

TOWN OF
CANAAN, NH

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Enoch A. Huller.
Secretary of State.

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Province of New Hampshire

George the Third by the Grace of God
of Great Britain France & Ireland King
Defender of the Faith &c.

To all persons to whom these presents shall
come Greeting -

Know ye that wee of our special grace Certain
knowledge and meer Motion, for the due Inco
uragement of settling a New Plantation within
our said Province, by and with the advice of
our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq
Our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said
Province of New Hampshire in New England
and of our Councils of the s^d Province Have
upon the conditions and reservations herein
after made, given and granted and by these
presents for us our Heirs and successors do give
and grant in equal shares unto our loving
subjects, Inhabitants of our said province of
New Hampshire & our other Governments, and
to their Heirs & assigns forever whose names
are entered on this Grant, to be divided and
amongst them into Sixty Eight equal shares
all that tract or parcels of land situate lying
& being within our s^d Province of New Hampshire
containing by admeasurement Twenty three
Thousand acres which tract is to contain six
Miles square and no more, out of which an
allowance is to be made for Highways &
unimprovable lands by Rocks, Ponds, Moun
tains and Rivers One thousand and forty
Acres free according to a plan and survey
thereof made by our s^d Governor order and
returned into the Secretarys Office and
here unto annexed Butted and Bounded
as follows ~~viz~~. Beginning at the South
East of Hanover, from thence North fifty
five degrees East by Hanover Six Miles

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to the corner thereof From thence South Sixty one degrees East Six Miles From thence South Forty one degrees West Six Miles From thence North Fifty Eight degrees West seven Miles & one quarter of a Mile to the Bound first mentioned - And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of Canaan and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are hereby declared to be enfranchised with and Intitled to all and every the Privileges and immunities that other Towns within our Province by Laws exercise and enjoy and further that the said Town as soon as there shall be fifty Families resident and settled thereon shall have a Liberty of hold Two faires one of which shall be held on the
 and the other on the
 Annually which fair

And as soon as ^{the} Town shall consist of Fifty families a Market may be open and kept one or more days in each week as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants. Also that the first meeting for the choice of Town officers agreeable to the Laws of our Province shall be held on the Third Tuesday in August next which said meeting shall be notified by Thomas Guston who is hereby also appointed the moderator of the ^{first} meeting, which he is to notify and govern agreeable to the Laws and customs of our said Province and that the Annual meeting for ever hereafter for the choice of such officers for the said town shall be on the Second Tuesday of March Annually. To have and to Hold the said Tract of Land as above Expressce

together with all the privileges and appertinances to them and their Respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions viz that every Grantee his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land within the term of five years forever fifty Acres contained in his or their share or portion of Land in said Township and continue to improve and settle the same by additional cultivation on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or share in said Township and of its Reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them Re-granted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

2nd That all white and other pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his Heirs and assigns to us our Heirs and ~~assigns~~ Successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any act or acts of parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

3rd That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the contents of one Acre

4th Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors for the space of ten Years to be computed from the date hereof the rents of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the Twenty fifth day of December annually if Lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the Twenty fifth day of Decemb

5th Every proprietor settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and successors yearly and every year forever, from and after the Expiration of Ten years from the above said Twenty fifth of December. Namely on the Twenty fifth day of December which will be in the Year of our Lord 1772 one Shilling Proclamation money for every Hundred Acres he so owns settles or proposes and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tracts of said Land which money shall be paid by the Representative person above said their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal Seal of our said province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq^r our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province the ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord Christ one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One and in the first year of our Reign.

By his Excellency's Command with Advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

Benning Wentworth

Province of New Hampshire July 9th 1761

Recorded in the Book of Charters

& Theodore Atkinson Sec^y

The names of Grantees of Canaan

Thomas Gustin	Caleb Whiting	Ephr ^m Wells
Gilson Harris	Will ^m Foy jr	Josiah Gates jr
Ebenzer Harris	Stephen Kellogg	Lewis Louisaige
Daniel Harris	Israel Kellogg	Refus Randall
Joseph Babcock	Aaron Cady jr	James Jones
Amos Walworth	Nathaniel Cady	Jonathan Beebe 3 ^d
Joseph Eames	Apa Daniels	Dabey Jones
Ebenzer Eames	John Frible	Thomas Gustin
Ebenzer Peck	Sam ^l Dodge	Richard W Bird Esq
Allen Wightman	Sam ^l Meacham	James Revier Esq
Jared Spencer	Isaiak Rathban	Capt John Wentworth ^{with} Somers
Eph ^m Wells jr	William Chamberlin	Thomas Westbrook Waldron
Jedediah Lathrop	William Chamberlin	Daniel Soule
Clement Daniels	Thomas Gates	George King Merch ^t
John Chamberlin	George Sampson	Will ^m King do
Benj ^m Chamberlin	Thomas Minor	Capt William Wentworth
Abner Chamberlin	Phineas Tabins	Thomas Parker
David Chamberlin	Joshua Rathban	Daniel Rogers
Richard Sparrows	Sylvester Randall	John Newmarch Esq
George Harris	Sam ^l Dodge 3 ^d	Jedediah Lathrop
Thomas Wells	Thomas Gustin jr	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a tract to contain Five Hundred Acres as marked on the plan B. W. Which is to be accounted to of the within shares, one whole share for the incorporated society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign part, One share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel one share for the benefit of the school in said Town and one share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Established. Province of New Hampshire July 29th 1761 Recorded in the Book of Charters

Theodor Atkinson Secretary

Province } Canaan July the 19th 1868 At a Meeting
 New-hampshire } Legally convened of the Proprietors of the
 Township of Canaan in said Province the
 following votes were passed (viz)

- 1st Chose Mr. George Harris Moderator
- 2nd Made Choice of Joseph Crow Proprietors Clerk
- 3rd Made Choice of George Harris first Committeeman
- 4th Chose Capt Josiah Gates 2nd Committeeman
- 5th Chose Samuel Benadict 3rd Committeeman
- 6th Chose John Burdick 4th Committeeman
- 7th Chose Mr. Joseph Crow 5th Committeeman
- 8th Chose Mr. Samuel Benadict - Assessor
- 9th Chose Mr. John Burdick Assessor
- 10th Chose Mr. John Crow Assessor
- 11th Chose Mr. Samuel Dodge Collector
- 12th Chose Mr. John Seafeld Treasurer
- 13th Voted to Raise a Tax of three dollars upon
 Each Proprietors Right to defray the charges
 of Making & Mending Roads in the Town-
 ship of Canaan
- 14th Voted that the above mentioned tax of three
 dollars on each Proprietors Right for making
 and mending Roads to be worked out under the
 care ^{& direction} of the Proprietors Committee & to be done by the
 middle of November next & the said committee shall
 allow 4/ pr day for 3 Labor
- 15th Voted to raise one dollar upon each Proprietors
 Right which the Proprietors will give with One
 Hundred acres of up land to be laid out in the
 undivided Land with a Stream where it shall
 be judged best & most convenient to Build
 Mills on to any Person that will appear & Build
 a good Cornmill & Saw Mill within Fifteen
 Months from this time so as to have said Mills
 done and going for the Benefit of the Town
- 16th Voted that the Proprietors Committee are hereby
 directed to lay out to those Proprietors as are al-
 ready settled on said Township of Canaan

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Ten acres of Meadow and also One Hundred Acres of upland where they have already made their Pitch to be allowed towards their Right or share in said Township & also the said Committee are further directed to lay out Ten acres of Meadow & One Hundred Acres of the Lands as above said as shall appear to make speedy settlement in said Town and furthermore the Proprietors Clerk is hereby directed to put the Returns said Ten Acres & Hundred Acres lots upon Record as they shall be laid out and returned by the committee to each Proprietor as aforesaid

17th voted that the owners of more than one sixteenth part of the right or share in the Township of Canaan shall make request to the Proprietors Clerk setting forth the reasons for calling said meeting and also the Articles to be acted upon and of the time of holding said Meeting and that the Clerk warn a meeting by setting a notification agreeable to said request Eight days at least before the time holding at the House of Mr John Scofield in said Canaan shall be a sufficient warning for the future.

18th voted to raise six shillings on each ^{Proprietors} Right in labor or Provisions to be given to the first settlers in said Canaan as was proposed to be given them for encouragement to be proportioned amongst themselves

- Go Mr John Scofield the value of 26 dollars
 - Go Mr Asa Williams 18 Dollars
 - Go Mr Samuel Jones the value of 8 dollars
 - Go Mr Dan Croftman the value of 8 Dollars
- Best George Harris Moderator
Josiah Crow Secy