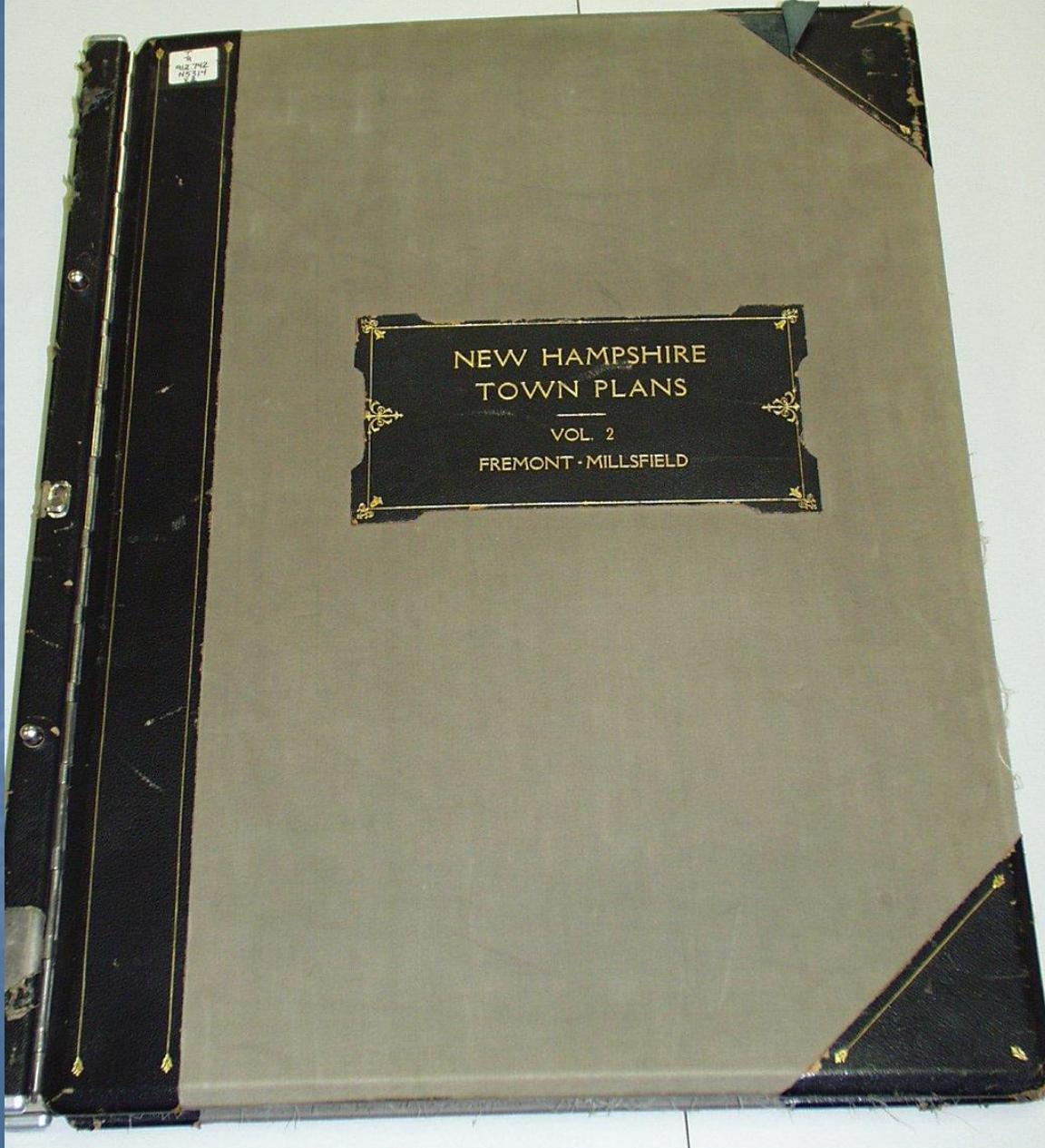
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Philip Carrigain Map



1805 Town Plans

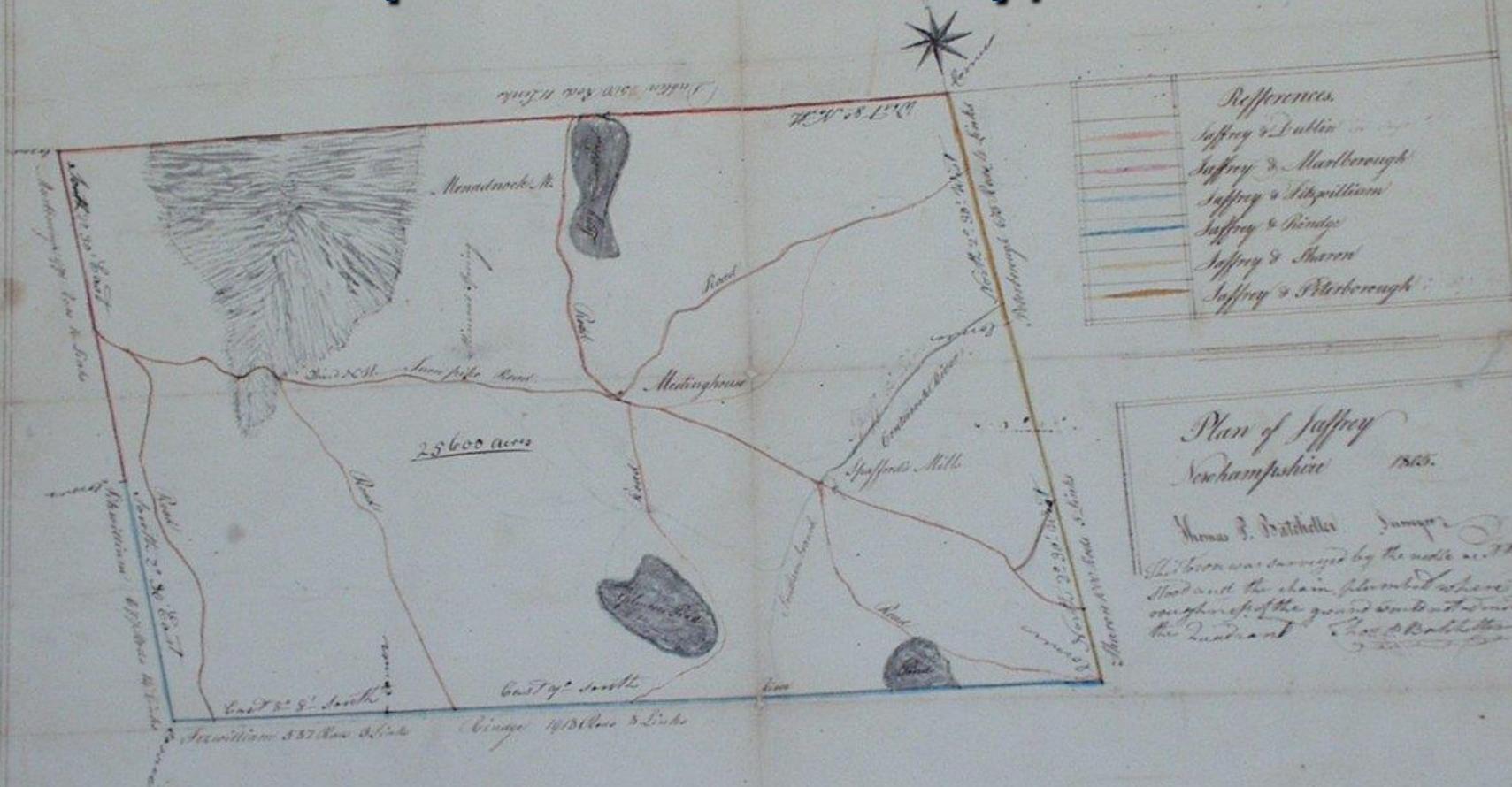


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1805 Town Map Hanover, N.H.



1805 plan of Jaffrey, N.H.



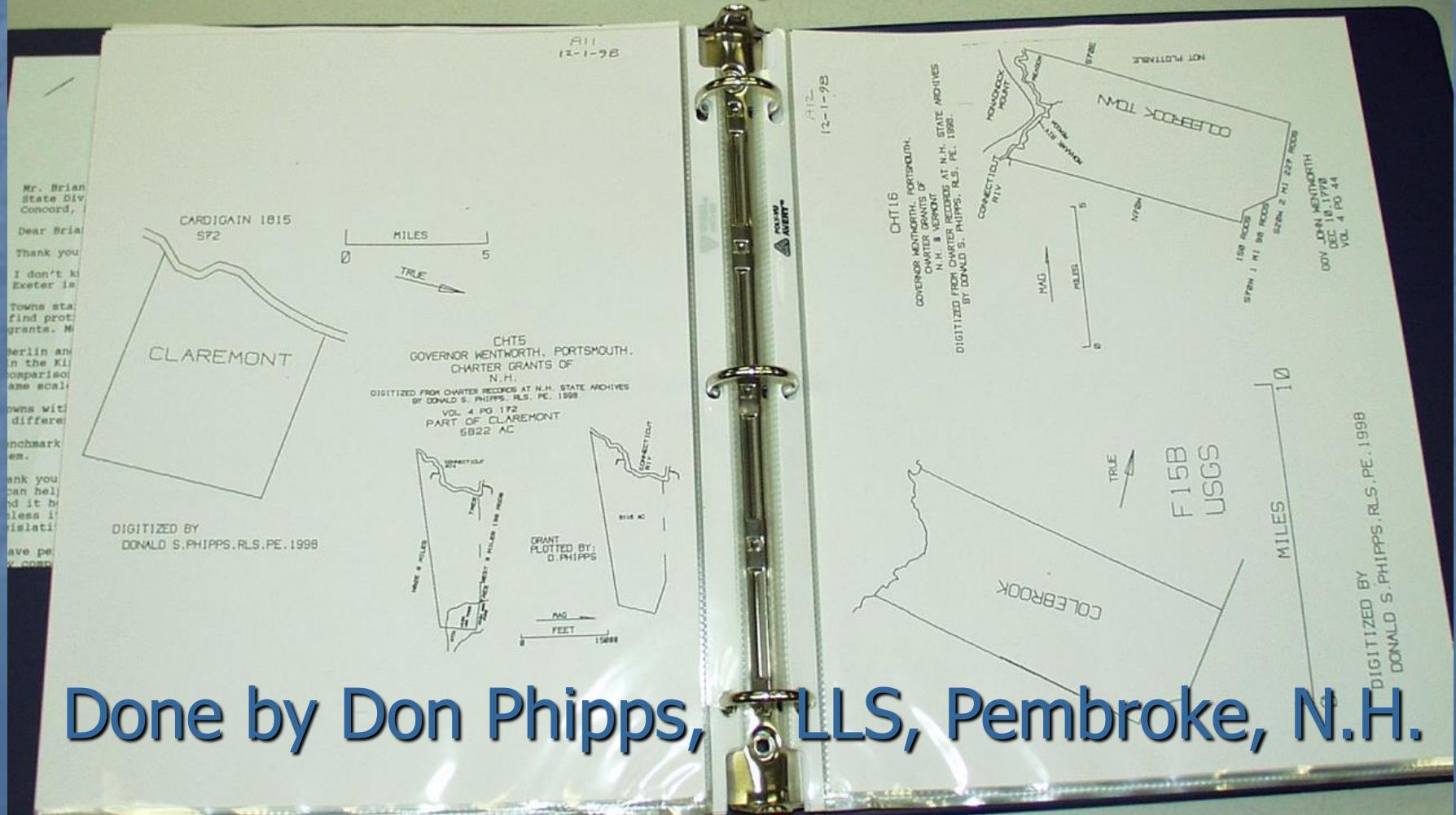
Plan of Jaffrey
New Hampshire

1805

Thomas J. Battell

This town was surveyed by the author in 1805.
Roads and the chain plumb'd where the
roughness of the ground would admit
the surveyor to do it.

Comparison of Colonial Town Grants and Carrigain and USGS Maps



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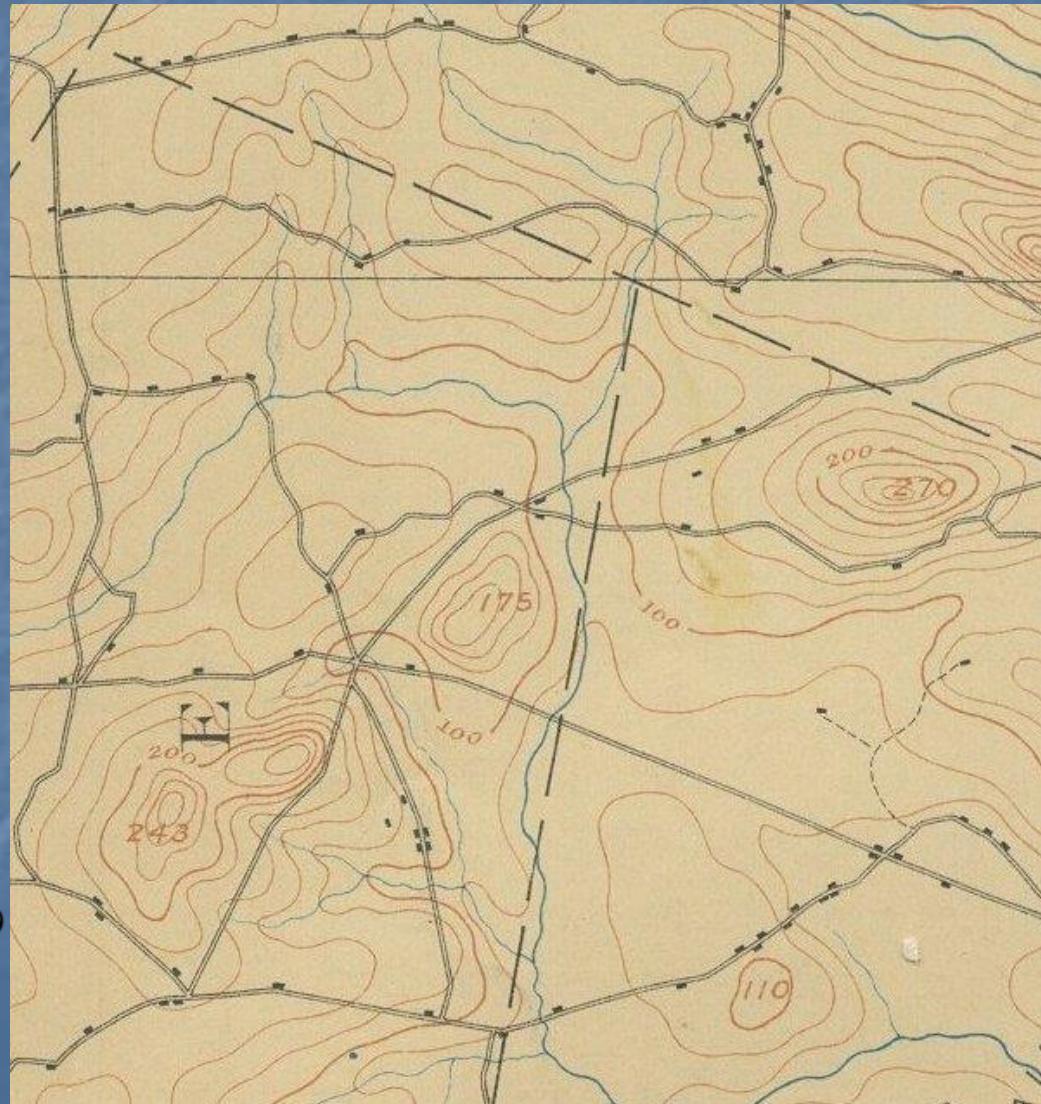
Historical and Current USGS Maps

Sample :USGS Maps

1893 Lee, N.H.

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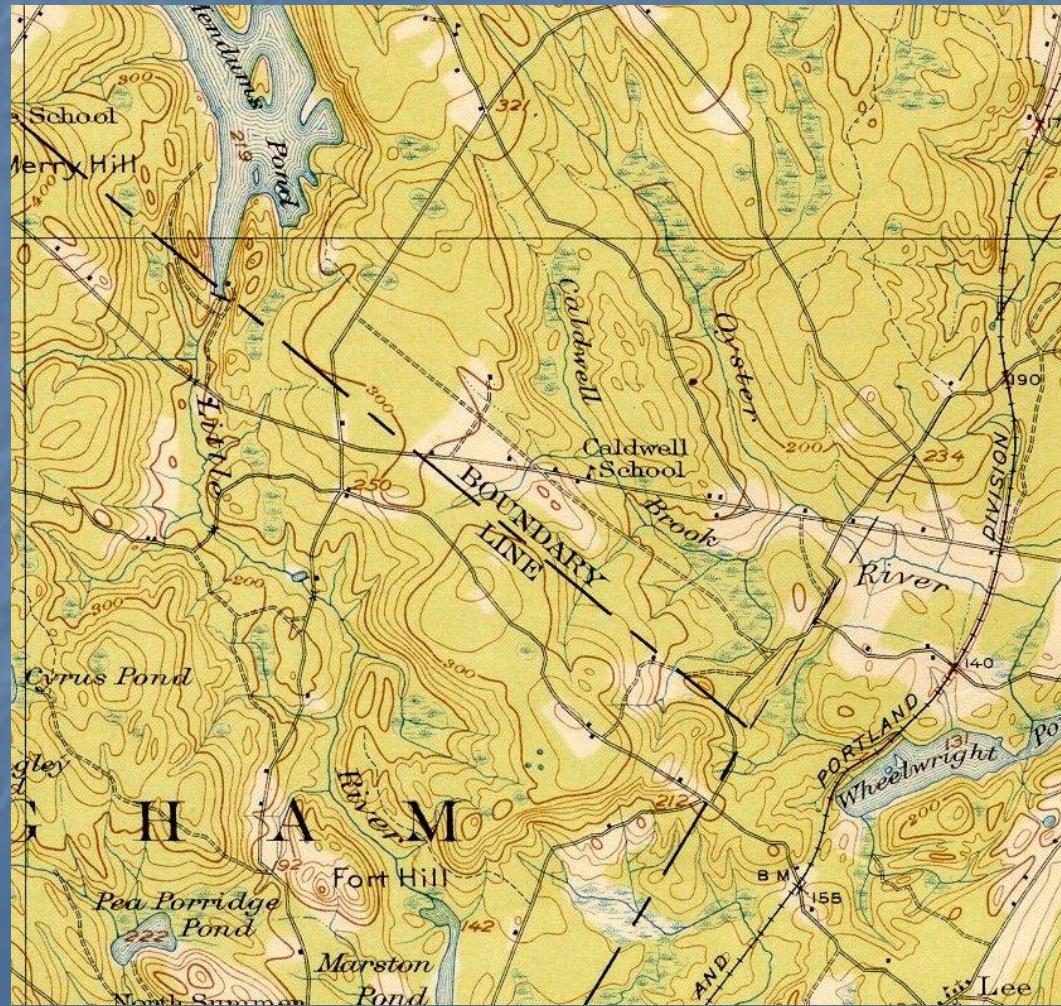


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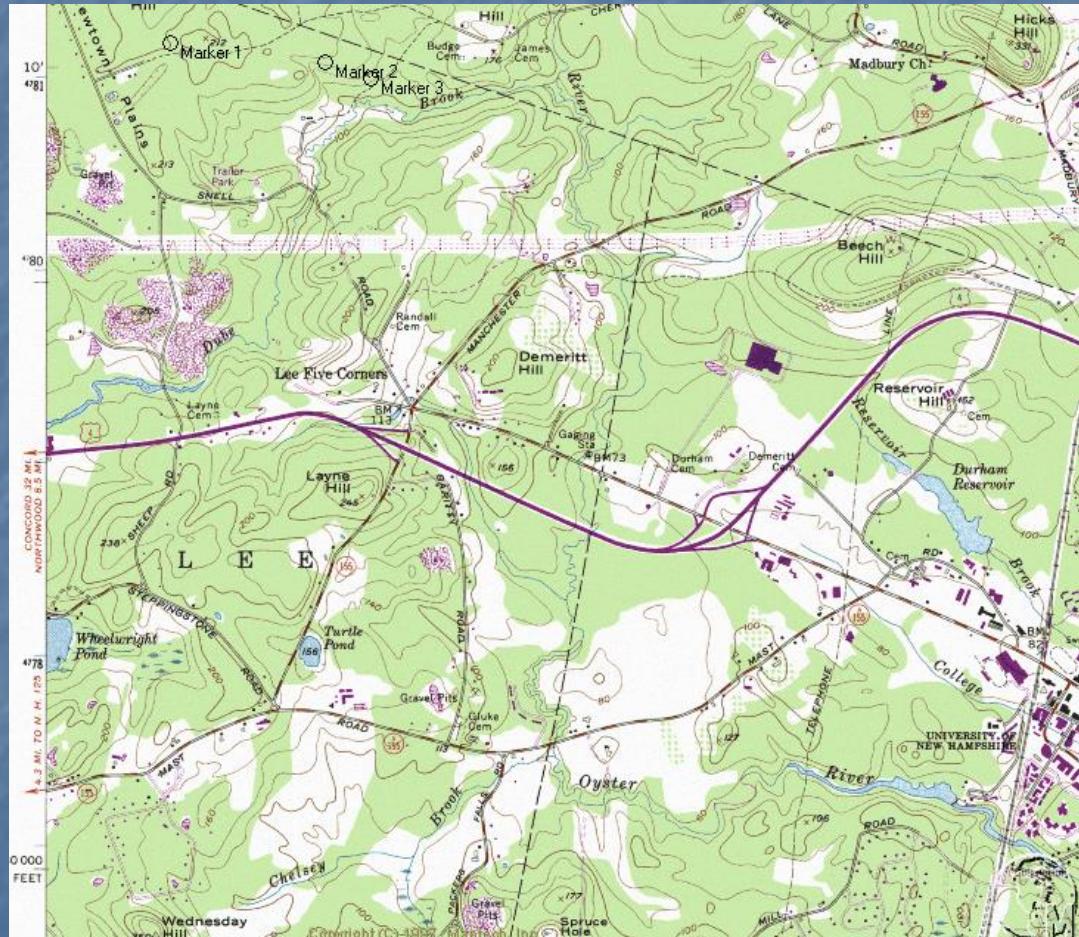


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COUNTRY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

SURVEY PLANS ALONG THE TOWN LINE

Town Assessors Maps



Town Assessors Maps

Landowners Along Town Line



TOWN HISTORIES



The New Hampshire Almanac

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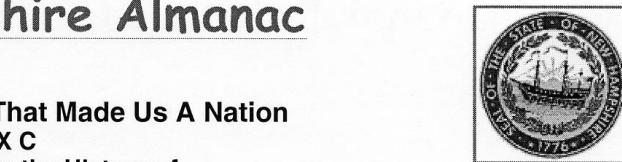
A Guide to Research in the History of New Hampshire Towns, 1780-1800

*By Karen Bowden with Quentin Blaine and Stephen Marini,
with special thanks to Frank Mevers*

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Researching Town Histories in N.H.



Introduction

This guide is intended for those who wish to participate in an effort to reassess and, in some cases, examine for the first time the local experience of the difficult years in which the new nation struggled with the consequences of the Revolution and the responsibility of self-government. It encourages research in primary sources-documents which were created during the years in question, 1780-1800. These include town warrants, tax records, deeds, wills, court, and church records, letters and diaries, newspapers and broadsides.

Researching the years after the Revolution can be a considerable challenge and requires a good deal of detective work. Records may be scattered over the state and beyond, and some may have been destroyed. A search for a particular kind of record may result in the discovery of the unexpected. This guide has been prepared to assist researchers in identifying and locating pertinent documents and in beginning to interpret them. We hope that use of the guide will result in new insight into the history of the crucial years after the Revolution and into the process of historical research itself.

Framing Questions

Although the focus of a study may shift in the review and interpretation of evidence, it is useful to start with a focus: a particular set or kind of evidence, and event or person to set in context, a delimited topic or question. This project, for example, is looking at several questions, but a new and part-time researcher might choose only one question or cluster of questions:

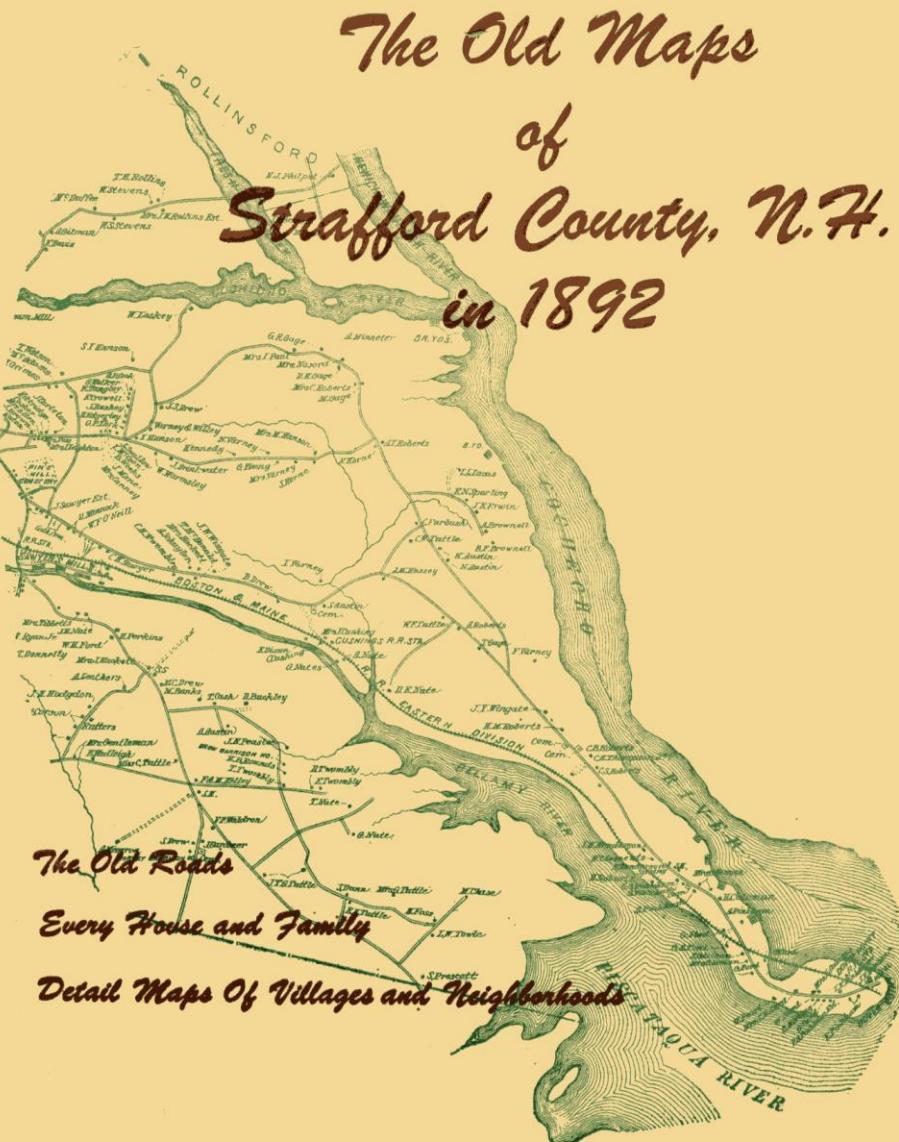
Researching Town Histories

- Town Historical Societies or Associations:
 - A resource for documents
 - A resource for information

Special Historical Maps at Archives: FISK 1853 Map - Dublin, N.H.

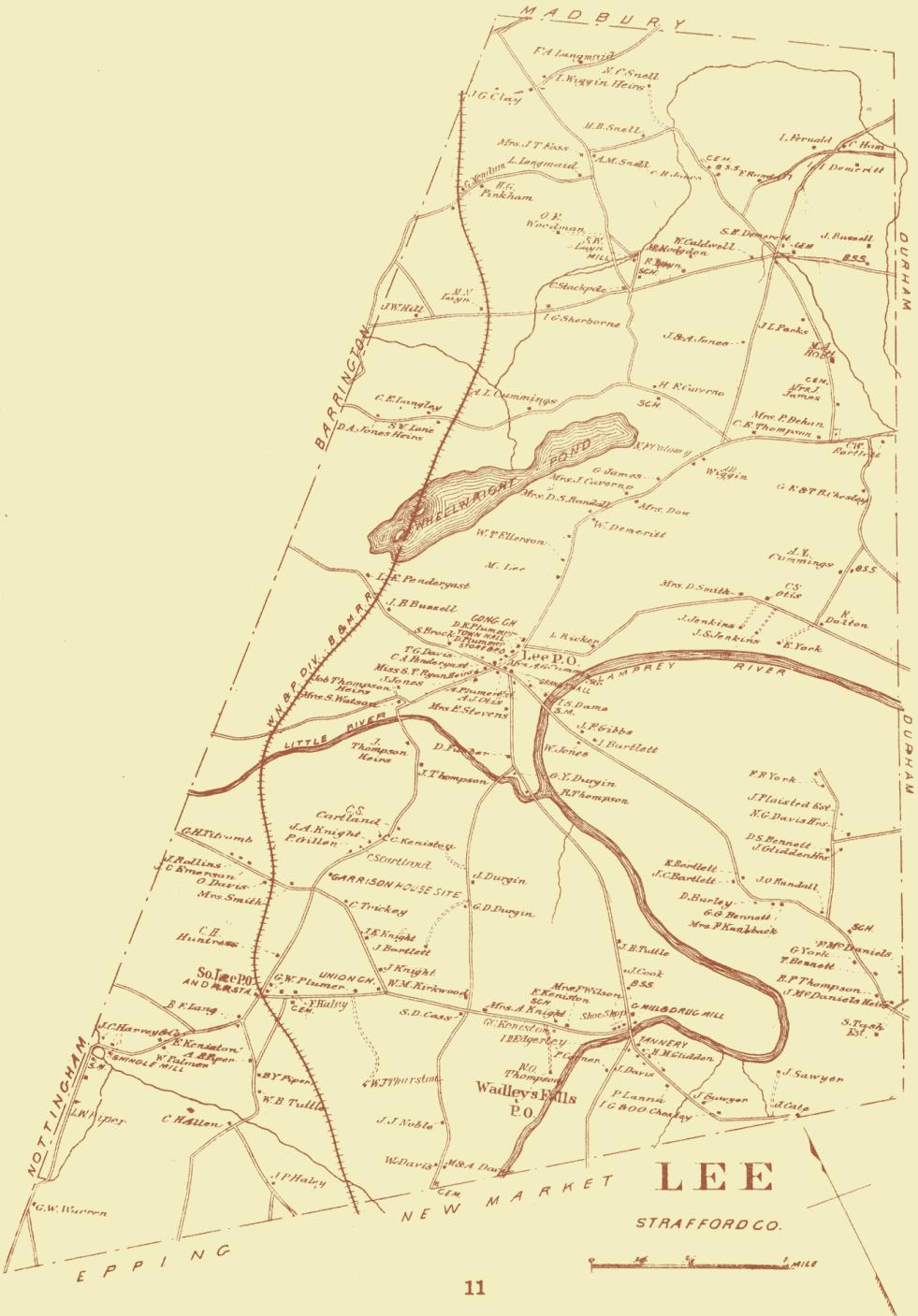


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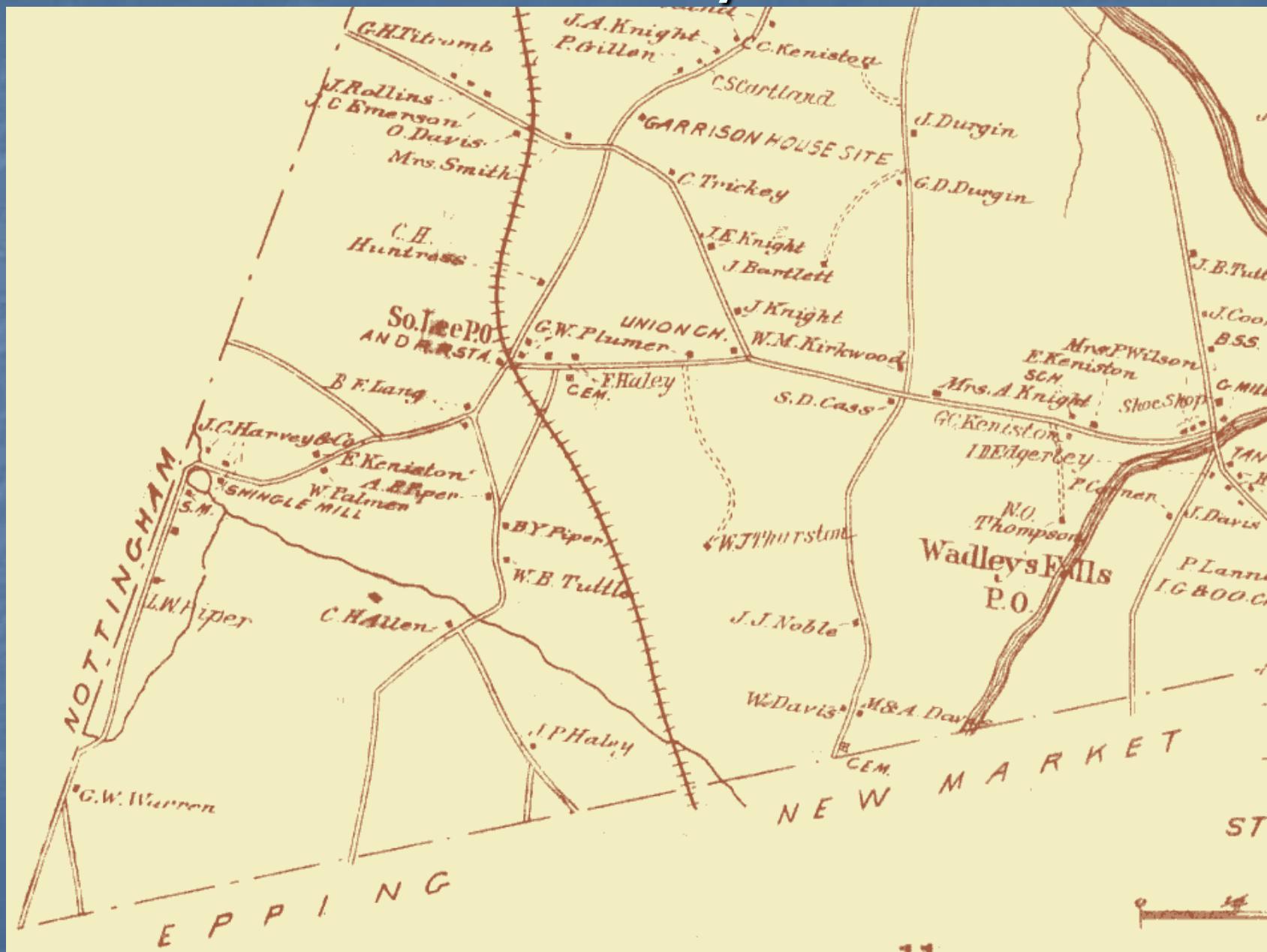


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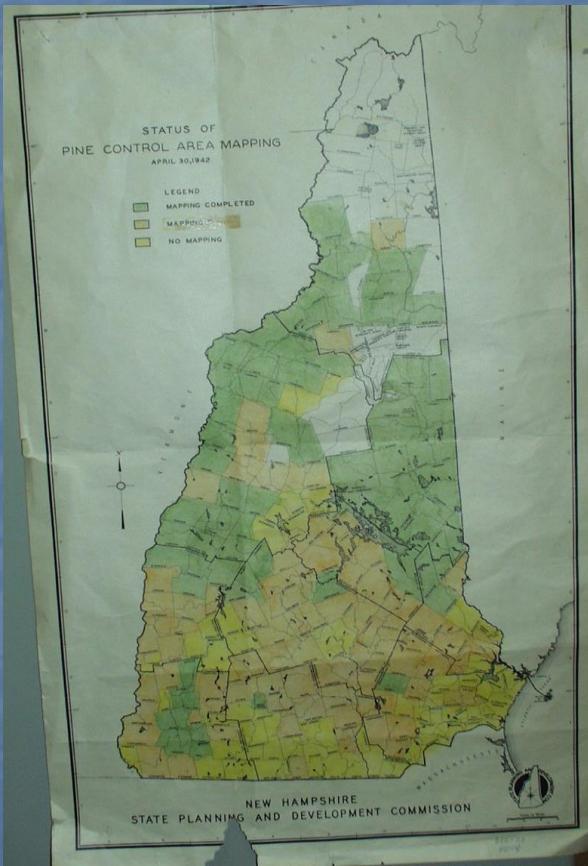


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WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST MAPS

Salisbury 24 - Sandwich 29

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WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST MAPS

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NEW HAMPSHIRE RECORDS & ARCHIVES

WHITE PINE BLISTER
RUST MAPS

Sandwich 30

Somerville

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WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST MAPS

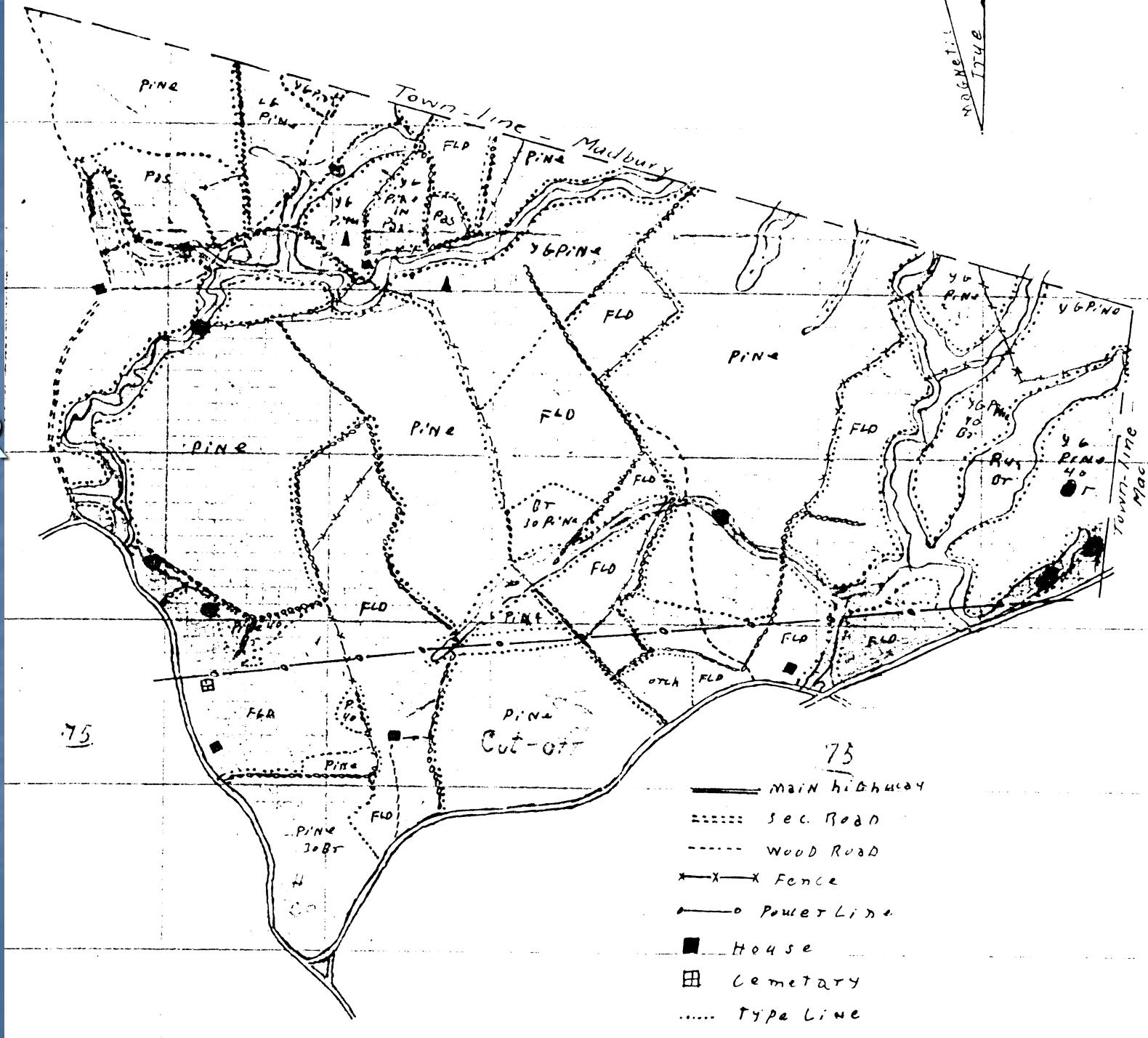
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Super Hill - Somerville

BLISTER RUST MAP



SURVEYOR'S RECORDS For 1802 Survey of Lee

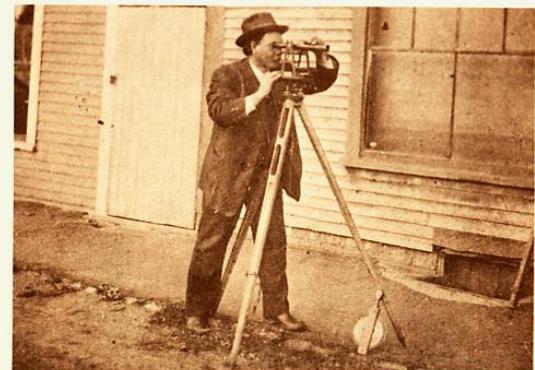


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& Mrs Demeritt Shannen began at
Barrington Line
thence S 50° E 82 Rods to Cotton Backham H. L
thence S 89° 2' 68 R to Thos Langley H. L
thence ————— 12 R to Thos Langley H. L
80
thence S 59° E 100 R to Oyster River
NB Oyster River is on a straight line from the
Stepping Stones Road to the Center of the Turnpike
Bridge Twelve Rods above the Towle House —
thence N 89° 2' 32 R to J. Warner's House H. L
thence ————— 96 R - NB the Est end of wheelruts —
pond bone south
thence ————— 68 R - to cross Road by wd Chesleys
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NB said cross Road is on a straight line from
the Turnpike & the wd Chesleys House is on
the west of said cross Road & is 30 Rods southerly
of the Turnpike Road
thence S 19° E 44 R to Aaron Hanson's H. L
19 R.

Surveyors' Records

Catalogue of
**Deceased &
Retired Surveyor's Records**

in New Hampshire



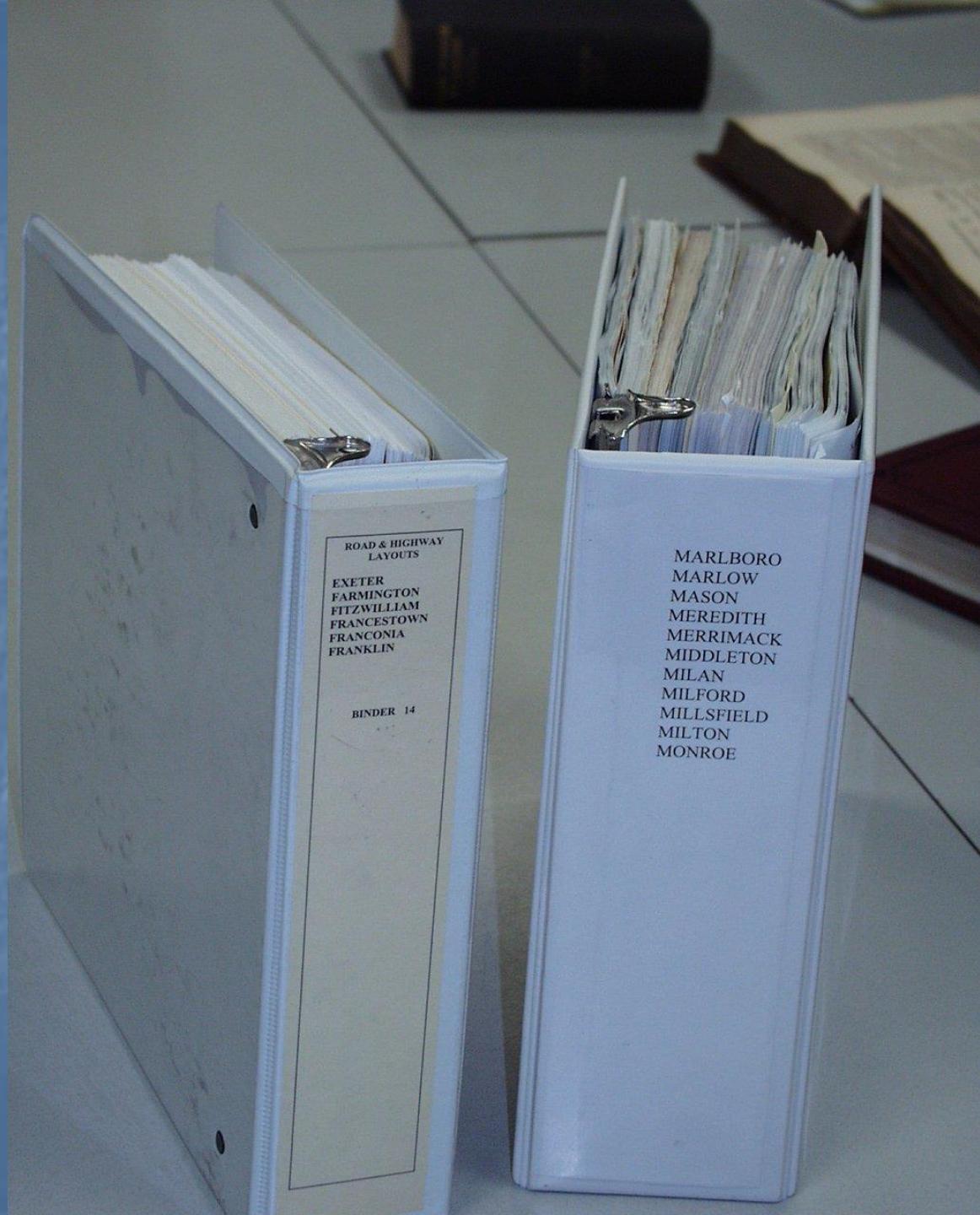
John Keniston (1851-1931) (*courtesy of Rachel Keniston, Plymouth*)

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List of Surveyor's Records at State Archives



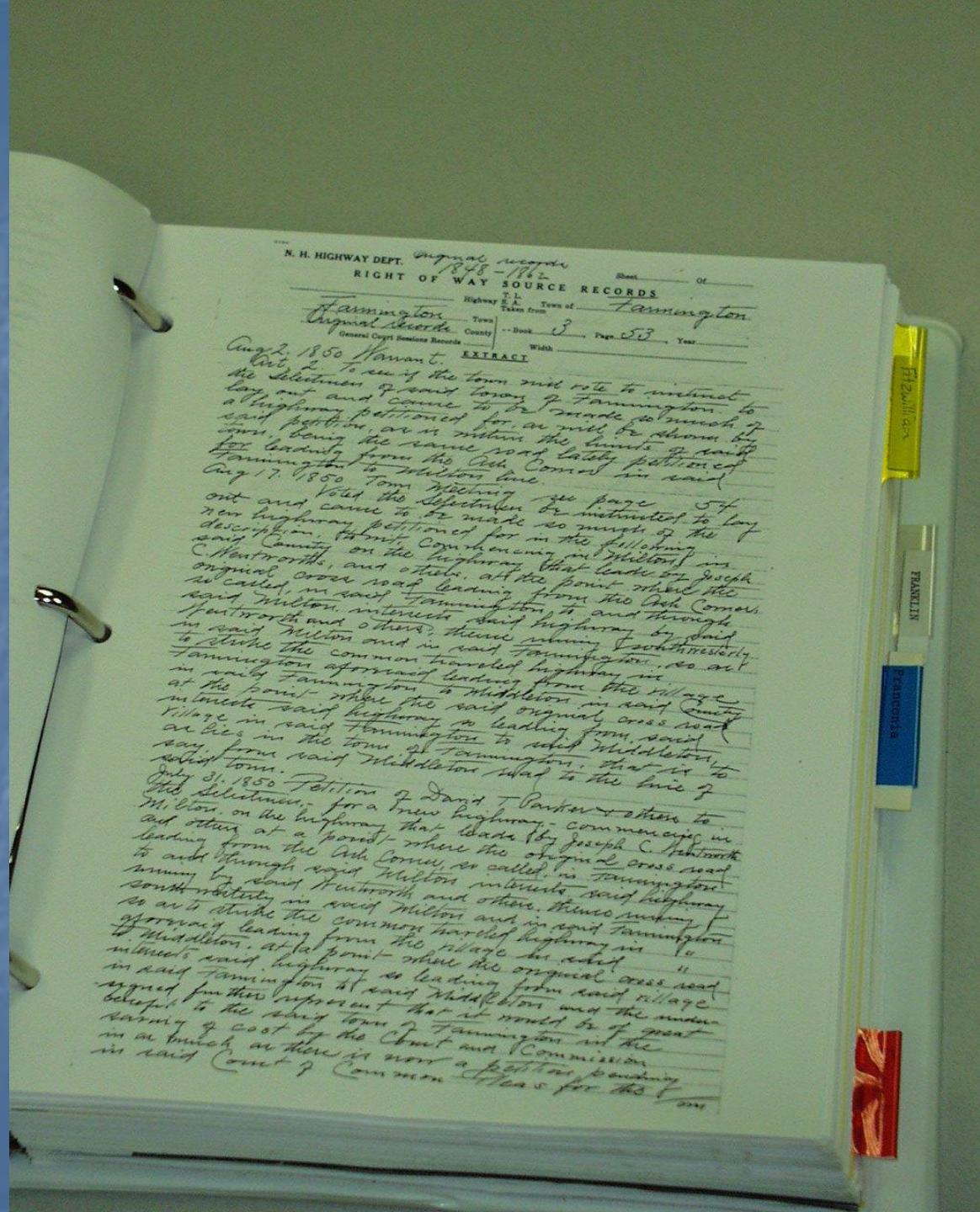
TOWN ROAD LAYOUT RECORDS



TOWN ROAD LAYOUTS



TOWN ROAD LAYOUT RECORDS



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PERFORMING THE PERAMBULATION

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STEP 2: FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THE TOWN
LINES AND MONUMENTS

STEP 3: PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL PERAMBULATION

STEP 4: DOCUMENTING OF THE “RETURN” OF THE
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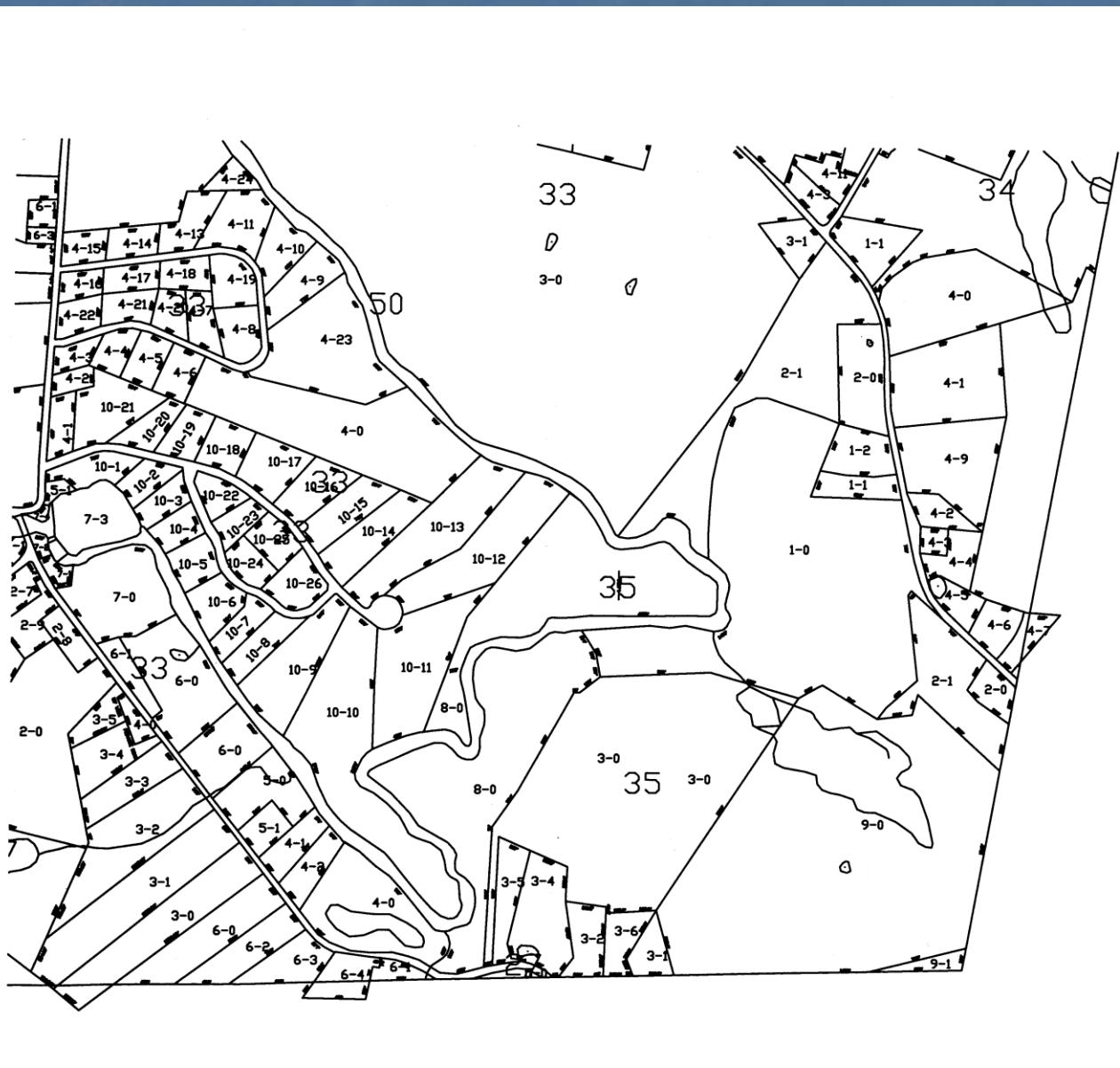
STEP 2:

FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THE TOWN LINES AND MONUMENTS

- Notify Landowners
- Gather Maps and Air Photos
 - GRANIT: Conservation Lands Viewer
- Assess Bound Numbering and Sequencing
- Course and Distance Tabulations
- Individual Enlarged Maps and Air Photos

Notify Landowners

Use Tax Maps To get names To notify



Notice to Landowners



RICHARD K. PERKINS, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER
603-225-8520

APPENDIX 19 SAMPLE LETTER TO LAND OWNERS ALONG TOWN LINE City of Concord, New Hampshire

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CITY HALL • 41 GREEN STREET • 03301

May 9, 1997

Cabot NH Land Trust
TD Cabot Trustee
% Cabot-Wellington LLC
One Post Office Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

**Re: Perambulation of City of Concord and Town of Canterbury Town Lines
Subject Property : Land in Concord at Tioga Road**

Dear Mr. Brodeur:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the need for myself and the Selectmen of Canterbury to cross your property via Tioga Road to access the town line between Concord and Canterbury so that we may locate, observe and agree upon the town line stone markers in the vicinity of Tioga Road. I will be scheduling a date in the near future to meet with the Selectmen of Canterbury to observe the markers.

This work is pursuant to state law, specifically NH RSA 51:2, which requires that the lines between towns are to be perambulated every 7 years by the selectmen of the towns.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me at 225-8520.

Gather Maps and Air Photos

GRANIT Conservation Land Viewer

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Welcome to NH GRANIT

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- search and retrieval of GRANIT data descriptions (metadata)
- retrieval of primary GRANIT data layers
- posting of news related to database developments
- announcements of upcoming meetings and events
- mapping of core data sets
- access to a catalog listing of photography covering various geographic units of New Hampshire.

The [Create a Map](#) service, providing public access to interactive maps about the state's protected lands, has been **updated**. Please re-bookmark to the new URL.

The NH Land Surveyor's Association is sponsoring a one-day [workshop on municipal boundary mapping](#) - December 4, 2003, Bedford, NH.

Mark your calendars for the [New England GIS 2004 Conference](#), scheduled for May 12-13, 2004. This two-day event is being co-sponsored by the New England Chapters of GITA, ACSM, and URISA.

GRANIT is pleased to announce that the following new data sets are available. Please visit the [Data](#) page for information on accessing these data sets:

Conservation Lands (updated fall '03**)**
New Hampshire Hydrography Dataset (partial coverage)

The [NH Wireless Communications Tower Mapping Page](#) is now online.

The Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQs) available for [download](#) are now clipped to the 3.75-minute (i.e. quarter-quad)

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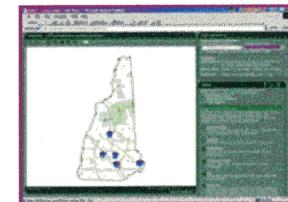
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GRANIT Conservation Lands Viewer

GRANIT is pleased to announce the availability of the Conservation Lands Viewer, a tool to provide public access to information about the state's protected lands. With the Viewer, you may:

- View the state's protected lands
- Query for parcel specific information
- Change the symbology to map management status, protection agency, protection type, or protection level
- Display your map on a backdrop of black and white aerial photographs, USGS topo quads, or grey hillshade
- Search for parcels based on parcel name, town, county, or watershed
- Save the map image to a JPEG or bitmap file
- Print the map you have created

This application is optimized for use with Windows running Internet Explorer 5 or Netscape 4.0 or higher. Users with other environments may experience suboptimal performance.

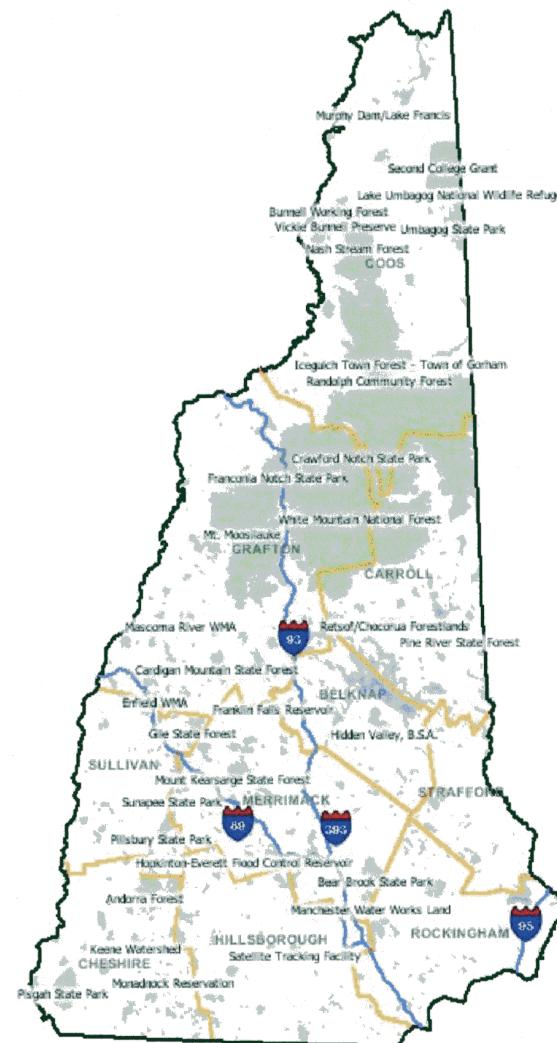


Click here to go to the Viewer

The Viewer utilizes data from a number of sources. The primary data set is GRANIT's "Conservation and Public Lands," for which two versions of metadata (documentation) are available: [full FGDC compliant metadata](#), and a [detailed description](#) of the data. The site also utilizes the following data layers:

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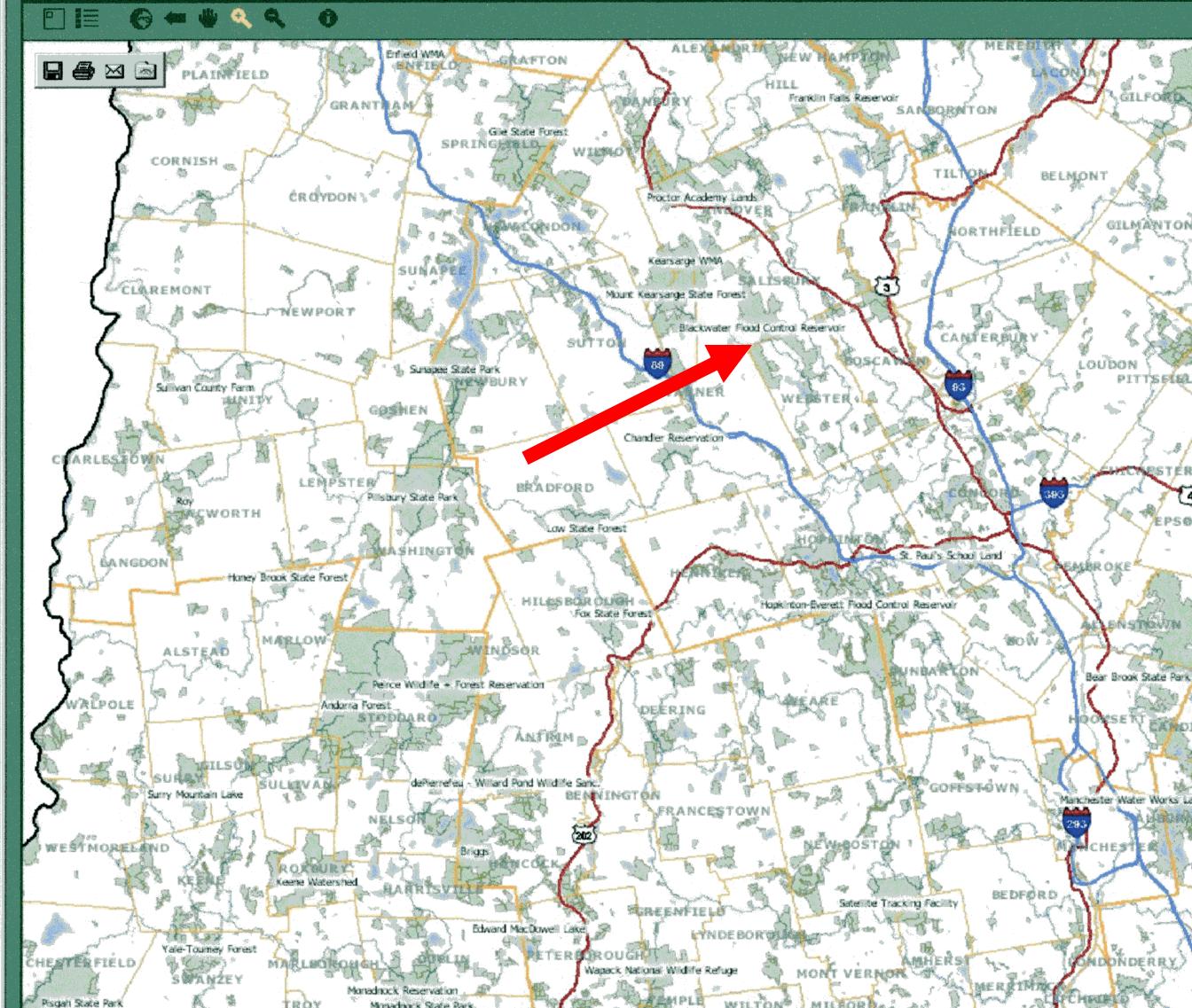
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Kearsarge Mtn Rd

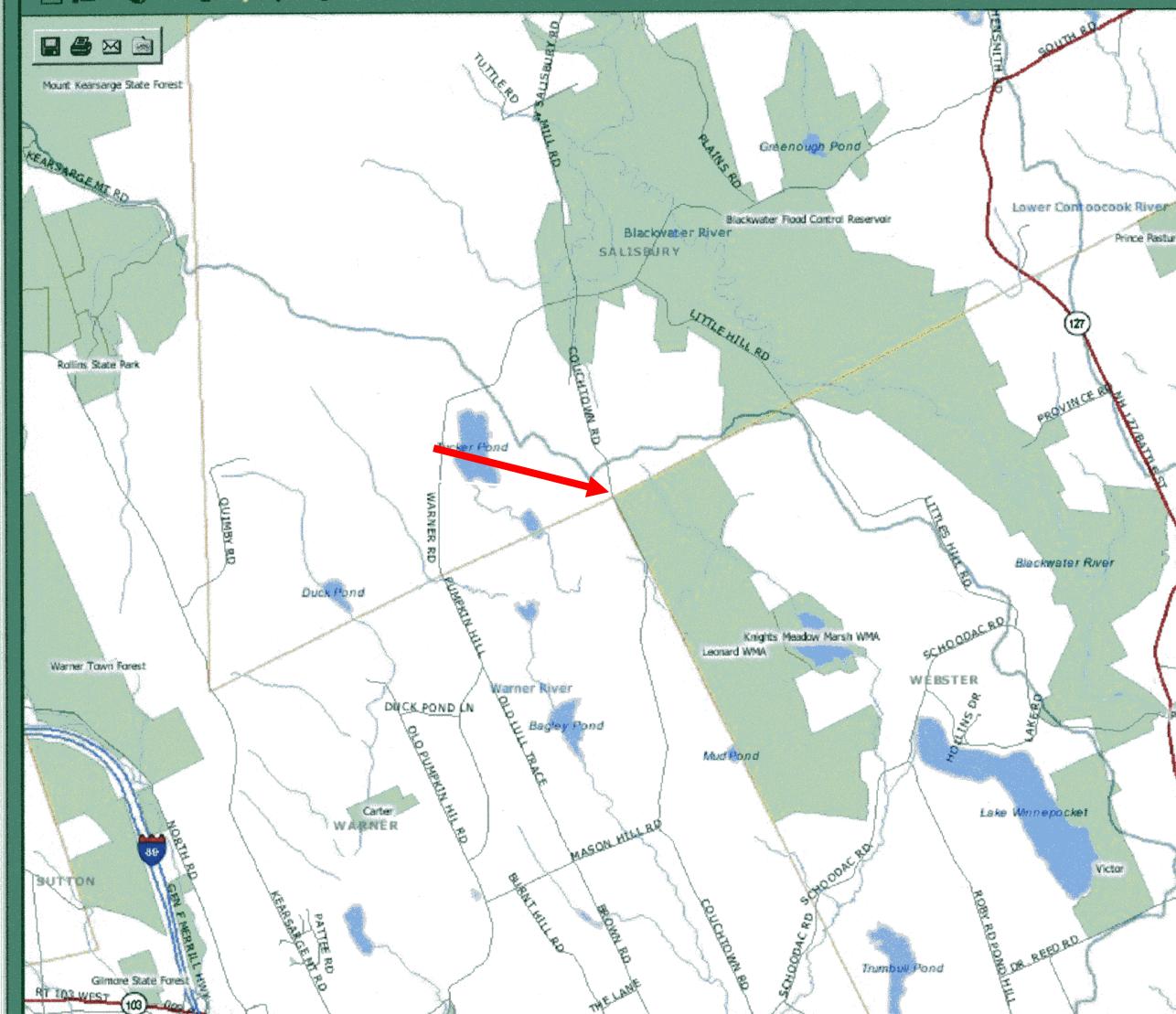
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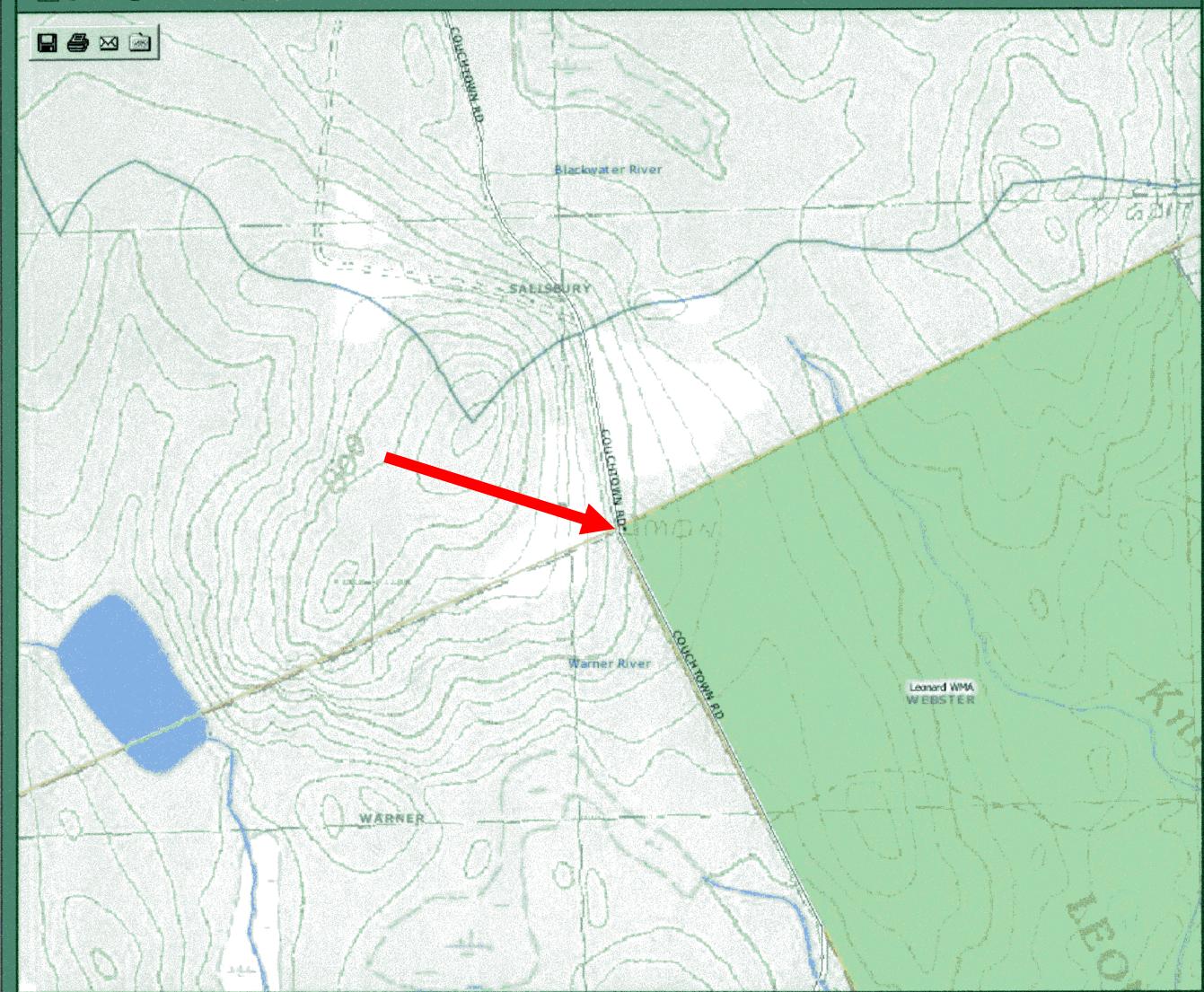
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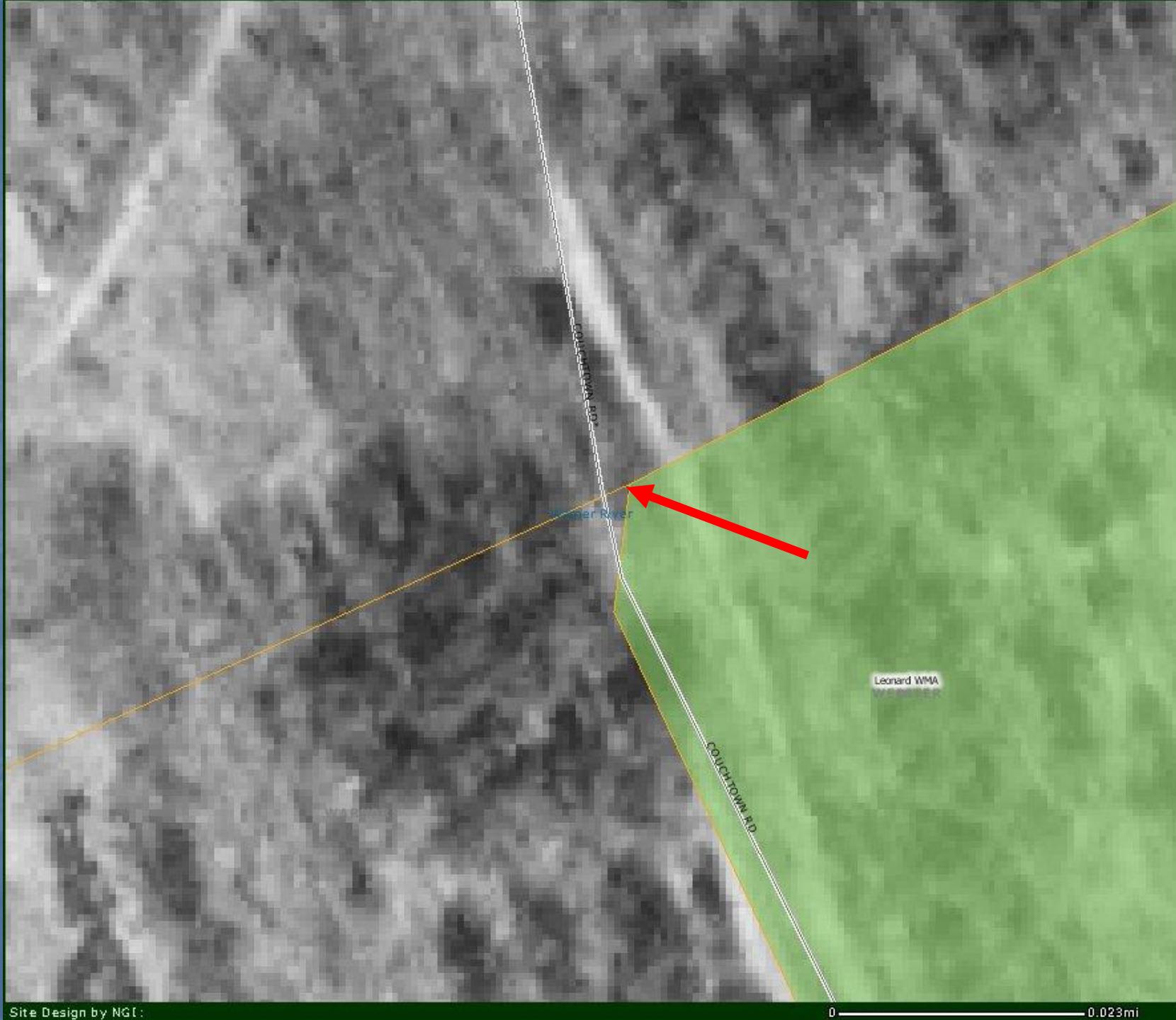
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NH State Plane Coordinates (Feet)

Hover over point.
Read Coordinates
In Lower Left
(NHSPC '83 Ft.)

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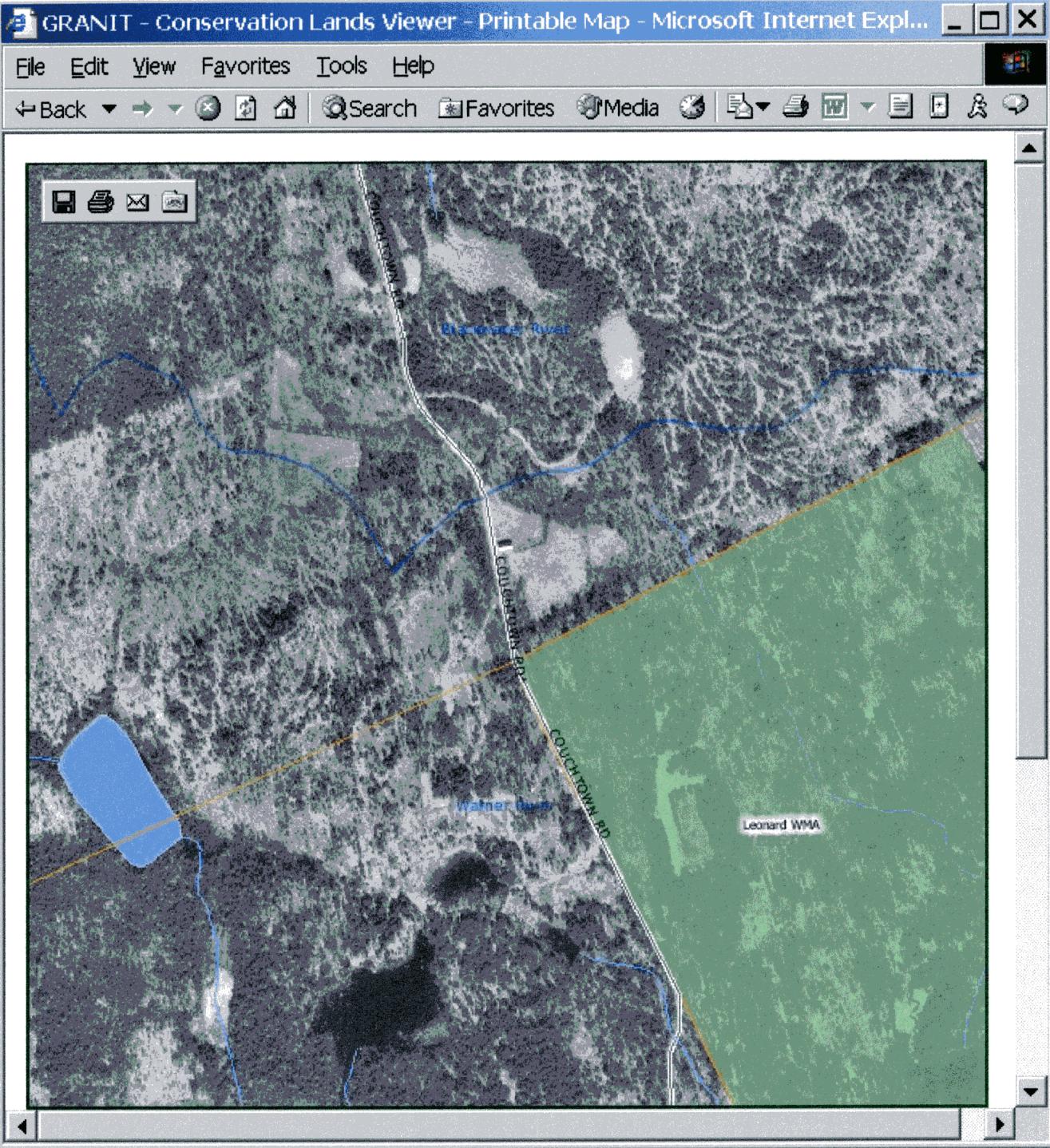
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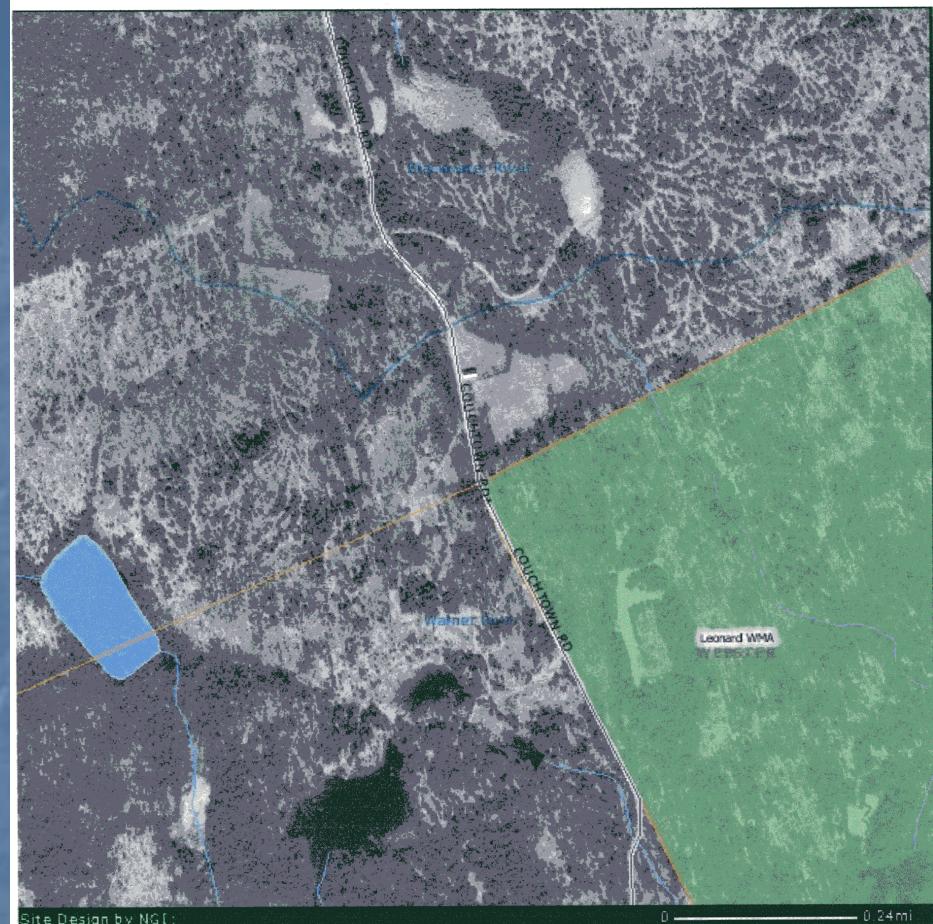
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Data Sources

Conservation and Public Lands, Hydrography, and Town Boundaries - Developed and maintained by Complex Systems Research Center, University of New Hampshire, and distributed by GRANIT.

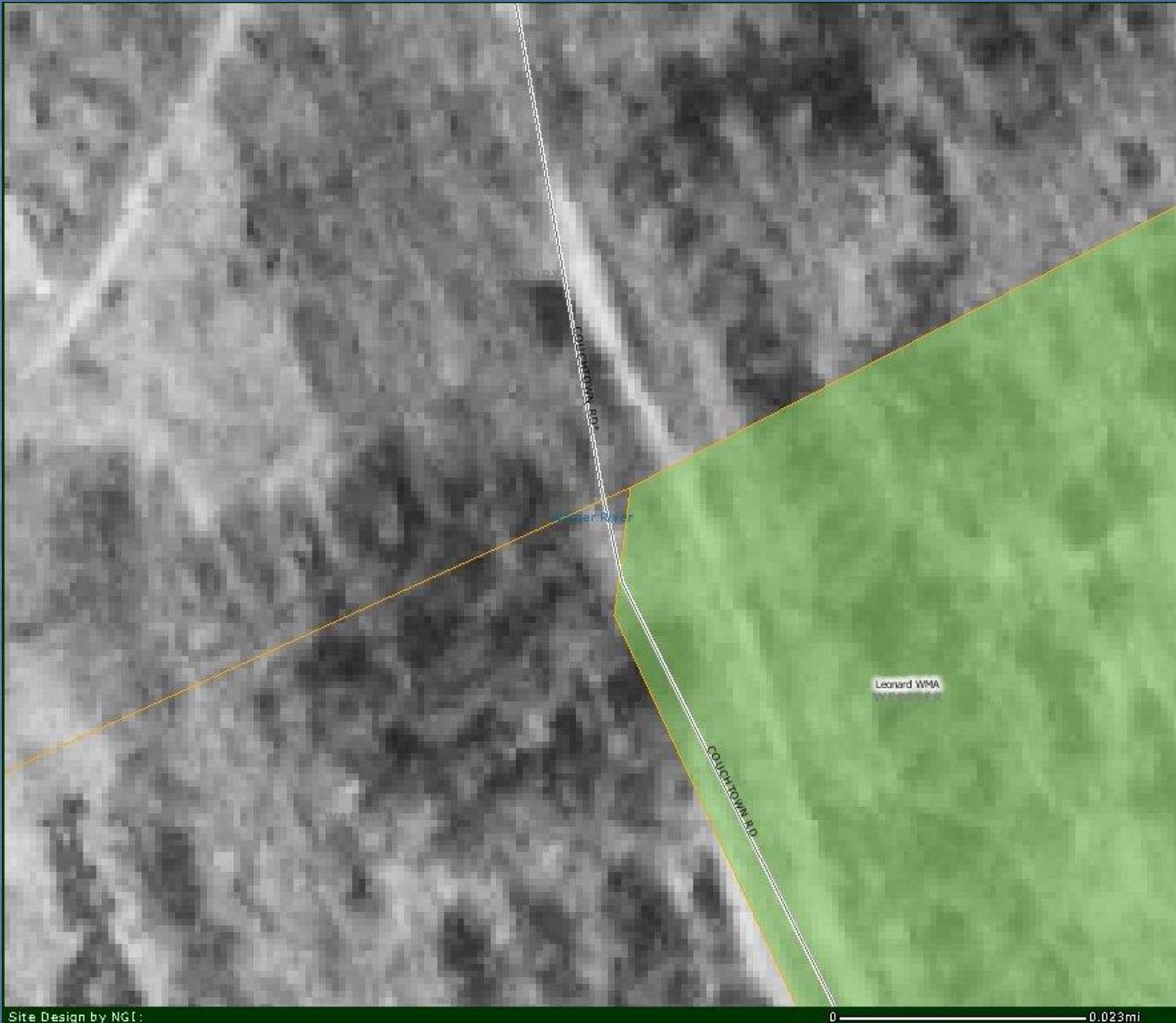
Road Centerlines - Developed and maintained by NH Department of Transportation, and distributed by GRANIT.



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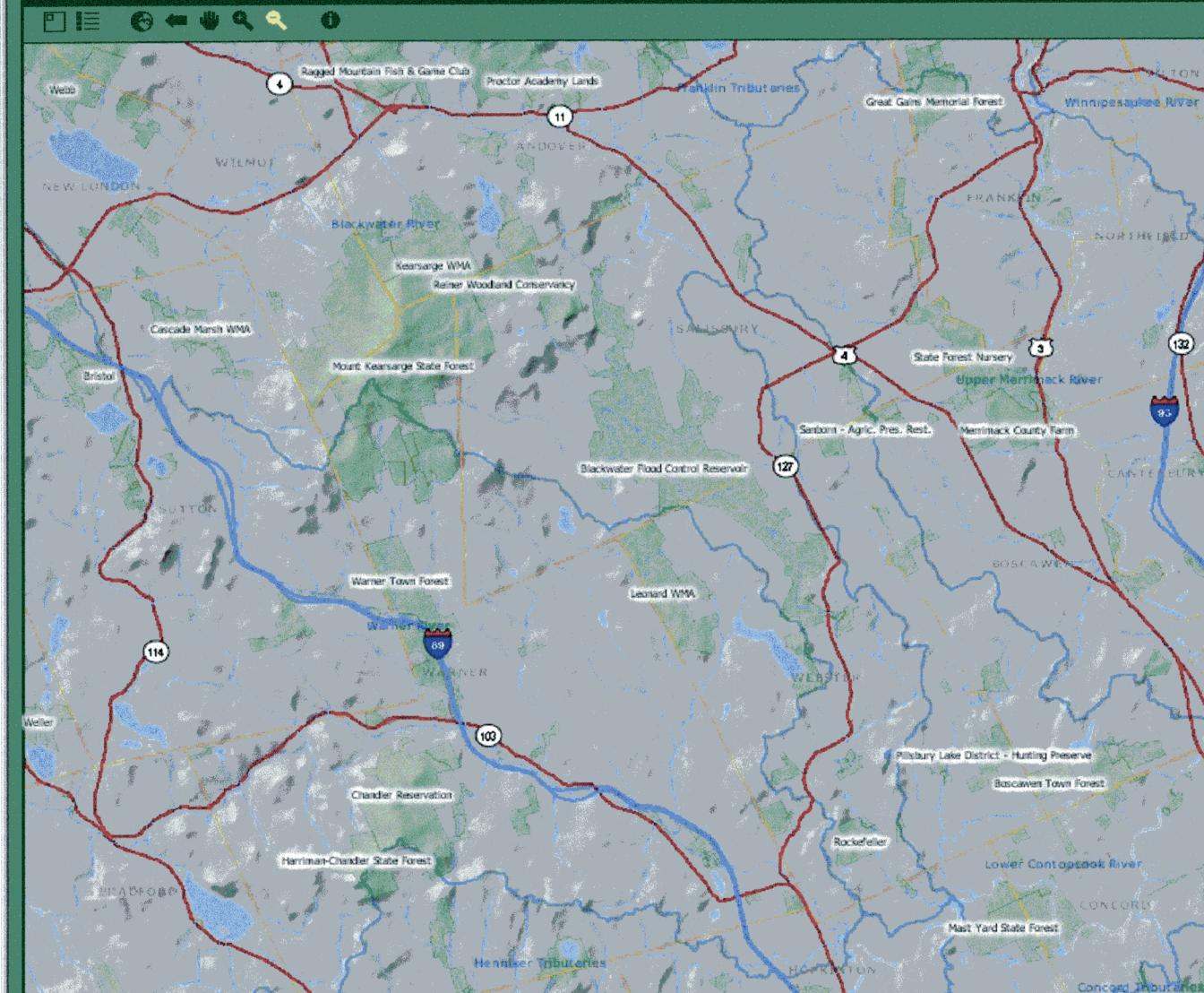


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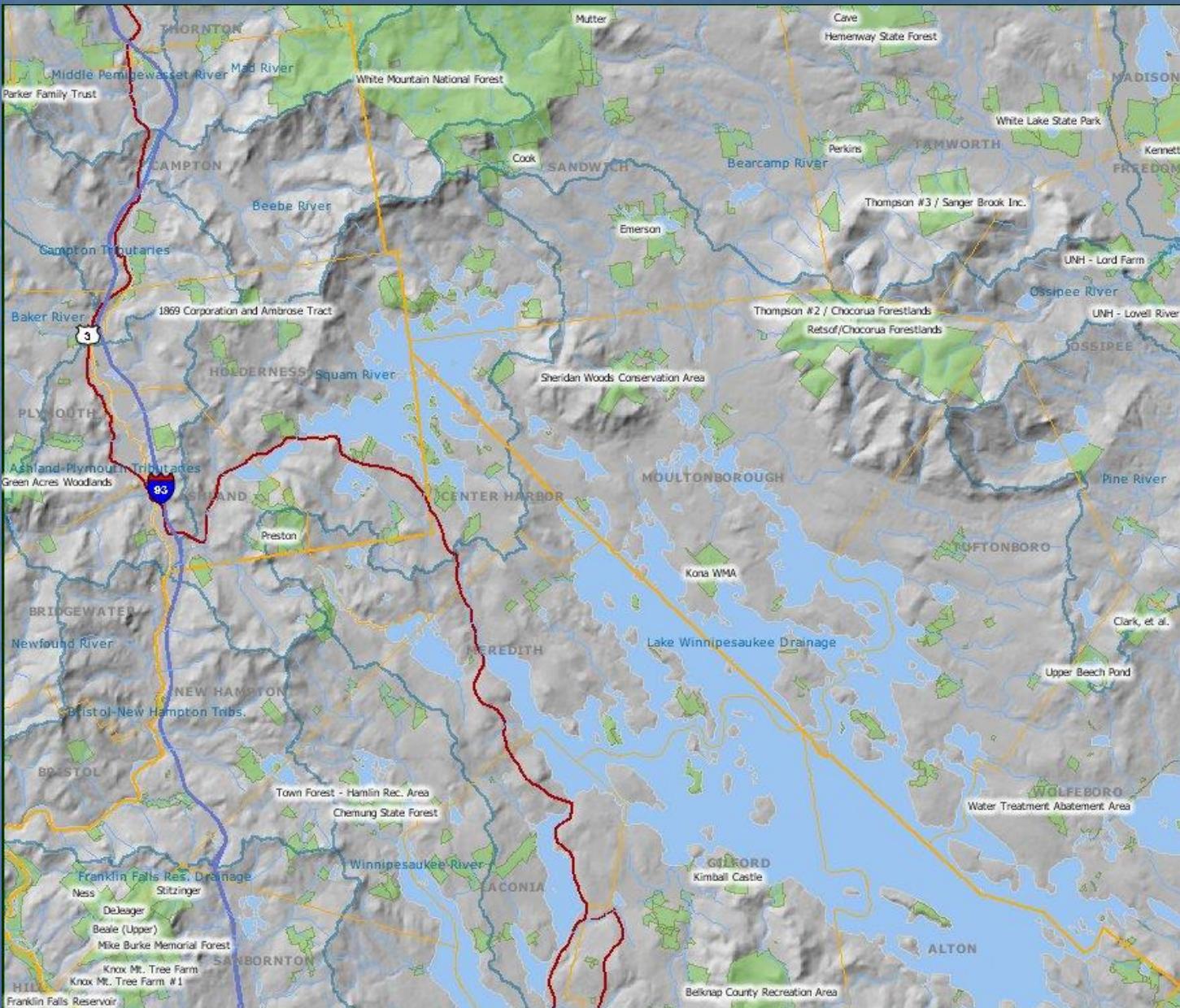
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Assess Bound Numbering and Sequencing

Using

FIPS

(Federal Information Processing)

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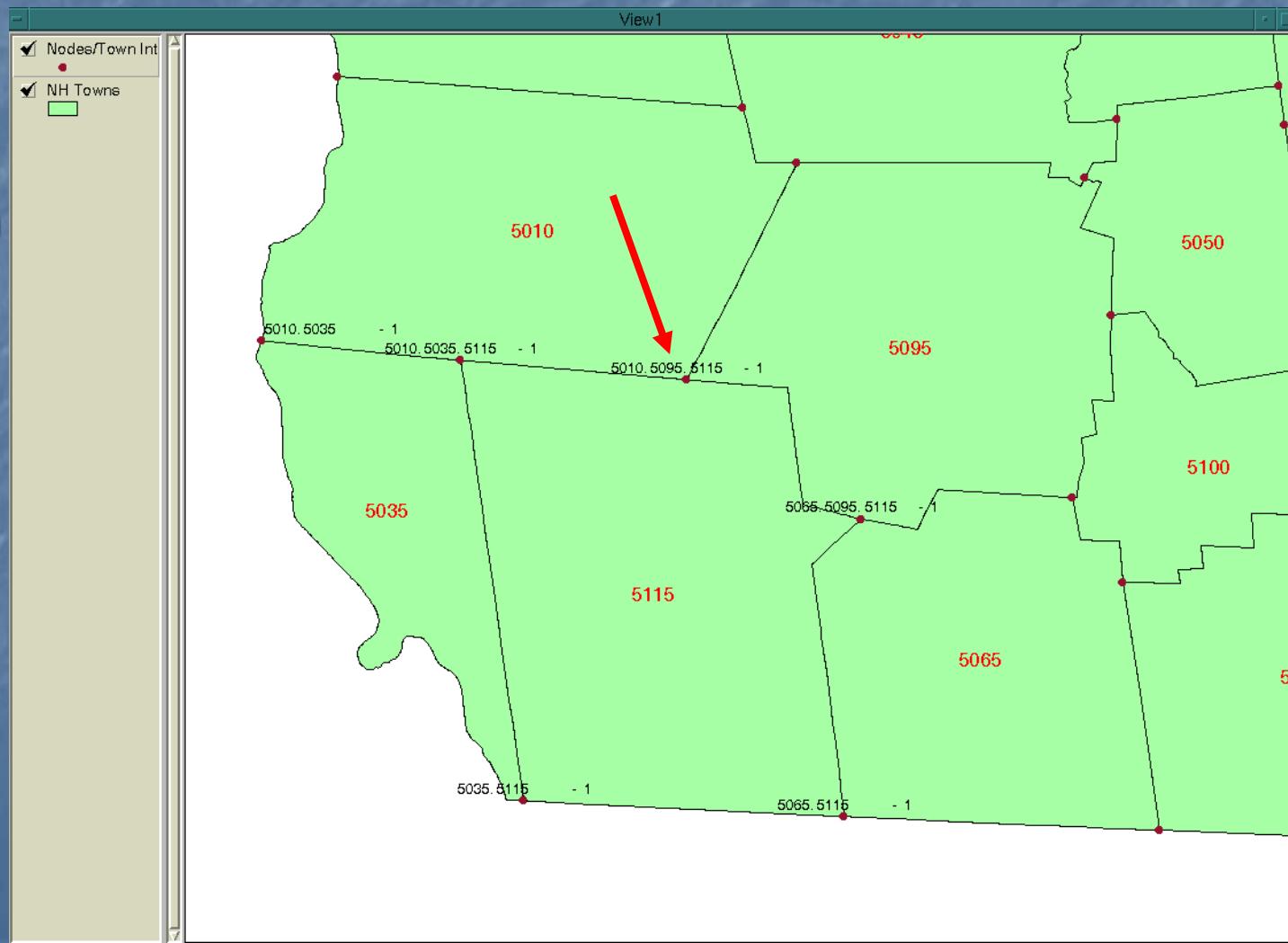
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OR

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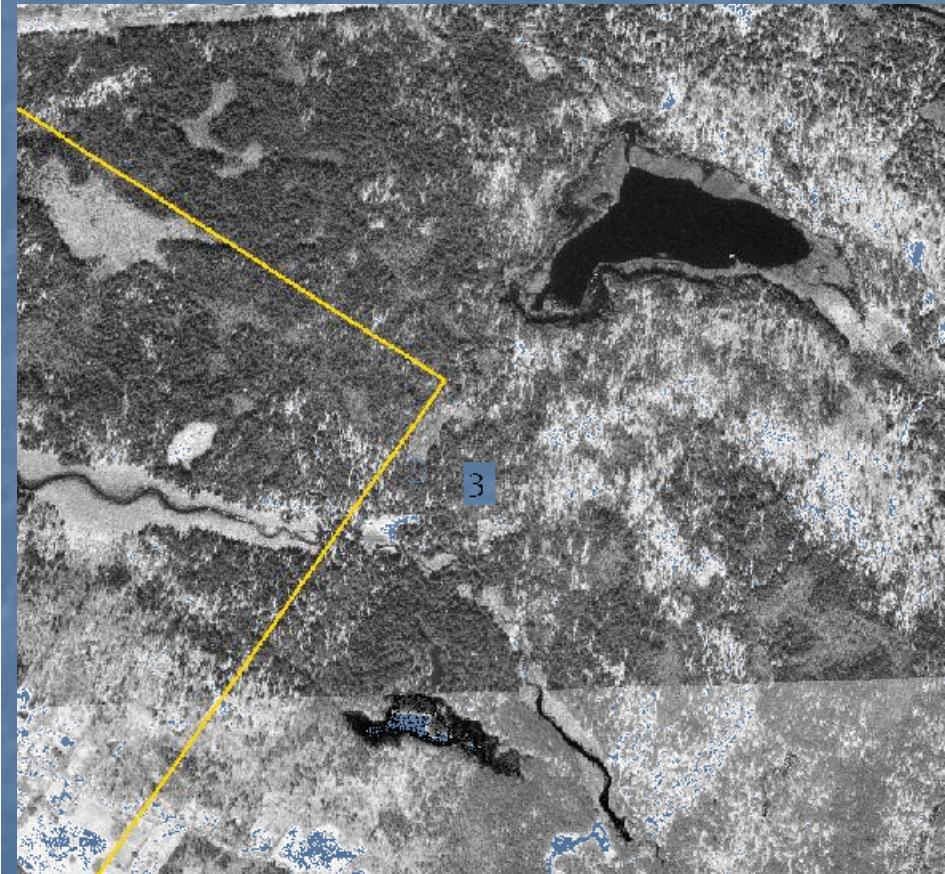
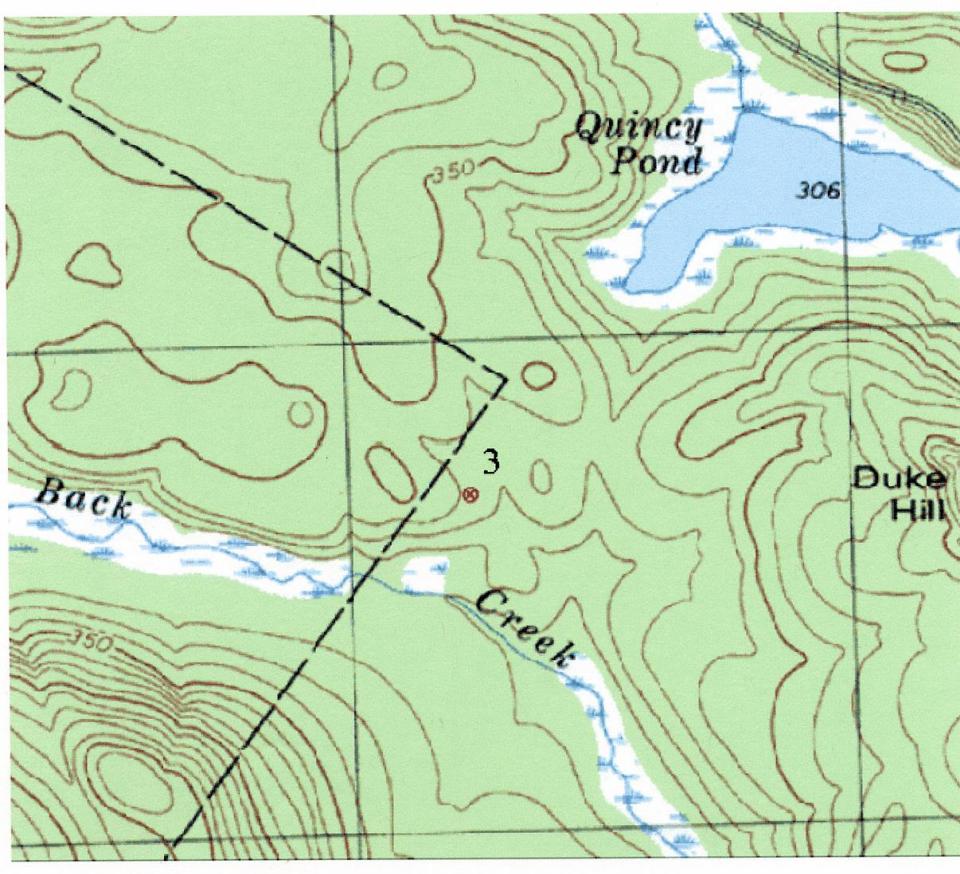
Course and Distance Tabulations

SAMPLE PERAMBULATION COURSE TABULATION OVER THE YEARS

Manchester-Hooksett Town Line

<i>November 2, 1904</i>	<i>December 29, 1925</i>	<i>December 13, 1932</i>
Beginning at a stone erect in the ground (marked MHG) being the northwest corner of Manchester, the southwest corner of Hooksett and on the east line of Goffstown; thence	(for convenience, we began at the stone bound in the west bank of the Merrimack River and perambulated westerly. The subjoined description of the line starts at the westerly end.) Beginning at a stone bound in the ground (marked M.H.G.) being the northwest corner of Manchester, the southwest corner of Hooksett, and on the east line of Goffstown; thence	Beginning at a stone erect in the ground (marked M.H.G.) at the northwest corner of Manchester, the southwest corner of Hooksett and on the easterly line of Goffstown; thence
South about 88 degrees East, 396 rods to a grey oak tree(marked JFJ) standing on the west side of the Poor road (and is 4 feet south of a large stone marked H); thence	South about 88 degrees East about 395 rods to a gray oak tree (marked J.F.J.) standing on the west side of the Poor road (and is 4 feet south of a large stone marked H.); thence	South about 88 degrees East about 395 rods to an oak tree (marked J.F.J.) standing on the westerly side of Poor road (said oak tree is about 4 feet southerly of a large boulder marked H.); thence
South about 13 degrees East, 65 rods; thence	South about 13 degrees East, 65 rods; thence	South about 13 degrees East, about 65 rods; thence
South 10 degrees east, 100 rods to a stone (marked M.H.) standing on the west side of said Poor road; thence	South 10 degrees East 100 rods to a stone (marked M.H.) standing on the west side of the said Poor road; thence	South about 10 degrees East, about 100 rods to a stone (marked M.H.) standing on the westerly side of Poor road; thence
South about 6 degrees West, 18 rods; thence	South about 6 degrees West, 18 rods; thence	South about 6 degrees West, about 18 rods; thence
South about 5 degrees East, 10 rods; thence	South about 5 degrees East, 10 rods; thence	South about 5 degrees East, about 10 rods; thence
<i>[did not reproduce on fixed copy]</i> , about 27 rods; thence	South about 11 degrees East, 27 rods; thence	South about 11 degrees East, about 27 rods; thence
South about 40 degrees East, 40 rods; thence	South about 40 degrees East, 40 rods; thence	South about 40 degrees East, about 40 rods to a stone (marked L.) standing on the easterly side of Front Street;
South about 37 degrees East 40 rods to a stone (marked L) standing on the east side of the River road; thence	South about 37 degrees East 40 rods to a stone (marked L) standing on the east side of the River road; thence	
South about 16 degrees East, 11 rods; thence	South about 16 degrees East, 11 rods; thence	South about 16 degrees east, about 11 rods; thence
South about 50 degrees	South about 50 degrees East	South about 50 degrees

Produce Individual Enlarged Maps and Air Photos for each Bound



Digital Data Available From GRANIT

Website

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1. **Search** the online data archive through the [metadata search](#) tool. Once a data set(s) is located, it may be downloaded or ordered on CD/ROM through this page. GRANIT staff is presently documenting and archiving all data sets within the database. The following layers are currently accessible through the Search tool:
 - NEW - **New Hampshire Hydrography Dataset**
 - Town boundaries
 - Hydrography
 - Roads and trails
 - Railroads
 - Pipelines
 - Digital raster graphics (DRGs)
 - Digital elevation models (DEMs)
 - Digital orthophoto quads (DOQs)
 - Land cover assessment 2001
 - 7.5-minute USGS quadrangle boundaries
 - Conservation lands
 - Impervious surfaces in coastal NH 2000
 - Impervious surfaces in coastal NH 1990
 - Watershed (Level 6 HUC) boundaries
2. **Identify** one or more [pre-packaged](#) sets (DOQs, Land Cover 2001, DRGs, the entire vector dataset, etc.). These data sets may also be downloaded or ordered on CD/ROM.
3. **Email** [Jennifer Lessard](#), the GRANIT Database Manager, for access to all other available GRANIT data sets. Note: Please allow two weeks when ordering data. All GRANIT vector data ordered through the GRANIT Database Manager will be provided to the user as Arc export (e00) files. Raster data is in either TIFF, MrSID, or ASCII format.

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You may search for data in the GRANIT database using the following parameters.

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Photo/Image Index

Tile Index Maps

Data Users Guide

FAQs

Help on searching is available for first-time users.

Please note that not all datasets are currently available to download.
Refer to the [GRANIT Data](#) page for a listing of the downloadable datasets.

Search entire metadata record:

Search by title:

Search by theme keyword:

Search by originator:

Logical operator:

Bounding Coordinates Search:

North (DD.XXX)

West (-DDD.XXX) East (-DDD.XXX)

South (DD.XXX)

If you don't know the exact coordinates, you can look them up:

By Town

By County

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By Quad

New Hampshire Latitude/Longitude Reference Map

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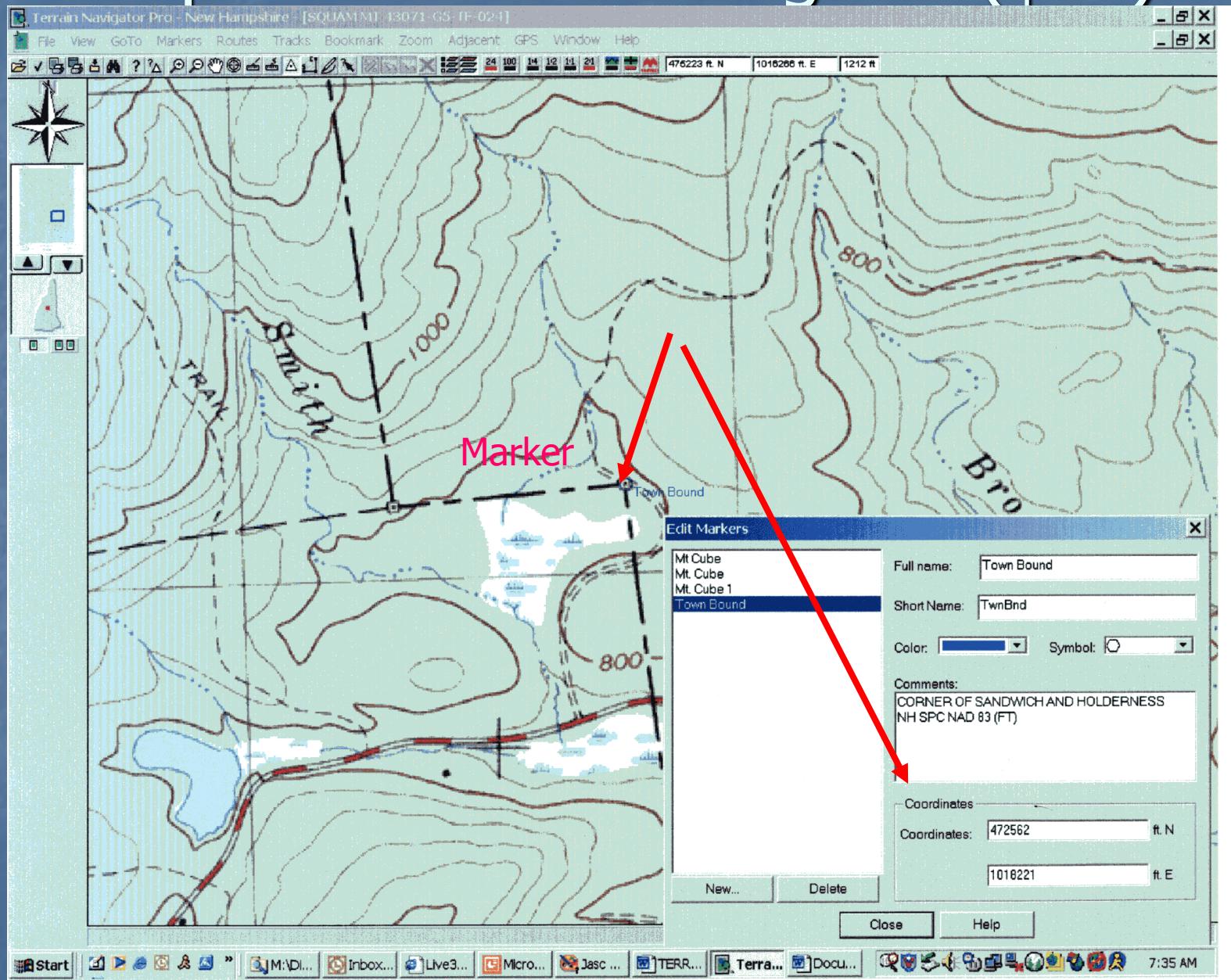
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PERFORMING THE PERAMBULATION

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STEP 3: PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL PERAMBULATION

- Who
- Equipment list
- Notifying Landowner Affected
- Field Procedures
- GPS Positioning
 - Type of receiver
 - Coordinate system (NAD 83: ϕ, λ or NHSPC)
 - Guidelines for observations

STEP 3: PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL PERAMBULATION

WHO?

- *“...by the selectmen of the towns, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint for that purpose”*
N.H. RSA 51:2
- “If the selectmen appoint others, the written appointment should include:
 - a statement of the purpose of the appointment
 - the specific duties delegated to those appointed
 - the date of the writing
 - and should be signed by the selectmen.

The N.H. Municipal Association in its *Handbook for Local Officials* (June 2001)

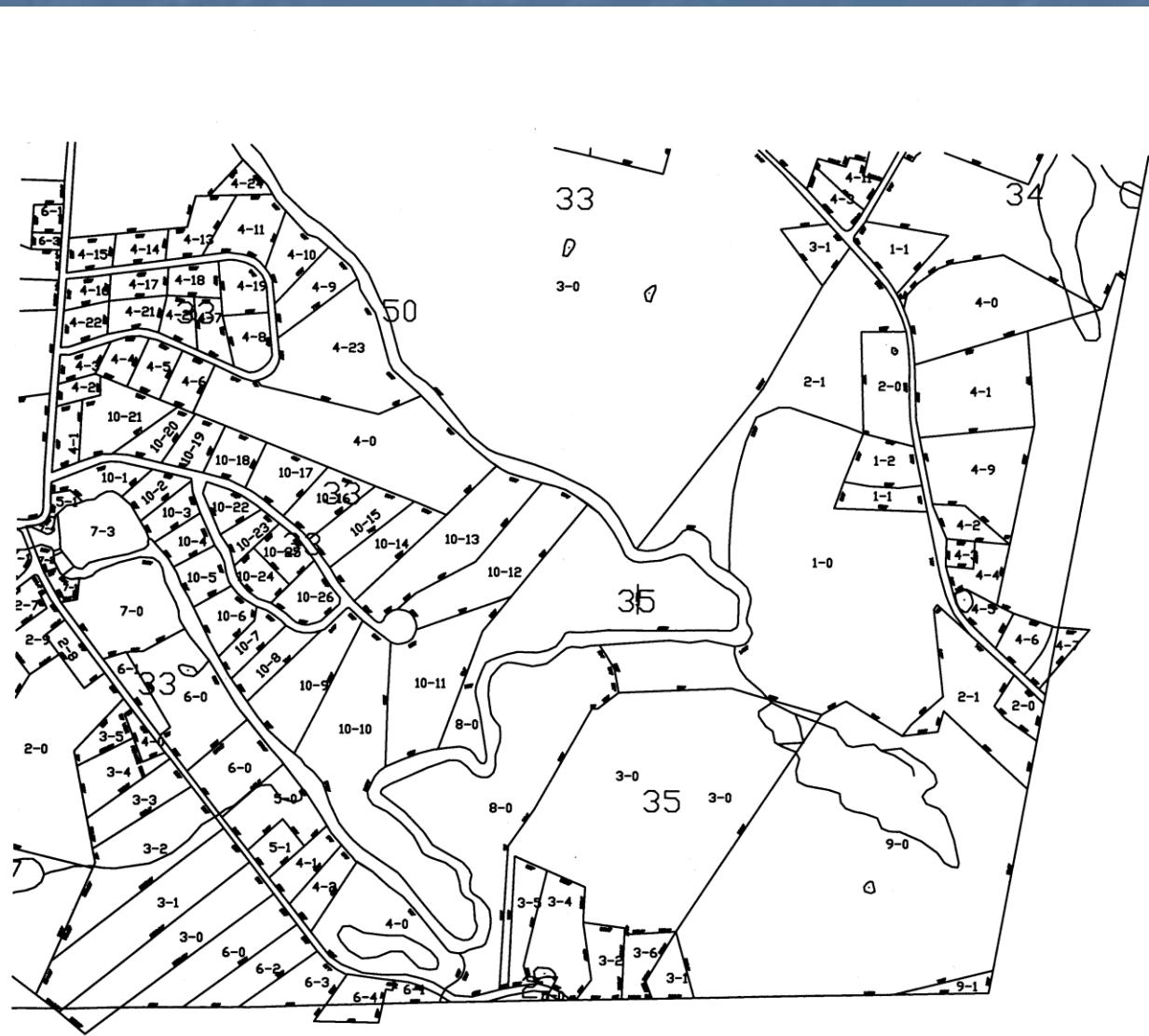
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EQUIPMENT LIST:

- Metal detector
- Flagging/paint
- Chisel and hammer
- Brush clearing tool and Shovel
- Compass
- Measuring tapes
- GPS receiver
- Camera
- Clip board and paper/ field book for location sketches

Notify Landowners Along Town Line

Town Assessors Maps



STEP 3: PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL PERAMBULATION

FIELD PROCEDURES

- Pre-Planning for:
Start and stop points and times (vehicles)
Time needed, lunch breaks
Who is bringing what
- Walking the line / Renewing the marks
flagging, painting, photos, location sketches
types of and conditions of bounds
Bearings and Distances observed
- NEW MARKS ??
- Field Data Collection Form

Field Data Collection Form

TOWN LINE PERAMBULATION

FIELD DATA COLLECTION FORM

TOWN LINE: _____ - _____

GPS UNIT: Manufacturer: _____ model: _____

GPS OPERATOR: _____

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■ GPS POSITIONING:

■ TYPE OF RECEIVER

- Recreation Grade : \$200, +/- 30 feet
- Mapping Grade : \$5,000, +/- 30 to ½ foot
- Survey Grade : \$15,000, +/- 1 to 0.1 foot

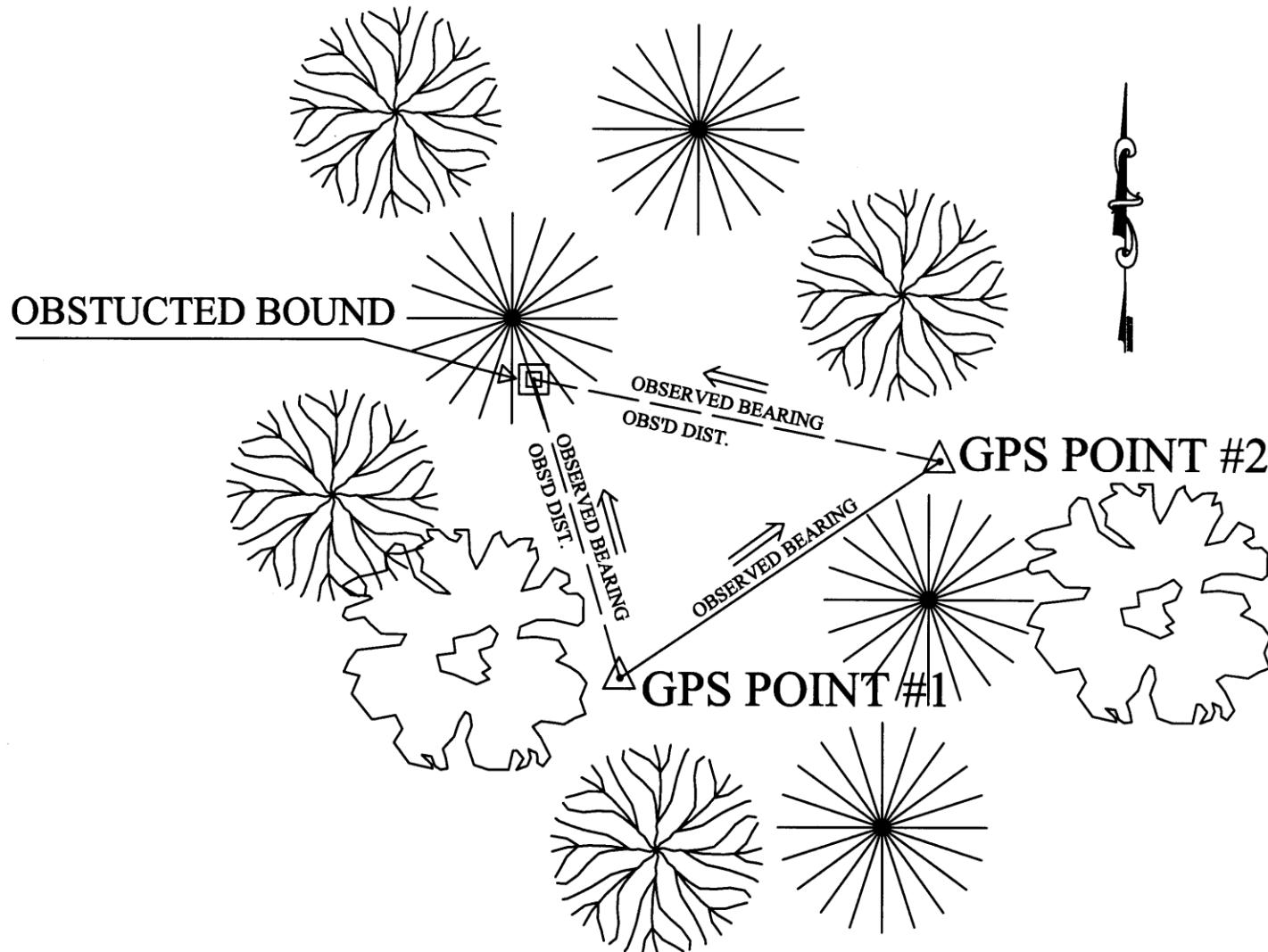
■ COORDINATE SYSTEM

- NAD 83: ϕ, λ OR NHSPC (WGS 84)

■ GUIDELINES FOR OBSERVATIONS

- Length of time
- Duplicate position
- If GPS signal blocked:

If Position is Obstructed



GPS BLOCKED OR OBSTRUCTED MONUMENT

PERFORMING THE PERAMBULATION

STEP 1: GATHERING AND RESEARCHING
INFORMATION ON THE TOWN LINE

STEP 2: FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THE TOWN
LINES AND MONUMENTS

STEP 3: PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL PERAMBULATION

**STEP 4: DOCUMENTING OR THE “RETURN” OF THE
PERAMBULATION**

STEP 4: DOCUMENTING OR THE “RETURN” OF THE PERAMBULATION

- STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
- SOME ITEMS TO INCLUDE:
 - DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS
 - PHOTOS
 - POSITIONS OF MONUMENTS
 - ACCESSORY INFORMATION
 - HOW TO ACCESS, PARTICULAR PROBLEMS
- FILE COPY TO TOWN
- FILE COPY TO STATE ARCHIVES (RECEIPT)
- NH GRANIT POSTING OF MONUMENT POSITIONS
- EXAMPLE OF A POSSIBLE RETURN FORMAT

STEP 4: DOCUMENTING OR THE “RETURN” OF THE PERAMBULATION

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

“A return of the perambulation shall be made, particularly describing the courses and distances and the marks and monuments of such line, which shall be signed by the selectmen or persons making the same, recorded in the respective town books and filed with the secretary of state”

N.H. RSA 51:4

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The objective of the “return” or report is to memorialize for the future both the fact that the perambulation has been done and the specific facts about that task.

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Some possible items to include in the report are:

- Who in the neighboring town was notified and when
- Date of the perambulation and weather
- When and where the perambulation started
- Who was in attendance and their official relation to the town, if any
- Detailed description of perambulation route
- Describe the courses (distances and directions) and monuments found,
- The condition of the monuments and
- New or renewed marks made on monuments and along the line
- Note monuments searched for and not found, not accessible, or destroyed.

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- Photographs, from various perspective and ranges
- Location diagrams with measurements from the bound to two or three fixed objects (ties). This should have sufficient information to allow anyone to find their way back to the monument area and using the specific tie measurement relocate the point.
- GPS coordinates obtained and how obtained:
 - Geographic: (Latitude/Longitude), NAD 83 Datum
 - Model GPS unit used
 - Name and qualifications of person making GPS measurements
 - Number of observations, length of time observed
 - Positional accuracy reported in display
 - Any post-processed positions and accuracy
- Any additional comments or observations
- Copies of pertinent document collected as part of the research
- Signatures of Selectmen or authorized person(s) on three original reports

STEP 4:
DOCUMENTING OR THE “RETURN” OF THE
PERAMBULATION

FILE COPIES OF THE RETURN:

Record the report in each town
with a note that the third original was
delivered to the N.H. Secretary of State.

It is recommended that this be done by giving
the report to the State Archives. A receipt
should be obtained from the State Archives
and filed with the report.

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NH GRANIT POSTING OF MONUMENT POSITIONS: (Under Construction!)

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NH GRANIT Town Boundary Monument Online Catalog

Welcome to the NH GRANIT Town Boundary Monument Online Catalog. This Catalog represents an effort to build, document, maintain, and archive a statewide inventory of town monuments. Our primary objective in maintaining this data is to improve the accuracy of town boundary mapping in the state. As the mapping is refined, the improvements will be reflected in the GRANIT town boundary data layer, a digital representation of the corporate jurisdictions of all towns in the state. We also hope that this archive will offer a valuable resource to towns and others in the state who may be researching issues related to town boundary lines and monumentation.

Need to add brief paragraph on how the data will actually be used. Also, need to state that the reported information has not been verified. We don't assume anything about its accuracy/reliability.

This web resource is a cooperative effort of the [GRANIT](#) System at Complex Systems Research Center (UNH), the [Thompson School of Applied Sciences](#) (UNH), and the [NH Land Surveyors Association](#).

We welcome any [comments or suggestions](#) you wish to offer.



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Data Collection Guidelines

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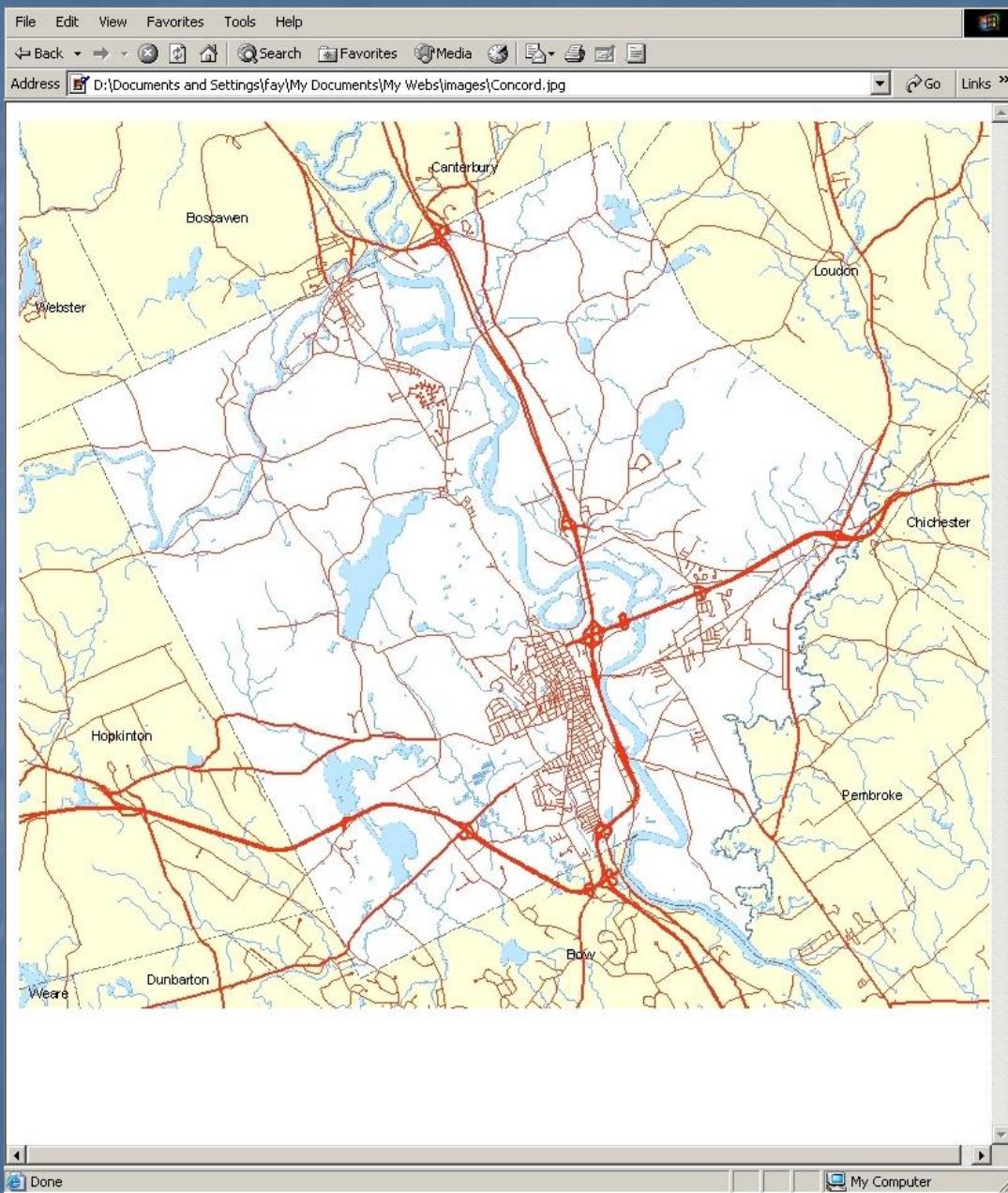
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 - NH GRANIT Town Boundary Monument Online Catalog**
 - Data Collection Guidelines**
 - Documents:**
 - Moynihan, Robert G., "Perambulating Town Lines in New Hampshire: A Manual on Municipal Boundaries", September 2003
 - Field Data Collection Protocol (to be compiled by B. Moynihan) - a brief guide to collecting GPS data in the field
 - Maps:**
 - [View a map of your town:](#)

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Sample Town Boundary Map

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Data Submission Form #1/2

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- Header:** Data Collection Guidelines, Submitting Data, Related Resources, Home
- Title:** NH GRANIT Town Boundary Monument Online Catalog Data Submission Form
- Section I: Contact Information**
 - A. Please enter information about the person submitting data:
Name: [Text Box]
Organizational Affiliation: [Text Box]
Mailing Address: [Text Box]
Phone: [Text Box] Email: [Text Box]
 - Same as above
- Section II: Data Collection Parameters**
 - Date of Data Collection: Month / Day / Year
 - GPS Make/Model used to collect data: Garmin
 - Select the type of processing conducted: Stand-alone Position
- Section III: Submit Data**

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Data Submission Form #2/2

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GPS Make/Model used to collect data: Garmin

Select the type of processing conducted: Stand-alone Position

III. Submit Data

Enter the town whose monuments are being submitted: Acworth

How many monuments do you wish to submit data for?

For each monument, please enter the following information:

Enter the local identification number for the monument, if any.

Enter the local name for the monument, if any.

Enter location coordinates in one of these formats:

Degrees (xx)	Minutes (xx)	Seconds (xx.xxx)	Decimal Degrees (xx)	Minutes (xx.xxx)
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Latitude OR
Longitude - -

Check to confirm that the data is reported in the WGS 84 datum:

(For help in converting to this format, click [here](#).)

The code will check the validity of coordinates entered to make sure they fall within a 1000-ft. buffer around the stated town.

Enter the Estimated Positional Error (EPE) as reported on your receiver: < 3 ft.

Enter a description of the monument:

Other notes:
Submit photos:

Should we make some fields mandatory?

Also, one option is to contact the person submitting the data x days later, providing a generalized map of the town boundary with the monument positions as submitted. Ask for verification?

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 - NH Land Surveyors Association
 - TSAS
 - GRANIT
 - State Archives
 - State Supreme Court decisions?
 - Text: Other documents?
 - Text: Historical maps?
- Status Bar:** Done, My Computer.

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Nottingham and Deerfield NH

2001 Perambulation Description

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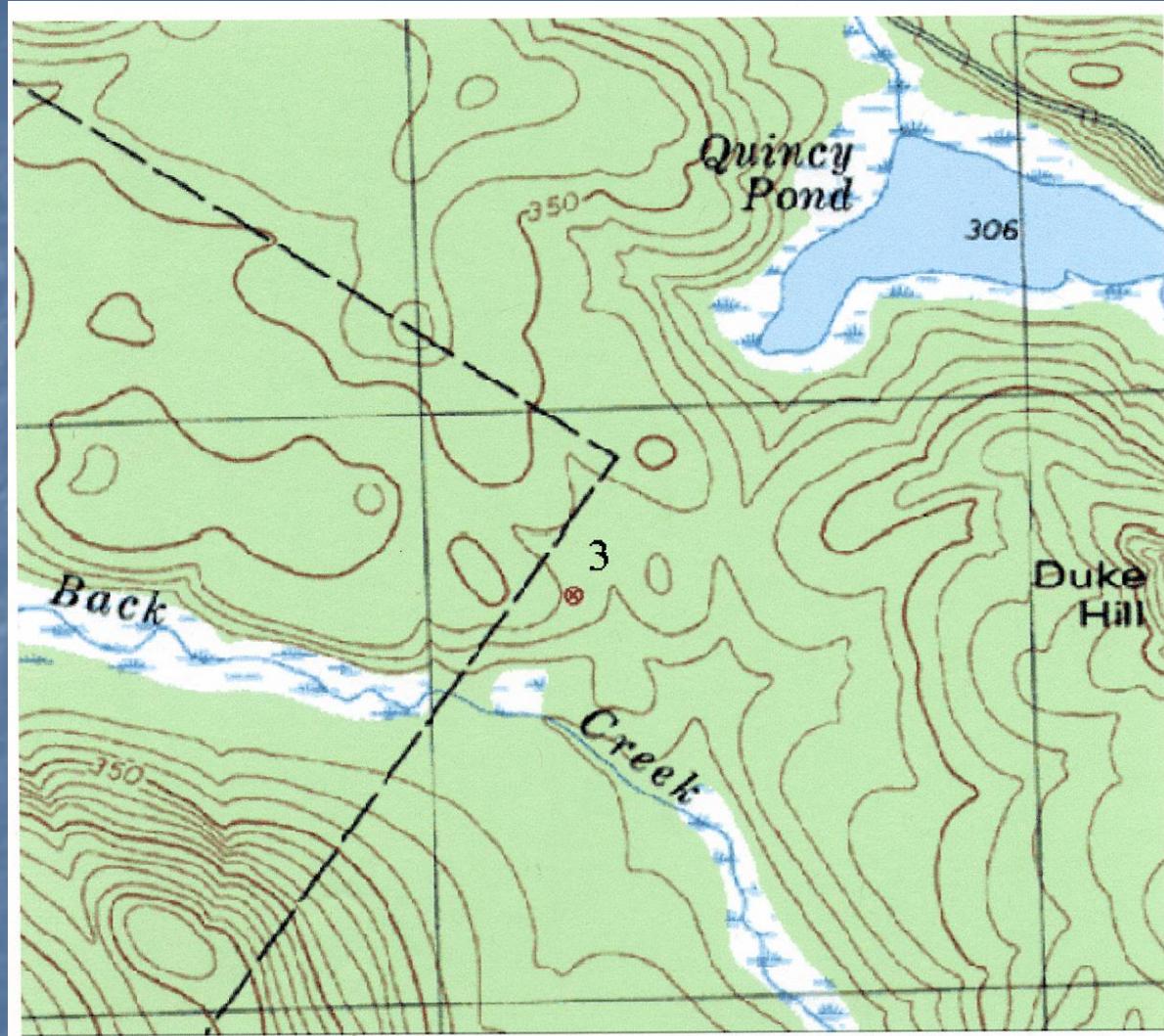
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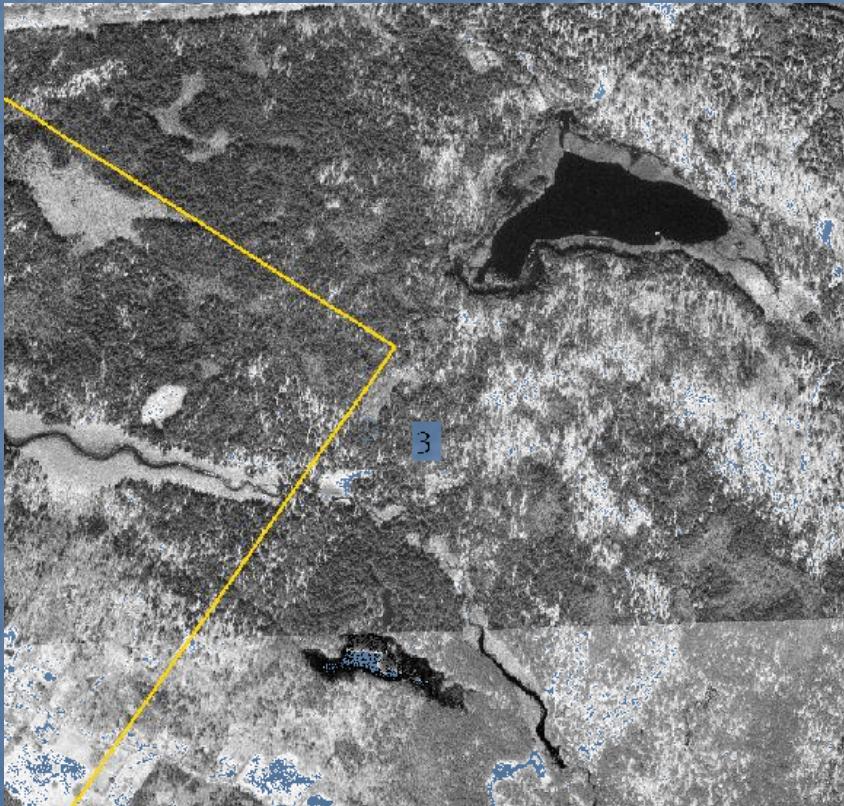
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Bound #3



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Nottingham/Deerfield Bound #3



EXAMPLES OF RETURNS OF PERAMBULATIONS



$71^{\circ} 09' 37.6'' W$

$43^{\circ} 08' 00.40'' N$

Nottingham/ Deerfield: Bound #4



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. THE IMPORTANCE OF:
 - MUNICIPALITIES
 - MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES
 - PERAMBULATION
2. WHO ESTABLISHED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES?
3. WHY PERAMBULATIONS ARE NOT DONE?
4. SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK
5. BRIEF HISTORY OF “PERAMBULATION”
6. PERFORMING THE PERAMBULATION (4 STEPS)
7. POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE
8. WRAP-UP / CONCLUSIONS

7. POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE

- Town Volunteers
- N.H. Licensed Land Surveyors
 - Hired as a Consultant
 - Volunteer, Adopts a town (NHLSA Committee)?
- Regional Planning Commissions
- UNH Cooperative Extension
- NH DOT

UNH Cooperative Extension

■ GIS for Community Decision Makers

(January-April 2004 – Manchester)

- Learning about natural resources management and planning
- Develop GIS skills using ArcView 3.x software and NH GRANIT data.
- Also learn how to use a GPS to bring data into a GIS.

The class meets weekly on Monday evenings and includes two Saturdays.

A course brochure with additional details can be downloaded from:

<http://ceinfo.unh.edu/water/documents/GISDM04.pdf>

For Additional Information contact:

Nancy Lambert 603-862-0107

8. WRAP-UP / CONCLUSIONS

Most who have been involved in the official perambulation of their town report a sense of connection to history as well as to the current community and to future residents.

In the perambulation process, one experiences a thrill upon uncovering 200 plus year old monuments – many with inscriptions on them placed by earlier perambulators.

The team also uncovers other ancient evidence of habitation and experiences the forests and fields as they might have existed at the time of the earliest European settlers.

WRAP-UP / CONCLUSIONS

- An opportunity to research and investigate the history of your town
- The challenge of searching for lost or obliterated monuments
- The satisfaction, after a difficult search, of finding a monument
- The opportunity to range far and wide across the “length and breadth” of your town
- Just being in the woods
- A sense of pride in knowing where your land is

WRAP-UP / CONCLUSIONS

- Knowing your community a little better
- A connection with the history of the place
- A sense of belonging to something larger than yourself
- Giving back something to your community
- Selectmen and citizens come and go but the municipality endures
- Compliance with the statute
- Performing and documenting the perambulation in the thorough way presented here will make it easier for future generations.

“Boundary maintenance is the mark of a civilized society”

North East
Corner
of Lee, NH



N.H. Statute on Removing a Boundary Marker

NH RSA 472:6 Removing or Altering Boundary Markers

472:6 Removing or Altering Boundary Markers

- I. Any person who purposely commits or causes to be committed any of the following acts with regard to a boundary marker knowing it to be a boundary marker shall be guilty of a **misdemeanor**: defacement, alteration of location, or removal of a stone wall or monument, or a mark on a tree, made for the purpose of designating appoint, course or line in the boundary of a tract of land **or in the dividing line between towns**.
- II. The provisions of paragraph I shall not apply when a boundary marker is moved pursuant to:
 - a) Mutual agreement between all landowners whose property lines are affected by the moving of the boundary , or
 - b) Authorization by government officials in order to more accurately place the boundary, or
 - c) A finally adjudicated court order or decree, or
 - d) A law that requires or allows the movement or alteration.

History

Source. 1983, 21:2, eff. June 11, 1983

Legislative intent. 1983, 21:1, provided: “The intent of this bill [which enacted this section] is to keep bounds intact and protect boundaries and boundary markers, including stone walls.”

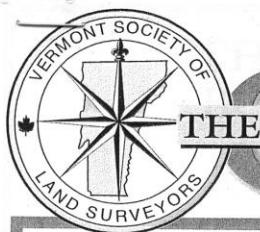
Cross References

Classification of crimes, see RSA 625:9.

Criminal mischief, see RSA 634:2.

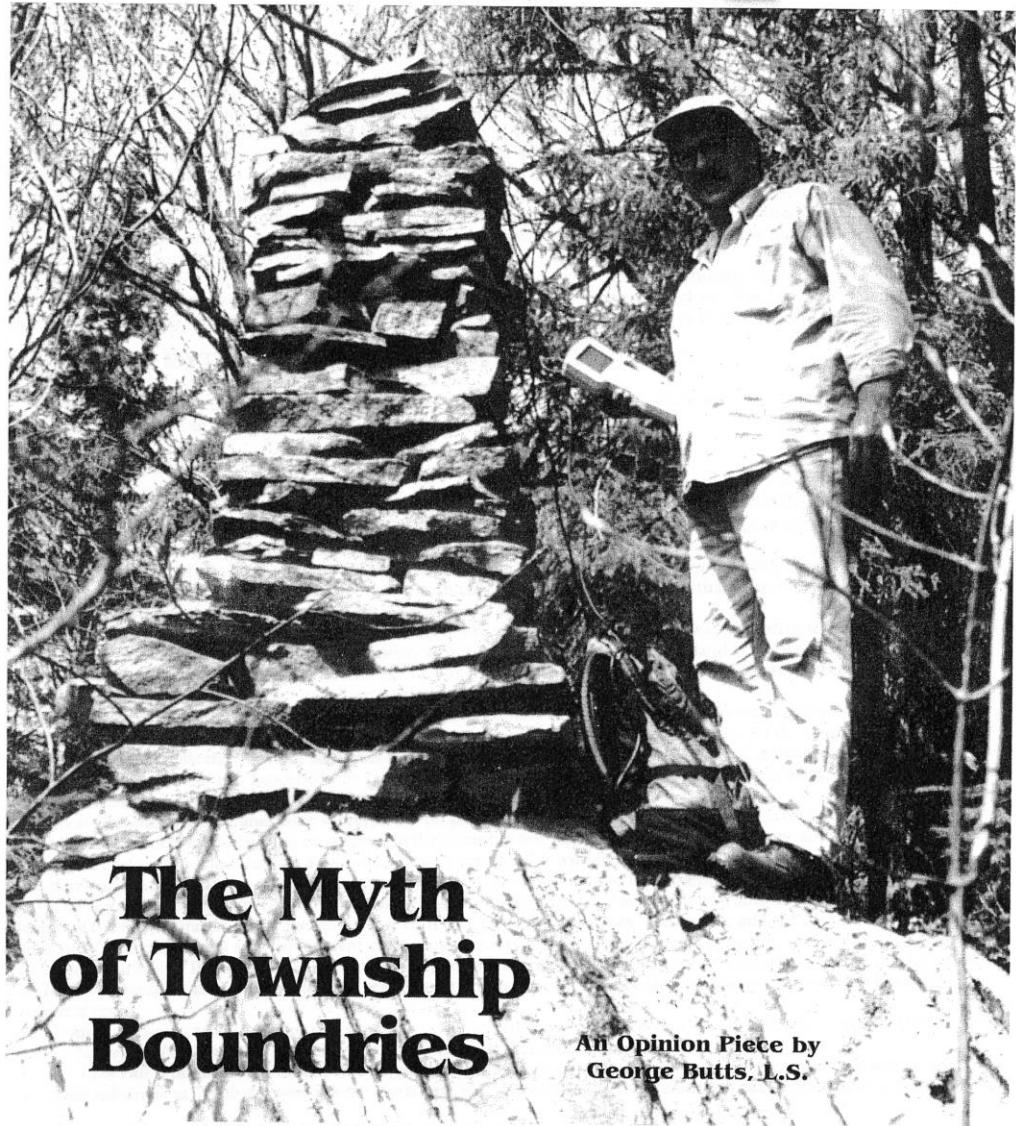
Sentences, see RSA 651.

Articles



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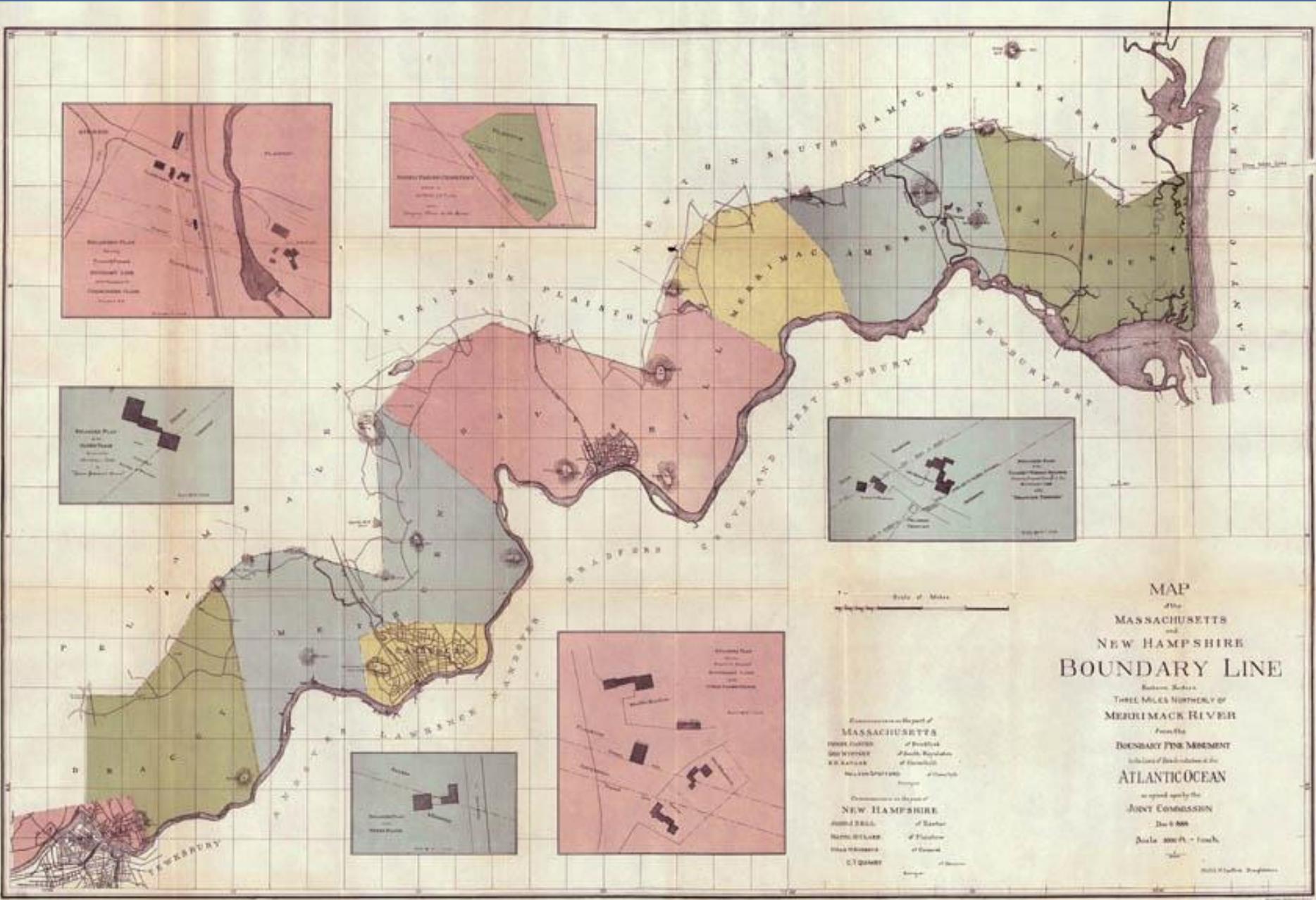


A black and white photograph showing a surveyor in a white shirt and light-colored pants working on a stone wall. The surveyor is holding a device, likely a total station or GPS receiver, and appears to be measuring or marking a point on the wall. The wall is made of large, flat stones and is surrounded by dense brush and trees.

**The Myth
of Township
Boundaries**

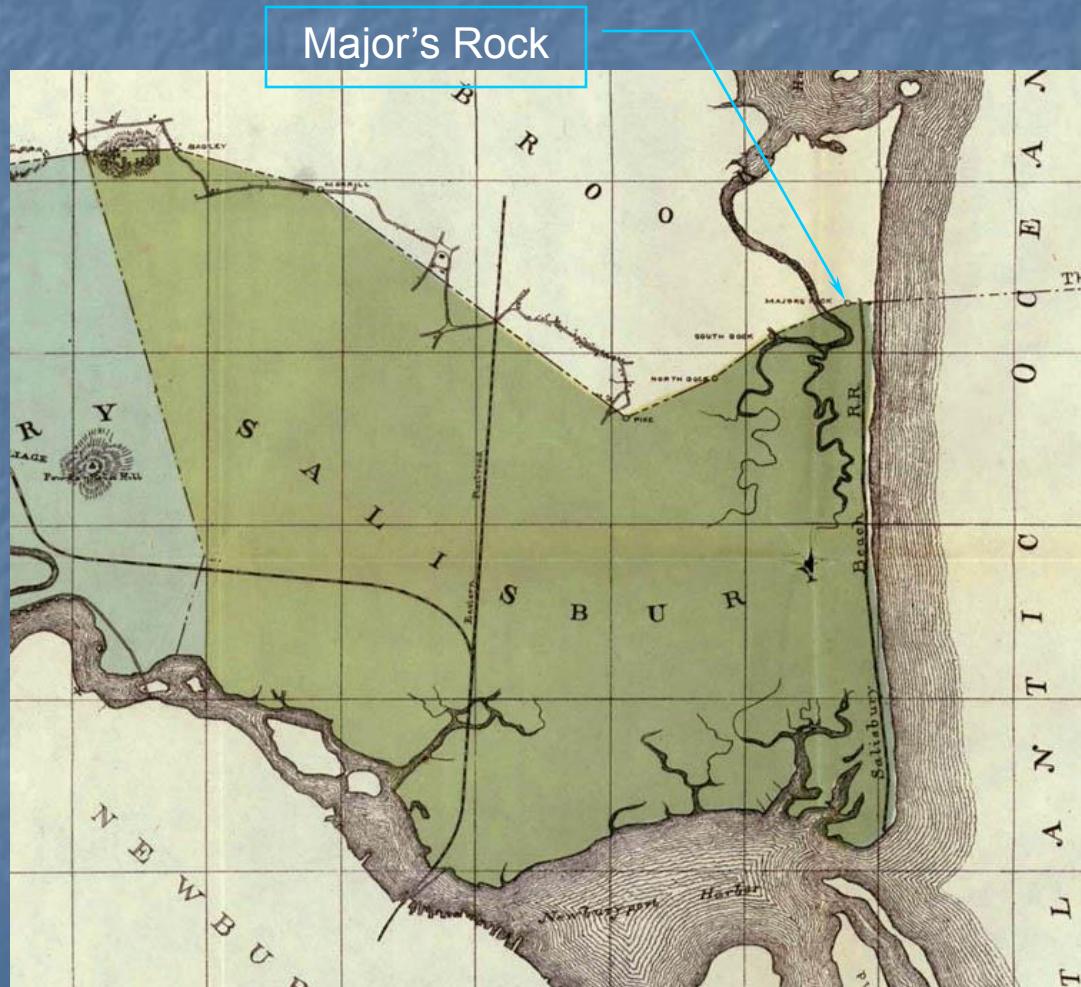
An Opinion Piece by
George Butts, L.S.

Journal of the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors



Map Detail – Salisbury, MA

- Close examination reveals named monuments at the corners of the line.
- A sampling of them follows.



Major's Rock

Now part of the National High Accuracy Reference Network (HARN)

This tablet is a
masterful example
Of the stonecutter's
art.

At the bottom of the
center well is a
Copper bolt marking the
Actual corner.

Mark Ward







Mass-NH Monuments

Mark Ward



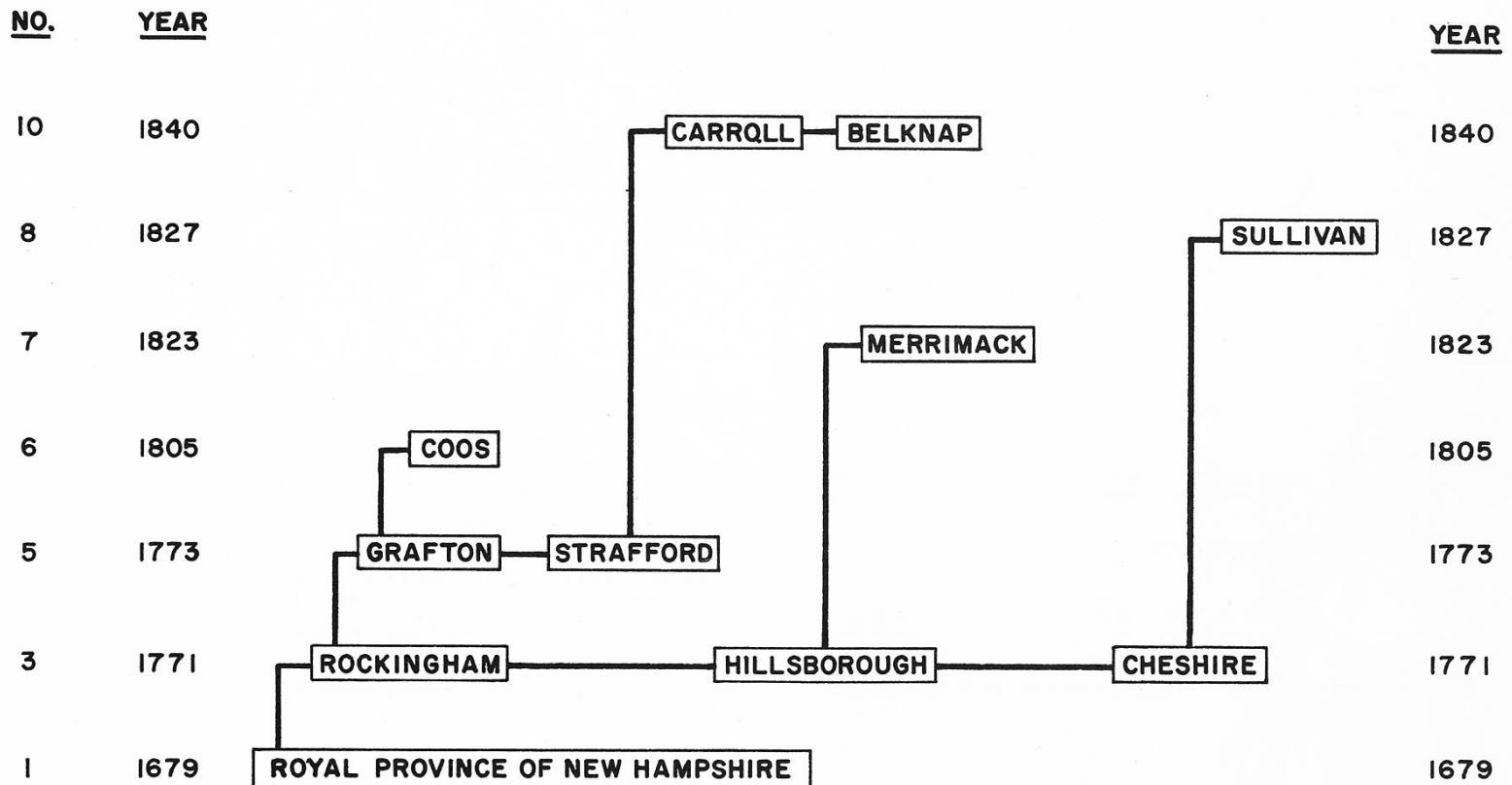
Leslie

- Standing all alone in a field between Dracut, MA and Pelham, NH, Leslie seems to have led a peaceful life.

Mark Ward



ORIGIN of the COUNTIES of the STATE of NEW HAMPSHIRE



WEBSITES OF INTEREST

WEBSITES FOR HISTORICAL RESOURCES

- N.H. STATE ARCHIVES <http://www.state.N.H.us/state/index.html>
- TOWN HISTORIES (N.H. ALMANAC) <http://www.state.N.H.us/N.H.info/>
- RESEARCHING TOWNS <http://www.state.N.H.us/N.H.info/guide.html>
- OLD USGS MAPS AT UN.H. <http://docs.unh.edu/N.H.topos/N.H.topos.htm>
- NOTTINGHAM N.H. PERAMBULATION SITE <http://www.mv.com/ipusers/nearl/nottingham-N.H./node27.html>
- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS; UN.H. Library <http://www.izaak.unh.edu/>
- N.H. STATE LIBRARY <http://www.state.N.H.us/N.H.sl/index.html>
- N.H. HISTORICAL SOCIETY <http://www.N.H.history.org/museum.html>
- DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BEATING THE BOUNDS" http://70.191.111encyclopedia.org/B/BO/BOUNDS_BEATING_THE.htm
- CANTON, MASS. HISTORICAL SOCIETY: HISTORY OF WALKING THE BOUNDS <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/1496/history/walking.htm>
- CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH ENGLAND <http://cholesbury.com/beatbounds.htm>
- A VIEW and PERAMBULATION of the Boundaries of the FOREST, DALE and LORDSHIP of DANBY, in the North Riding of the County of York <http://www.btinternet.com/~bryan.hoggarth/places/danby.htm>
- MAINE RSA FOR THE PERAMBULATION OF THE MAINE-N.H. LINE <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/23/title23sec1111.html>
- VERMONT STATUTE FOR THE PERAMBULATION OF THE VERMONT-N.H. BOUNDARY <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullchapter.cfm?Title=01&Chapter=015>
- MASSACHUSETTS STATUTE FOR THE RENEWAL OF TOWN LINE MONUMENTS <http://www.wayland.ma.us/surveying/images/mql.pdf>
- TOWN OF WAYLAND, MASS. PERAMBULATION PHOTOS OF BOUNDS <http://www.wayland.ma.us/surveying/>
- EARLY SURVEYING IN AMERICA <http://www.measuringamerica.com/gallery.php>