

History and Genealogy of Town of Lee NH
---EARLY HISTORY OF TOWN OF LEE, STRAFFORD COUNTY, NEW

HAMPSHIRE---

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The New England gazetteer containing descriptions of all the states, counties and towns in New England; 14th ed.; published 1841 by I. S. Boyd and W. White, J. Hayward in Concord, N.H, Boston. [Excerpts]

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Lee, New Hampshire is in Strafford Co. In the North part of the town lies Wheelwright's Pond, containing about 165 acres and forming the principal source of Oyster River.

This point is memorable for the battle which was fought near it in 1698, between a scouting party of Indians, and two companies of rangers, under Capts. Floyd and Wiswall. The engagement lasted two hours. Wiswall, his lieutenant, sergeant, and 13 men were killed and several wounded. Floyd continued to fight till his men wearied and wounded, drew off and obliged him to follow. The enemy also retreated.

Lee is 28 miles E. S. E. from Concord and 12 S. W. from Dover. From the N. E. extremity of Epping, Lamprey River enters Lee, and after a serpentine course of about 7 miles, it passes into Durham. Other parts of the town are watered by Little, North, and Oyster Rivers.

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Lee was originally part of Durham, and was incorporated 1766.
Population in 1830, 1,609.

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Old home week, Lee, New Hampshire, August 23, 1916 : two hundred
and fiftieth anniversary of settlement of the territory : one
hundred and fiftieth anniversary of incorporation of the town
(1916) by John Scales,
<http://archive.org/details/oldhomeweeklee00scal>

The first immigrants built their village on Dover Neck, on the
hill north of Dover Point. By the way, that locality is called the
"Neck" because it lies between three rivers, --the Newichawannock
on the east, --the Pascatqua on the south, --and Back River on the
west. When they had got well housed on the Neck, they commenced to
branch out in business... Old Dover was still part of
Massachusetts, being a town in Norfolk County until 1680. They
gave a grant to Samuel Symonds of Ipswich, MA of 640 acres of land
at the second falls in "Lamperelle" River, June 3, 1657... this was
granted in the presence and with the consent of Moharimet, the
Indian sagamore of the region, whose home was on Moharimet's Hill
in Madbury, also called Hick's Hill.

May 3, 1669 Robert Wadleigh was received as an inhabitant in the
town of Dover, [where he] received the grant of what has ever
since been known as "Wadleigh's Falls," being the same that
Massachusetts had granted to Mr. Symonds...

Old Dover included all of the present city and Somersworths,
Durham, Newington, Lee, Madbury and Rollinsford. Lee remained
part of Durham until 1766. "I guess, but do not know, that he
took the name Lee from the town of that name on the River Lee, now
in greater London."

[original document has record of early mills. Names mentioned in
the town's early history (more in original document) include
Patrick Jemison, Captain Samuel Emerson, Nathaniel Randall,

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Nathaniel Lamos, Robert Huckins, William Clay, Captain John Layn,
John Thompson Sr., Jethro Furber, Josiah Bartlett, George Chesley,
Ephraim Foulsham, Major/Colonel Peter Gilman, Joseph Smith, Samuel
Smith, Capt. Jonathan Thompson, Capt. Reuben Hill].

INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN

3 September 1764, at a Publick Town meeting, held at the Meeting
house at The Falls in Durham, Joseph Atkinson Esq was chosen
Moderator. Names mentioned in this document included: Paul
Chesley, Lieut. Joseph Si as, Mr. Miles Randel, Mr. Nicholas Duda,
Capt. Benjamin Smith, Capt. Stephen Jones, Mr. Thomas Chesley,
John Smart. The document was signed by Stephen Jones, Benjamin
Smith, Nicholas Duda, Miles Randel, Joseph Si as and Thomas
Chesley, Committee.

on 18 November 1765 a petition was dated at Durham to the General
Assembly requesting that a new town to be formed [they do not
mention a name] : It was signed by Hercules Mooney, Gideon Mathes,
Elijah Denbo, Samuel Jackson, Joseph Thompson, James Hall,
Jonathan Runnels, Samuel Pitman, John Follett, Benjamin Bradley,
Joseph Jackson, Josiah Johnson, Timothy Davis, Thomas York, Mason
Randel, Joseph Clay, Nathaniel Stevens Jr. Stoten Tuttle, Miles
Randel, Samuel Langley, Zacheus Clough, John Davis, James Giles
Bunker, Robert York, Bartholomew Smart, Nicholas Tuttle, Samuel
Burlley, Nathaniel Randal, Reuben Hill, Clement Davis, James
Watson, Nathaniel Frost, Samuel Watson, Josiah Durgin, John
Durgin, Joseph Shaw, Benjamin Woodman, Samuel Si as, David Munsey,
Benja Clark, Eben Jones Jr., Moses Davis Jr., William Waymoth,
James Davis, Hanary Tufts, Nathaniel Watson, Andrew Watson, Isaac
Small, Joseph Hicks, John Sanborn, Edward Hill, Thomas Snell, Eli
Clark Jr., Moses Dam, Joseh (Joseph) Doe, Benja Durgin, Eben
Randel, Micah Emerson, Joseph Clark, Joseph Si as, John Elliot,
Joshua Woodman Jr., John Giles, Joseph Meder, Thomas Huckins,
Nicholas Duda, Eben Lethers, William Renely, Francis Eliot,

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Benjamin Bickford, Israel (Israel) Randel, Francis Durgin, Joshua
Brunum, Samuel Carter, Thomas Huckins Jr., Solomon Sias, Francis
Allen, Edward Scales, William Cashey, Samuel Bickford, William
Randel, Job Runels, John Clark, David Davis, Jonathan Stevens,
Ebenezer Dow Jr., Nathaniel Watson Jr., Joseph Huckins, John Shaw
Jr., Ichabod Denbow, Thomas Wille, John Snell, Eli Clark, Hunkin
Dam, Thomas Noble, Ebenezer Jones, Nathaniel Sias, Nathaniel
Stevens, George Tuttle.

Organization of the Town

The act of incorporation authorized Joseph Sias to call the first
town meeting, to be held 18 March 1766. The voters met and chose
Miles Randall for moderator and clerk; Robert Thompson, Ely Clark,
and Nicholas Duda for selectmen. Zacheus Clough was appointed to
inspect into the affairs of Rev. Samuel Hutchins, who later was
continued as minister.

The locality where the town house was known as "The Hill." The
old Pascataqua Bridge was completed in 1794; the New Hampshire
Turnpike was opened for travel from there to Concord about 1802
and its route was through Lee.

Early people and families: Edwin B. Nealy arrived about 1810, he
m. Sally True; Elijah Cartland who m. Abigail Scales;

Description of Lee NH men before the American Revolution, and a
list of Garrisons they built.

LEE MEN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

<http://archive.org/stream/oldhomeweekleene00scal#page/28/mode/2up>

SOLDIERS OF LEE IN THE CIVIL WAR

<http://archive.org/stream/oldhomeweekleene00scal#page/30/mode/2up>

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

JEREMIAH SMITH GRANGE--PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

ROADS IN LEE in 1804

BIG TAX PAYERS IN LEE in 1804

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Alonzo J. Fogg, Concord NH, D. L. Guernsey, 1875

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LEE is in STRAFFORD COUNTY NH. The soil of Lee in some portions is hard, but by careful cultivation is made very productive, and the farmers are well rewarded for their efforts by good crops of corn, oats, barley &c.

RIVERS AND PONDS

It is well watered by Lamprey, Little, North and Oyster Rivers.

These rivers furnish abundant water power. Oyster River has its source from Wheelwright Pond in the north part. This pond is the largest body of water in town, covering 165 acres. It is memorable on account of a battle fought on its shores between a body of Indians and two companies of rangers, under Captains Floyd and Wiswell in 1680. Captain Wiswell and twelve men lost their lives in this engagement.

EMPLOYMENTS. Agriculture is the principal employment of the inhabitants. There are excellent clay beds here, for the manufacture of brick, which is carried on pretty extensively, 725,000 feet of boards &c and 160,000 shingles are annually sawed; 6,000 pairs of shoes are annually manufactured.

RESOURCES. Productions of the soil \$63,895; mechanical labor, stocks and money at interest, deposits in savings banks, stock in trade, from summer tourists, \$2,000.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS. Congregational Church, Rev. J. W. Lees, pastor; Union Church, Rev. A. G. Cummings, pastor. There are seven schools in town. Average length of schools for the year, nineteen weeks.

LIBRARIES. Lee Hill Sunday School Library, 700 volumes.

FIRST SETTLEMENTS. Lee was originally part of Durham and was incorporated January 16, 1766.

FIRST MINISTER: Rev. Samuel Hutchins, settled in 1792.

BOUNDARIES. North by Barrington and Madbury, east by Durham, south

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by New Market and Epping, and west by Nottingham and Barrington.
Area, 11,625 acres; improved land 8,993 acres.

DISTANCES. Thirty-one miles south east from Concord and twelve
south west from Dover.

RAILROADS. Four miles to New Market station. The Nashua and
Rochester Railroad to be completed in 1874 will pass through this
town.

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History of Rockingham and Strafford counties, New Hampshire : with
biographical sketches of many of its pioneers and prominent men
(1882) by Hamilton D. Hurd
<http://archive.org/stream/historyofrockingham00hurd#page/n1045/mode/2>
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LEE was taken from Durham and incorporated as Lee parish by act of
the Provincial General Court, Jan. 16, 1766. A warrant signed by
Joseph Sias called the first town meeting March 18.

[LIST OF SOLDIERS of LEE DURING THE WAR OF THE REBELLION (CIVIL
WAR)

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