

veyed it to William Thom, of Windham, N. H., and James Gilmore, Oct. 11, 1773, for £57 6s.

Robert Patterson, who drew lots Nos. 4, 32, and 37, resided in Saco, where he was a prominent man, and where he died in 1797, aged eighty-four. He never lived here, but purchased the shares for his four sons, — Robert, James, Nathaniel, and William. James and Nathaniel were among the first settlers in 1770. The others came soon after. Lot No. 37, now comprising one of the most valuable portions of our city, being wet and rocky, was exchanged for a "pitched lot," on the eastern side of the river.

Robert, Jr., resided on the eastern side, near what is now called Garrison Hill. He died, Oct. 9, 1829, aged eighty-seven.

They had twelve children, as follows : —

1. William, born Nov. 16, 1775.
2. Elizabeth, „ Feb. 18, 1778.
3. Andrew, „ July 3, 1780.
4. Martha, „ Nov. 23, 1782, died Oct. 5, 1789.
5. John, „ Nov. 15, 1784.
6. Sally, „ Jan. 26, 1786.
7. Elisha, „ Aug. 17, 1789.
8. Robert (5th), „ Feb. 21, 1792, now living on the east side.
9. Martha, „ Feb. 7, 1794.
10. George, „ April 24, 1796, now living on the east side.¹
11. Jenny, „ June 9, 1798, died July 9, 1802.
12. Jenny (2d), „ April 11, 1804.

James, the second son, born in 1744, resided where Robert Patterson, fifth, now lives. He married Jane, or Jenny, daughter of Martin Jameson, of Pepperrelboro', now Saco. He died Feb. 18, 1824, aged eighty; and his widow, Dec. 14, 1838, aged eighty-nine. Their children were : —

1. Jane, or Jenny, born Aug. 25, 1774, married Jonathan White. She died Oct. 25, 1857. Martin P. White, and Harriet, widow of William Greeley, and Jonathan White, of Rockland, are their children.

2. Robert, fourth, born July 20, 1776, built the house which stood where that of Charles B. Hazeltine was erected. He was

¹ Since the above was written, George Patterson has died.

lost at sea, in December, 1830, aged fifty-four. He married Margaret, daughter of John Mitchell, Jr., who died Sept. 24, 1872, aged ninety-four.

3. Martin Jameson, born Jan. 30, 1779; died unmarried, in Martinico, Aug. 17, 1802, aged twenty-three.

4. Susanna, born July 23, 1781, married Robert White, of Belfast. She died April 11, 1867, aged eighty-five. James P., John W., William B., and George F. White are their sons.

5. Mary, born March 31, 1784, married Captain William Furber, in 1806. The late James P. Furber was their son. She died March —, 1847, aged sixty-three.

6. Margaret, born Aug. 6, 1786, died Aug. 10, 1788.

7. James, born Aug. 6, 1786, married Nancy Furber, who is still living, in 1809. He died March 10, 1816, aged twenty-nine.

Nathaniel, the third son, born in 1745, resided on lot No. 32, on the eastern side of the river. He married Hannah Jameson, sister of the wife of his brother James. He died Nov. 12, 1825, aged seventy-nine. His widow died May 26, 1843, aged ninety-nine. They had six children, viz.:—

1. Robert, born June 9, 1771. He died in Salem, Me., March 19, 1847, aged seventy-six. He was father of the late judge Nathaniel Patterson and John T. Patterson, and also of Alfred Patterson.

2. Starrett, born April 4, 1774, was lost at sea, Dec. 9, 1802.

3. Martin, born April 17, 1777.

4. Sally, born Aug. 30, 1779, married Abner McKeen.

5. Hannah, born April 18, 1782, married Isaac Senter.

6. Nathaniel, born Oct. 30, 1785. He died in 1834, aged forty-nine. Cyrus Patterson is his son.

William, the fourth son (called second, to distinguish him from another settler of the same name, but who was no relation), was born in Pepperrelboro', April 5, 1746. His wife was Mary, daughter of John Mitchell; and they were the first couple married here. After the Revolution, he built the two-story house on the east side of the river, now occupied by his son David, where he lived until his death, May 16, 1828, aged seventy-nine. She died Oct. 26, 1838, aged ninety-two. Their children were:—

1. William, born April 1, 1773.

2. Jenny, „ April 5, 1775.

3. Robert (3d), born June 14, 1776, married Joanna Smith, 1803.
He died May 12, 1859, aged eighty-three.
4. John M., " May 26, 1779, died May 29, 1857, aged
seventy-nine.
5. Elizabeth, " Oct. 18, 1782, married William Presby, 1806.
6. Polly, " Nov. 25, 1786.
7. Anna, " Oct. 23, 1788.
8. Hannah, " July 24, 1791.
9. David, " Sept. 5, 1794.

Matthew Reid came here from Londonderry, with other settlers, in the spring of 1770. He owned and occupied lot No. 31 until Nov. 16, 1772, when he sold to John Durham for £90.

John Steele was from Londonderry, and drew lots Nos. 7, 23, and 45. His son and representative, Thomas Steele, came here in May, 1770, and settled upon No. 23. He was drowned the following December. John Steele died here while on a visit, June 14, 1795, aged eighty-four. His son Robert, who married Margaret Ramsey, of Londonderry, built a house on the east side of the river, in 1790. He died Oct. 25, 1802, leaving one son, Robert, born Sept. 7, 1798, who resides on the old farm, in the house built by him in 1833.

Alexander Stewart, of Windham, N. H., drew lot No. 28, but never occupied it. Timothy Dexter, of Newburyport, purchased his right.

John Tuft, of Windham, the proprietor of lots Nos. 16 and 52, probably came here in 1773, as he was chosen a selectman the following year. He was elected the first representative to the General Court, in 1776, but did not take his seat. He died March 3, 1802, aged seventy-eight, being at the time a deacon of the First Church. According to the town records, he had two children by Mary, his wife: viz., Jonathan, born March 24, 1776; and Susanna, born April 11, 1778.

Alexander Wilson, of Windham, drew lot No. 30, but is not known to have ever resided here.

The names of Brown, Cochran, Davidson, Durham, Gilmore, Houston, Miller, Patterson, Steele, and Tuft are the only names of the proprietors which have survived here. Those of the others are extinct.

CHAPTER XIV.

INHABITANTS FROM 1784 TO 1830.

Return of Inhabitants after the Revolution. — Families here at Close of 1784. — Non-resident Lands purchased by "Lord Timothy Dexter." — Condition of the Town in 1786. — Heads of Families in 1790. — Settlers Previous to 1800. — List of Tax-payers in 1800. — Judge Crosby's Account of his Visit here in 1801. — Large Increase of Population between 1800 and 1810. — Prominent Citizens who came before 1817. — Biographical Sketch of Hugh J. Anderson. — Portrait and Autograph. — Names of some of the Principal Citizens from 1817 to 1830.

FOR a few years after the Revolution, the increase of the town was comparatively small. Of the original inhabitants, Mitchell, Davidson, and Chambers did not return when peace took place. The others (excepting Morrison and Steele, who were drowned during the first winter of the settlement) resumed the lots which they owned, early in 1784. On the first of May in that year, a sloop, commanded by Captain Tuft, brought eight families from New Hampshire. The names of fourteen¹ families residing here that year are as follows: On the west side of the river, Benjamin Nesmith, on the Judge Read farm; John Robinson, on the lot next below; John Cochran, on lot No. 42; James Miller, on the Frothingham lot; and Samuel McKeen, near the present upper bridge. On the east side, William Patterson, 1st, and his father-in-law William McLaughlin, occupied lot No. 3, now in Searsport; John Durham, lot No. 9, and Samuel Houston, lot No. 13, in the same town; John Brown, the Gilmore lot, No. 18; Robert Steele, lot No. 23, where Robert Steele, his grandson, resides; James and William Patterson, 2d, the lot afterwards occupied by Robert Patterson. John Tuft lived a little remote from the former. Tolford Durham had a log house near the old ferry, above the east end of the present lower bridge; and Nathaniel Patterson lived on the "pitched lot," or No. 32, on the east side.

In 1786, the number of polls was twenty-seven. The valuation list of that year, as returned to the General Court, enumerates

¹ This is the number given by the petition of the inhabitants in November of that year.

eighteen dwelling-houses, nine barns, one mill, fifty-eight acres of tillage, seventy-five of English mowing, thirty-six of meadow, sixty-four of pasture, and eleven thousand of wood and unimproved land. There were eight horses then owned in town, twenty-seven oxen, nine head of neat cattle three years old, nine of two years old, twelve yearlings, thirty-six cows, forty-five sheep, and twenty-two swine. The money on hand disclosed as taxable was one pound and seven shillings.¹

In 1790, the number of inhabitants had increased to 245. There were forty-three heads of families, as follows :—

John Alexander. He came from Londonderry, and lived for several years near Little River, but removed to Greene Plantation before 1800. His son by the same name died here in 1874.

John Brown, one of the proprietors. (See biographical notice in Chap. VII.)

Abraham Clark came from Londonderry, soon after the Revolution. He lived on the place now occupied by Robert Rowe, near Harrison Hayford's. His father, Abraham Clark, 1st, died here in 1789; and Sarah, his mother, died in 1791. According to the town records, the children of Abraham, 2d, were: Thomas, born April 3, 1791; Holley, born May 19, 1798; and Joseph, born July 13, 1806. The latter died of lockjaw, May 8, 1810. Abraham, 2d, died previous to 1841, as the death of Anna, his widow, occurred in February of that year, aged eighty.

Alexander Clark. He was a grandson of Robert Clark, of the Scotch colony in Ireland, who settled in Londonderry about 1725. Alexander was one of the earliest inhabitants here. He was a selectman in 1777, and town-clerk from 1791 to 1800. He died in Brooks, Jan. 31, 1839, aged ninety-five. Hannah, his wife, died Dec. 28, 1820, aged seventy-eight.

Elisha Clark, brother of Abraham, above named, came here about 1786. He lived on the east side of the river, and died in 1828, aged eighty-three.

Ichabod Clark, brother of Abraham and Elisha, came here with them. He was the first tailor in town, having a shop on Main Street; but he resided on the east side. He removed to Northport, where he died. His children, born here, were Jacob, Abraham, Joseph, Nancy, Sally, and John.

¹ Vol. 162, Mass. Archives, p. 398.

Isaac Clark, brother of the foregoing, removed to Northport before 1800.

John Cochran, one of the proprietors. (See notice in Chap. VII.)

John Cochran, 2d. He came here from Wenham, Mass. He lived at the Head of the Tide, where he built saw-mills, and owned much real estate. He also owned lot No. 49, and two-thirds of lot No. 50, in the first division. He died Jan. 1, 1799, aged fifty-seven, leaving children by Agnes, or Annas, his wife, as follows: John (3d), Robert Boyd, Isaac, Andrew Park, Martha, Jenny, and Agnes, or Annas. His widow died Feb. 10, 1830, aged eighty-two.

William Crooks. (See Chap. XXVIII., on Physicians.)

Daniel Dolliff and *John Dolliff*, brothers, are said to have originated in Raymond, N.H., which was formerly included in Chester. They remained a few years, and removed to Greene Plantation. Daniel left before 1800. John was a tax-payer in 1810.

John Durham. (See Chap. VII. on Proprietary History.)

Tolford Durham. " " " " "

Jacob Eames, or Ames, a native of Wilmington, Mass., and a participant in the battle of Lexington, came here from Chester, N.H., in 1784, and settled on one of the lots now belonging to Searsport. After some years, he removed to the Narrows, or upper bridge, where he built a large two-story house. He afterwards became a resident of Swanville, where he died Nov. 7, 1851, aged ninety-seven. His children, born here, were as follows: by Jenny, his first wife, who died Feb. 28, 1792, John, born July 16, 1786; Samuel, born Nov. 25, 1788; Jenny, born March 22, 1790, and died Oct. 16, 1791; and Jenny, 2d, born Feb. 27, 1792. By Miriam, his second wife, he had Johanna and Drusilla, twins, born Feb. 24, 1803.

Nathaniel French was the son of Benjamin French, of Chester, N.H., and came here about 1788. He settled on the east side of the river, where he died July 1, 1797, aged fifty.

James Gilmore. (See Chap. VII. on Proprietary History.)

John Gilmore. " " " " "

Robert Houston, son of Samuel Houston, one of the proprietors, came here with him in 1771, being then eleven years old. He was a well-known land surveyor, and for many years was employed by General Knox. He died here May 3, 1824, aged fifty-nine. Hannah, his wife, who died Sept. 10, 1824, was a daughter

James Patterson. (See Chap. VII. on Proprietary History.)

Nathaniel Patterson. " " " "

Robert Patterson. " " " "

William Patterson, 2d, " " " "

William Patterson, 1st. He came from Londonderry with William McLaughlin, his father-in-law, in 1770, and settled on lot No. 3, on the east side of the river. He was not related to the other Pattersons, and in distinction from one of them who bore the same name was called "Long William." He probably died in May, 1810. Martha, his wife, died Aug. 8, 1808, aged fifty-nine years.

John Robinson was a native of Ireland, and came to this country as a soldier under Wolfe, during the French war. He settled at Londonderry, and enlisted in the Revolution. For his services, £105 in depreciated Massachusetts securities were paid him. This he exchanged with the eccentric "Lord Timothy Dexter," of Newburyport, for lot No. 47. Dexter made quite a fortunate speculation in purchasing the rights of several proprietors, which were not reclaimed after the town was abandoned during the Revolution. In 1784, when Robinson first arrived, he stayed a few days with James Miller, and then occupied an old hut on what is now the farm of Charles Read, about twenty-five rods from the shore. No road then existed, and he passed to and from Miller's on the beach. Robinson was a practical weaver. He raised flax, which his wife spun into thread. This he wove into linen cloth. He moved to Montville, and died there about 1808. George Robinson, who died here in 1858, was his son.

Winthrop Smith. He lived only temporarily in the town, and nothing further is known of him.

Robert Steele. (See Chapter VII. on Proprietary History.)

Jerome Stephenson, a brother of Solon Stephenson, came the year after the Revolution. He was one of the selectmen in 1785. He settled on the east side of the river, where John H. Stephenson now resides. He died in 1820, aged eighty-two years.

Solon Stephenson came in 1774. He lived on the east side, where he died of a fever, in February, 1807, aged seventy-three years. He was chairman of the board of selectmen in 1777, '78, and '79, and was one of the few who refused to take the oath of allegiance to Great Britain. White's History refers to him as "a man memorable for his sincerity of heart, sound judgment, and constancy of purpose." His widow died in 1813, aged eighty-four years.

"found but two framed houses in the village, and the ground still smoking from the ashes of the forest;" Thomas Reed, who came the same year; and Daniel Clary and Dr. John S. Osborn, a year after. Jonathan White came in 1795; James Shirley and William Griffin, in 1796. The latter was the father of the late Robert M. Griffin: he afterwards removed to Ohio. Captain Ephraim McFarland and Robert White were citizens here in 1797. Robert and Jonathan White were brothers, and occupied adjoining farms on Northport Avenue. Their father, Colonel William White, of Chester, N. H., was a son of Deacon William White, who came from Ireland to Londonderry, in 1725. Colonel White was twice married, and had sixteen children. The children by his first wife, whose name was Mary Mills, were Jane, Jonathan, Susannah, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, and Ann. Susannah married Jonathan Quimby, of Belfast. Mary, Elizabeth, and Ann settled and died in Montville. By his second wife, Elizabeth, a daughter of John Mitchell, he had William, John, Thomas, Sarah, James, David M., Olive, Lavinia, and Benjamin.¹ William and James settled here. John resided in Montville. Benjamin, who lives in Ballard Vale, Mass., is the last survivor.

In 1800, the whole number of voters was 148. As nearly as can be ascertained, ninety-two resided upon the west side of the river, and fifty-six upon the east side. The following are their names:—

Ames, Jacob	Cochran, John, 3d
Badger, James	Cochran, Peter
Banton, William	Cochran, Robert
Basford, Jonathan	Cochran, Robert Boyd
Bean, Jeremiah	Covell, Edward
Brown, John	Covell, Judah
Brown, John, Jr.,	Crooks, Edward
Bussell, Benjamin	Cunningham, Thomas
Bussell, Samuel	Cunningham, William
Clark, Abraham	Dolliff, John
Clark, Alexander	Durham, John
Clark, Elisha	Durham, Tolford
Clark, Ichabod	Eells, Nathaniel
Clary, Daniel	Eells, Samuel
Cochran, George	Elwell, Jonathan
Cochran, John	Folsom, John
Cochran, John, 2d	Fox, Beniah

¹ Chase's History of Chester, 614.

Fox, Edward
Frost, Enos

Giddings, Stephen
Gilmore, Baptist
Gilmore, James
Gilmore, John
Gordon, James
Gordon, Joseph
Griffin, William

Hadley, Aaron C.
Hall, Allen
Hamilton, Solomon
Hartshorn, Benjamin
Haskell, John
Hibbard, Daniel
Hinkson, Joseph
Hopkins, George
Houston, Jonathan
Houston, Joseph
Houston, Robert
Houston, Samuel
Houston, Samuel, 2d
Houston, Thomas
Houston, William
Hovey, Simeon
Hunt, Seth
Huse, John

Johnson, Daniel

Kimball, Reuben
Kimball, William
Kirkpatrick, Daniel
Knowlton, William
Lymburner, John

McFarland, Ephraim
McKeen, Abner G.
McKeen, Ephraim
McKeen, Isaac
McKeen, Samuel
Merriam, John
Merrill, Wiggins
Miller, James
Miller, Joseph
Miller, Robert
Mitchell, Robert
Muncey, Nathaniel

Nesmith, Benjamin
Nesmith, James
Nesmith, James, Jr.

Osborn, John S.

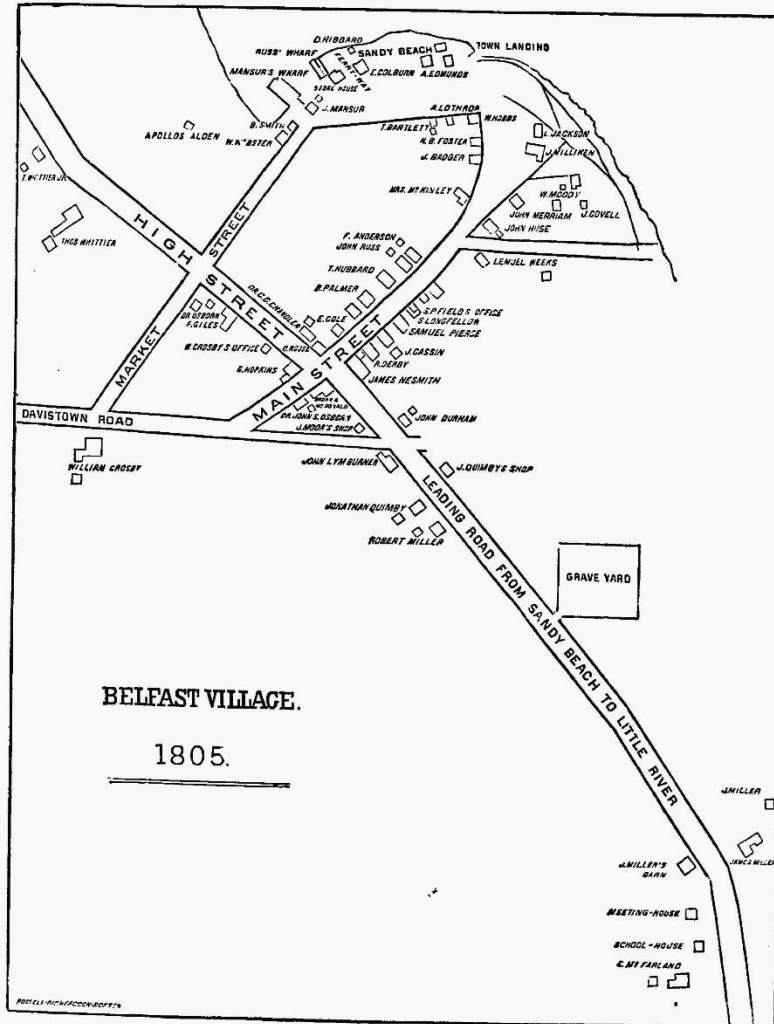
Patterson, James
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Patterson, Martin
Patterson, Martin J.
Patterson, Nathaniel
Patterson, Robert
Patterson, Robert, 2d
Patterson, Robert, 3d
Patterson, Robert, 4th
Patterson, Starrett
Patterson, William
Patterson, William, 2d
Patterson, William, 3d
Patterson, William, 4th

Reed, David
Reed, Thomas
Robinson, Nathaniel
Russ, John

Sale, John
Senter, Alanson
Senter, Isaac
Shirley, James
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Caleb
Smith, Joseph
Snell, John
Spring, Marshall
Spring, Nahum
Spring, Thaddeus
Steele, Robert
Stephenson, Caleb
Stephenson, Charles
Stephenson, Jerome
Stephenson, Solon
Stephenson, Zenas
Stimson, Richard

Taggart, William
Taylor, Jonathan
Taylor, Thomas
Thompson, Isaac

shop. A portion of the Telegraph Block, occupied as a store and dwelling-house by Edmund Brown and Simon D. McDonald, stood at the corner, as at present, but on elevated ground. Many



years afterwards, the bank on the High Street side was removed, and the cellar converted into a grocery store. Southerly of the Hopkins house, on the opposite corner was the square one-story office of William Crosby, where the brick store of Arnold Harris