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Hampshire, compiled by Alonzo J. Fogg,  
Concord NH, D. L. Guernsey, 1875  
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ROCHESTER. Strafford County. Rochester is  
one of the progressive towns in the State,  
having, within the past twenty years, nearly  
doubled its population and wealth. Its  
population at the present time (1873) is not  
far from 6,000 having on its check-list, at  
the annual town meeting, 1,400 names. In  
Rochester village there have been erected,  
within the past three years, two hundred  
dwelling houses, besides many business  
blocks. Its railroad facilities are equal to

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those of any town in the State. Four

railroads now come into the town, or pass through it, viz. --the Eastern, Cocheco, Portland & Rochester and Nashua & Rochester Railroad has been chartered and, doubtless, will be built within the next five years. The surface is uneven, rising in numerous swells, but the larger portion can be cultivated. The soil is very good and produces excellent crops of corn, etc. There are some very fine farms, under a high state of cultivation. The value of its agricultural products exceeds that of any other town in the county.

ELEVATIONS. Squamanagonnick Hill is the highest elevation, and constitutes a considerable part of several valuable farms.

RIVERS. Salmon Falls River washes the eastern border of the town; Cocheco River runs through the whole length of the town, and nearly through the centre; Singlass River crosses the southerly corner, just before its junction with the Cocheco River. Both Salmon Falls and Cocheco rivers furnish abundant water power, which is being improved, to some extent.

VILLAGES. Near the center of the town on Cocheco River, stands the principal village called "Norway Plains." In point of thrift, business, wealth, and the enterprising spirit of its inhabitants, it is equalled but by few villages in the State. Its manufactures and

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trade are considerable, and very important. There are located in this village the Norway Plains Manufacturing Company, (three mills) employing 350 males and females; three shoe manufactories, employing 450 males and females, a large axe handle manufactory, a door, sash and blind factory, two carriage manufactories, a tannery, lumber mills, also blacksmiths, carpenters, shoemakers, tin and the various other kinds of mechanical shops common to enterprising and growing villages. Besides, there are three church edifices, four school houses, a bank, two hotels, forty stores, of all kinds, several eating houses, a newspaper office, three express offices, telegraph, insurance, lawyers, physicians and various other offices, too numerous to mention. Some of the business blocks are fine, substantial buildings. The streets are wide and in many places finely shaded with the elm or maple. It is a beautiful village and all who reside there feel proud to acknowledge it. The various lines of railroads form a junction in this village. EAST ROCHESTER is a pleasant and growing village, on the Portland & Rochester Railroad. Here are three woolen mills, employing 200 males and females, three churches, school houses, a post office, several stores and various kinds of mechanical shops.

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GONIC VILLAGE has two woolen mills, employing

120 males and females. There are two banks, a church, a school house, several stores, a hotel, post office &c. It is a very pleasant village, and is the residence of some of the most prominent men in the State.

EMPLOYMENTS. Rochester can justly be called one of the principal manufacturing towns of the State, though its agricultural productions are valuable. The annual value of woolen goods manufactured in eight mills is \$1,142,000; over 700,000 pairs of boots and shoes are manufactured; \$9,000 worth of carriages are made; 72,000 lbs splits, 18,600 sides sole leather, and 4,000 calf skins are annual producted; 200,000 shingles, 1,200,000 feet of boards &c are sawed; besides there are door, sash and blind furniture, and various other manufactories. The total value of goods, of all kinds, annually manufactured is \$2,275,500.00 (see tables)

RESOURCES. Productions of the soil \$139,888; from operatives in the various manufactories, \$463,000; from carpenters, painters, masons, blacksmiths, &c., \$90,000; money at interest \$11,848; stocks &c \$47,600; deposits in savings banks \$410,531; stock in trade \$181,100; from summer tourists, \$9,000; professional services \$150,000. This town is being quite a popular resort for summer tourists. The estimated number who annually visit here, for a few weeks or months,

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through the summer, is three hundred.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS. Methodist Rev. D. J. Smith, pastor; number of members 300; church valuation \$30,000. Congregational, Rev. H. M. Stone, pastor; members 150; church value \$20,000. Freewill Baptist, Rev. E. True, pastor; members 40. Catholic, Rev. Father Pugh, pastor; members, 300; church valuation, \$4,000--East Rochester: Methodist, Rev. A. A. Cleveland, pastor; members 75; church valuation \$3,000. Freewill baptist, Rev. T. T. Kenniston, pastor; members 80; church valuation \$9,000. Advent Church value \$800. Two other Advent churches in the town valued at \$600.--Gonic: Freewill Baptist, Rev. G. S. Hill, pastor; members 110; church valuation \$10,000.--One other Freewill baptist in town Rev. P. Chesley, pastor, members 50; church valuation \$2,500.

There are twenty-six schools in town, seven of them being graded. Average length of schools, for the year, twenty-five weeks; value of school houses, \$19,950; amount annually appropriated for school purposes \$6,355.55

LIBRARY, BANKS, HOTELS, ETC. Rochester Social Library 1,850 volumes. Gonic National Bank, Gonic Savings Bank, and Norway Plains Savings Bank. Dodge's Hotel and "Mansion House," at Rochester and "Varney Hotel" at Gonic. Total value of hotels, \$75,000; number

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of arrivals the past year 10,750. There are  
four livery stables with 29 horses, valued at  
\$6,200.

FIRST SETTLEMENTS. Rochester was granted by  
Massachusetts to several proprietors in one  
hundred and twenty seven shares. At that time  
its area was 60,000 acres but at the present  
time the town contains only 22,000. It was  
incorporated May 10, 1722. The first  
permanent settlers was Captain Timothy  
Roberts, who moved here with his family  
December 28, 1728. Eleazer Ham, Benjamin  
Frost, Benjamin Tebbetts, Joseph Richards and  
others came soon after.

Rochester was one of the frontier towns until  
Canada came into the possession of the  
English, in 1760. The inhabitants suffered  
much through Indian and Canadian cruelties  
for many years, often being obliged, for the  
protection of their lives, to live in  
garrison houses, and with this precaution,  
they also kept a vigilant watch night and  
day. The frequent attacks of the Indians and  
their allies, caused the men to be bold and  
adventurous, and their sons, early trained to  
the use of arms, soon caught the brave spirit  
of their fathers, and they quickly became a  
terror to their enemies, and the settlers did  
not suffer near as much as many towns, that  
were far less exposed.

In June 1746, Joseph Heard, John Wentworth,  
Joseph Richards, and Gershom Downs, were

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killed and John Richards wounded and captured. A boy by the name of Jonathan Door was also taken captive and carried to Canada.

One Sunday morning in May 1748 the wife of Jonathan Hodgdon was killed by the Indians for not willingly consenting to accompany them to Canada. Her husband married again and was the father of twenty-one children in all. He died in 1815, aged ninety years.

In the Revolutionary struggle, many of the inhabitants took an active part. The deeds of Captain John Brewer and David Place, Colonel John McDuffee and others will live in the memory of the people of Rochester for many years to come. Twenty-one men from this town were killed or died in that great contest for liberty. Many men who have held distinguished positions, both in the State and nation, were natives or residents of this town.

FIRST MINISTERS. Rev. Amos Main, Congregational, settled in 1737, died in 1760. Rev. Samuel Hill, ordained in 1760, died in 1764. Rev. Avery Hall, settled in 1765 and dismissed in 1775. Rev. Joseph Haven settled in 1775 and dismissed in 1825.

BOUNDARIES. North-east by Berwick, Maine, south-east by Somersworth and Dover, south-west by Barrington, and north-west by Farmington. Area of improved land, 11,368 acres.

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DISTANCES. Forty miles east from Concord and  
ten north from Dover.

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From: History of Rockingham and Strafford  
counties, New Hampshire : with biographical  
sketches of many of its pioneers and  
prominent men - Hurd, D. Hamilton,  
Philadelphia 1882 EXCERPTS ONLY  
(page 719)  
[http://archive.org/stream/historyofrockingham00h](http://archive.org/stream/historyofrockingham00hurd#page/718/mode/2up)

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ROCHESTER--This town lies in the eastern part  
of the county, and is bounded as follows: on  
the north by Farmington and Milton, on the  
east by Salmon Falls River, which separates  
it from Maine, on the south by Somersworth,  
Dover, and Barrington, and on the west by  
Barrington, Strafford and Farmington. The  
surface of the town is rolling and the soil  
generally fertile. It is watered by the  
Salmon Falls, Cocheco, and Singlass Rivers.

INCORPORATION--The town was incorporated by  
royal charter under date of May 10, 1722, and  
was granted in the name of King George I.

Attached was a schedule of proprietors: 52  
whole-share proprietors, 8 half-share  
proprietors; 24 quarter-share proprietors,  
and finally associates. Also a share for  
Lieut Governor Wentworth and a whole share to  
eight members of the Government Council.

The first meeting of the proprietors was held  
in Cocheco, July 9, 1722. Col. Richard  
Waldron was chosen moderator and Paul Terri sh

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town and proprietor's clerk.

The town's first selectmen were Capt Francis  
Matthews, Capt. John Knight and Paul Gerri sh.  
Capt. Robert Evans was chosen by the  
proprietors to survey and lay out the  
plantation in one hundred and twentyfive  
lots, of sixty-acre lots.

[Indian Wars history included in the original  
document, not listed here]

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THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION -- An extensive  
list of soldiers from Rochester who served  
are listed in the original document.

ASSOCIATION TEST IN ROCHESTER NH--The

following in 1776 engaged and promised they  
would to the utmost of their power, at the  
risk of their lives, their fortunes, with

arms oppose the British fleets and armies:  
Ebenezer Tebbett, Samuel Furbur, Benj Furbur,

B. Palmer, Daniel Wingham, Wm Evans, Wm

Chamberlain, Richard Furbur, Benj Rollins,

Thos Plummer, Daniel Watson, Richard

Wentworth, Avery Hall, Wentworth Hayes, Isaac

Libbey, Mark hartford, Jacob Hanson, James

Foster, Benj Fost, E. Coleman, Dodarah

Garland, B. French, Stephen Barry, Abner

Dame, John Cook, Daniel Rogers, John Woodman,

John Brewster, Daniel Kimball, Moses Hammett,

Jos Dame, Jos Haven, Isaac Wentworth, Josiah

Main, Paul Libbey, John Geargin, Timothy

Roberts, Samuel Plummer, Lemuel Bickford, Wm

Trickey, Daniel Hayes, Ephraim Wentowrth,

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Richard Walker, David French, Thos Ham, Henry Tebbets, Thos Peevey, James How, James Chesley, Jabez Dame, Wm Allen, Joshua Pearl, John Plummer, Wm McDuffee, John Ham, Ebenezer Ricker, Thos Roberts, Samuel Alley, Daniel Garland, Enoch Hoi tt, Benj Fost Jr., John Trickey, John Trickey Jr., James French, John Ham Jr., Joseph Knight, James Chamberlain, William Knight, Hunki ng Col ebroth, James Rogers, James R. Tertius, Samuel Chamberlain, James Downs, Ichabod Hayes, Nathl Watson, Samuel Twombly, James Wentowrth, Stephen Jenki ns, Josi ah Ful som, Samuel Nute, E. Wentworth, James Jackson, James Deering, Ichabod Rol li ns, Moses Hayes, Wm Jenness Jr., John Knowl es, E. Chesley, S. Perki ns Jr., Joseph Plummer, Jonas Pi nkham, Jona Ri chards, John Ri chards, Thos Furber, Jona Morri son, Joseph Page, Aaron Jenni ss, Si mson French, Davi d Jenni s, Wm Hodgdon, Sol omon Drown, Wm McNeal, Aaron Ham, Ri ch Pl ace, Edward Lock, Chas Knight, Davi d Lei ghton, Samuel Jones, Moses Horn, Moses Hayes Jr., Nathl Watson Jr., Jona Twombly, Job Cl ements, C. Jenki ns, Cal eb Waterman, Benj Twombly, Reuben Wentworth, peter Horn, E. Horn, Thos Drew, Wm. Jenni s, James Knowl es, Wm. Ham, S. Perki ns, S. Merrow, G. Wi ll and, S. Merrow Jr., James Horn, John Ri chards Sr., A. Morri son, Dani el page, Joshua Downi ng, John Nute, M. Jenni s, Samuel Robi nson, Paul

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Jennis, Jos Tucker, Jos Drown, Jos Jiles,  
Eb' r Place, Alex Hodgdon, Benj Hoi tt, Thos  
Brown, Moses Brown, C. Jackson, E. Place Jr. ,  
Geo Place, Jona Ham, Samuel Drown, Jos Hayes,  
Samuel Seavey, D. Pearl , T. Whi tehouse,  
Eli jah Varney, Henry Allard, E. Ham, Robert  
Wal ker, B. Plummer, John Heard, Z. Dame,  
Josi ah Wentworth, Jonathan Nutter, John  
Randall , Moses Downs, Zebulon Davi s, N.  
Wentworth, E. Wentworth, Jos Jones, Alex  
Hodgdon, John Hammett, Jona Bickford, S.  
Towbly Jr. , E. Tebbetts, Jas Rogers Jr. , Benj  
Hayes, Jos Walker, I thamer Seavey, E.  
Garland, James McDuffee, John Jenness, Ri ch  
Nutter, John Place, Joseph Wal ker Jr. , Ri ch  
Furber Jr. , Jos Thompson, Reuben Heard Jr. ,  
Reuben Heard, Moses Roberts, Gershom Downs,  
L. Richardson, Benj Copps, Abraham Cook,  
Edmund Tebbetts, Joshua Cossen, Samuel  
Wi ngate Jr. , Thomas Brown.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS REFUSED TO SIGN THE

ANNEXED ASSOCIATION TEST:

James Allen, Ichabod Cossen, Thos Trickey,  
Samuel Wi ngate, Joseph Heard, Benj Bickford,  
Jonathan Hodgdon, Jona Elli ss, Ed' d Varney,  
Benj Denne, John Wi therill , Morris Elli s,  
Solomon Clark, Wm Elli s, Benj Heard, N.  
Garland, Abraham Pearl , Samuel Downi ng,  
Joshua Knight, S. Wentworth, Dani el Jenness.

THE UNDERSIGNED PERSONS ARE OF THE SOCIETY OF

FRIENDS AND DO NOT CHOOSE TO SIGN:

Eli jah Pettetts, John Pettetts, Jos Pettetts,  
David Pettetts, M. Varney, Moses Varney,

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Moses Austin, John Cloutman, Jona Dawe, Benj Meeder, Jona Meeder, Elijah Pettetts Jr., Ezekiel Pettetts, Muzzy Gould, Robt Pettetts, David Varney, Moses Varney Jr., Ebenezer Varney, Thos Cloutman, Isaac Twombly, Nath Meeder, Jos Meeder.

--By Order of the Committee, Ebn'r Pettetts, Clk. Rochester 15th Oct 1776, a true copy Hon. John Plumer, Lieut.-Col. John McDuffee, Deacon James Knowles, and Dr. James Howe were prominent citizens of the town during the Revolutionary period.

Hon. John Plumer was the first magistrate in the town. He was appointed by the British Governor a judge of the Court of Common Pleas when that court was organized in 1773. He was reappointed in 1776, when an independent State government was first established. He retained the office till his voluntary resignation in 1795, at which time he was chief justice.

Lieut-Col. John McDuffee was born in 1724; was a lieutenant in the French and English wars; was at the capture of Louisburg in 1758, and commanded a detachment of men under Gen. Wolfe at the siege of Quebec. He served in the Revolutionary army from the battle of Bunker Hill till 1778, being part of the time brigade commissary. He was the first representative of the town, being chosen to the Provincial Assembly in 1762; also a

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member of the State Legislature in 1782. Was

six years a State senator, being apart of that  
time 'senior senator," or chairman. Died Oct  
15, 1817, aged ninety years.

Deacon James Knowles came to Rochester in  
1749. Held many town offices; was a member of  
many of the conventions that fostered the  
spirit of the Revolution; was six years a  
member of the Legislature. For forty years he  
was a deacon of the church. He was  
universally trusted and respected, and spent  
a large portion of his long life in useful  
and unambitious public service.

Dr. James Howe was one of six brothers who  
served their country in the Revolution from  
the battle of Bunker Hill till the close of  
the war. Dr. Howe was surgeon's mate in Col.  
Long's expedition in 1777. He was three  
years a representative in the Legislature,  
and was distinguished for his natural talent  
and his great benevolence.

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CHURCH HISTORY--The following histories are  
included in the original document:  
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Rochester NH First Congregational Church,  
with Amos Main, a Harvard College graduate,  
being the first settled ministers in 1737.  
Other ministers include, Samuel Hill, Avery  
Hall, Joseph Haven, Thomas C. Upham, Isaac  
Wiley, Edward Cleaveland, Francis V. Pike,  
John E. Farwell, George Spaulding, J. C.

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Seagrave, James M. Palmer, Prescott Fay, A. F.

Marsh, Harvey M. Stone, A. J. Quick. A list of deacons is included in the original document.

The First Free-will baptist society (at Rochester NH) was organized March 19, 1825 at the house of Enoch Tibbetts. A church was organized at the house of John York, April 15, 1829 when 17 persons received the right hand of fellowship [more info in original document].

FRIENDS--[ie Quakers] in Rochester NH. The first record we find is from the Monthly Meeting in Dover--"23d 9th mo, 1751 The Friends at Rochester have liberty to keep a meeting there till the last of the 1st month next." This permission was renewed, from time to time for short periods only, usually about a month. In 1777 the same liberty was granted during the pleasure of the Monthly Meeting. In 1776 there were twenty-two adult male Friends who declined to join the Test Association. In 1781 the advice of the Monthly Meeting was given to the Friends of Rochester, on their asking for it to build a meeting-house. The house was built on the Dover road, near Judge Dame's. It was afterwards taken down and the material used for a new house near Gonic, from which place it has since been removed to its present location. The Monthly Meetings were held in Rochester as early as 1820, and perhaps

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earlier. A meeting-house was built at Meaderborough some time previous to 1805. In 1823 there were reported to be twenty families belonging to one meeting and fifteen families to the other. In 1838 a collection of books for a library was commenced.

The Second Free Will Baptist Society was organized in 1846 with about sixty persons and a constitution adopted.

The East Rochester and South Lebanon Free-Will Society was organized June 1, 1865 and Rev. Isaac Hyatt became pastor. The church edifice was built soon after at a cost of six thousand dollars. Rev. R. McDonald is its present pastor.

The Walnut Grove Free-Will Baptist Society have a neat meeting-house on the Salmon Falls road, erected in 1867. They have sustained their meetings and Sabbath-school and sustain preaching most of the time, Rev. E. True being their present pastor.

The Rochester Village Free-Will Baptist Church was organized in October 1871, consisting of sixteen members. Rev. Ezekiel True was chosen its first pastor [more info on this church in original document].

The First Universalist Church in Rochester was organized March 27, 1841, the first minister was Rev. R. O. Williams. [more info on the first members and additional ministers can be found in the original document.

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Methodist Episcopal Church--Rev Warren

Banister and Rev. Ebenezer Blake were the first Methodist ministers who preached in Rochester. The first sermon was preached in a school-house in 1807, on what is now called the main road. [a great deal more on this church can be found in the original document].

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DISTINGUISHED MEN

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Hon. John P. Hale, representative in Congress, United States senator, and minister to Spain, was born in Rochester village and resided here for twenty-two years.

Hon. Nathaniel Upham, a resident of Rochester, from 1802 to 1829, a successful merchant and public spirited man, was one of the Governor's Council 1811-1812, and a representative in Congress for three terms from 1817 to 1823.

Hon. David Barker Jr., was a native of Rochester and resided here until his death April 1, 1838. He was a representative in Congress from 1827 to 1829. He was a lawyer of fine talents.

Hon. James Farrington, a physician of some celebrity, resided here from 1818 until his death in 1859. He was a representative and senator in the State Legislature, and a representative in Congress 1837-39.

Jon. Jabob [Jacob] H. Elais a native of and resident in this town. He has been a member

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of the Legislature, United States marshal for  
New Hampshire, representative in Congress,  
and is the present sixth auditor of the  
United States Treasury. He has also held  
various other political offices of honor.  
Rev. Thomas C. Upham D.D. a professor in  
Bowdoin College for more than thirty years,  
author of many works, theological and  
philosophical, extensively used in this  
country, is a son of Hon. Nathaniel Upham  
already mentioned, and from early childhood a  
resident of the town until his appointment to  
the professorship in 1825. From July 1823 for  
nearly two years he was colleague pastor of  
the Congregational Church.

Jonathan P. Cushing, son of Peter Cushing,  
was born in Rochester March 12, 1793. By his  
own industry and perseverance he prepared  
himself for college and graduated at  
Dartmouth, working at his leisure moments at  
his trade as a saddler to pay for his  
expenses. He became president of  
Hampden-Sidney College in Virginia, and after  
a career of usefulness, died April 25, 1835.

Hon. Nathaniel G. Upham, a judge of the  
Superior Court of Judicature from Jan 8, 1833  
to Dec 1, 1842 was a son of Hon. Nathaniel  
Upham. He was commissioner from the United  
States to Great Britain in President Pierce's  
administration, died Dec 11, 1869.

Frances W. Upham was a son of Nathaniel  
Upham, and a native of Rochester. He was a

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Law partner of Hon. Robert Rantoul.

Hon. Noah Tebbetts was born in Rochester in 1802, Graduated at Bowdoin College in 1822, was representative in Legislature, and in 1843 was appointed judge of Court of Common Pleas. he died Sept 9, 1844.

Hon. Charles W. Woodman, now a practicing lawyer in Dover was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas from August 26, 1854 to Aug 18, 1855. he is a native of Rochester, and son of Jeremiah H. Woodman, Esq.

Theodore C. Woodman, lawyer, a native of Rochester, also son of J. H. Woodman.

Richard Danna was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1816 to 1820; was a councilor 1809-10; a senator and representative in the State Legislature.

Died Sept 19, 1828, aged seventy-two.

Isaac and Seth Adams, though compelled to struggle with many disadvantages and obstacles in early life, rose by their perseverance and talents to great wealth.

Isaac Adams invented the famous Adams printing-press which has been so extensively used in this country.

Charles Main, a descendant of the first gospel minister of Rochester, rose to wealth in the mercantile business in San Francisco.

Hon. James H. Edgerly was judge of probate for Strafford County, to which office he was appointed in October 1866.

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Hon. N. V. Whitehouse was a representative in  
the Legislature, and a member of the  
Governor's Council in 1855 and 1857.

POPULATION OF ROCHESTER-- In 1767, 984; 1775,  
1448; 1790, 2857; 1800, 2646; 1810, 2118;  
1820, 2471; 1830, 2155; 1840, 2431; 1850,  
3006; 1860, 3384; 1870, 4104; 1880, 5788.

BANKS -- The original document includes the  
history of Rochester Bank (1834), The  
Rochester National Bank (1874), The Norway  
Plains Savings-Bank (1851), The Rochester  
Savings-Bank (1872)

PHYSICIANS--names only mentioned here more  
info in original document: Dr. James Jackson,  
Dr. James Howe, Dr. Samuel Pray, Dr. Timothy  
F. Preston, Dr. John Perkins, Dr. Asa  
Perkins, Dr. James Farrington, Calvin Cutter,  
Theodore Wells, Dr. Turner, Rufus K. Pearl,  
John W. Pray, Richard Russell, Jeremiah  
Garland, John Pray, Dr. Ham, James  
Farrington, I. N. Lougee.

HUMANE LODGE, No 28 F. and A. M. -- The Hon.  
Jeremiah Hall Woodman, late of Rochester, is  
doubtless entitled to the honor of founding  
Humane Lodge No. 21, A. F. and A. M. [a great  
deal more info about this masonic lodge can  
be found in original document].

KENNEDY LODGE, I. O. of O. F., NORWAY PLAINS  
ENCAMPMENT No. &, I. O. of O. F. and MOTOLINIA  
LODGE, No. 18, I. O. O. F. -- A detailed history  
of each of these Odd Fellowships can be found  
in the original document.

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MANUFACTURES--detailed info on: Mechanic's Company at Norway Plains, manufacture of blankets (1834), Gonic Company, Wetmore and Sturtevant, Norway Plains Company. E. G. & E. Wallace, John H. Meserve sash and blind company; Hon N.V. Whitehouse at Gonic had a machine wool-carding (1833); manufacture of linseed (1834); made satinets in 1838 (bought out Carr & Hibbard); John Hall at East Rochester manufactured woollens.

SCHOOLS--The first reference to schools in the old town records is under the date of 1750 when it voted to have a school. [more info in original document].

POST-OFFICES--The post office at Rochester was established March 26, 1812 with William Barker as postmaster... The Gonic Office was established Jan 28, 1851 with C. S. Whitehouse first postmaster... The East Rochester office was established June 2, 1863 with Stephen F. Shorey postmaster [more information in original document].

\*\*\*NEWSPAPERS\*\*\* [excerpts only here]  
- The Rochester Courier was established and its first number printed Jan 17, 1864 by J. Frank Place.

- The Anti-Monopolist and Local Record, Saturday 19, 1878 was the first number of the paper issued by Moses Hull (editor) and George G. Berry (local editor and publisher).

THE SOCIAL LIBRARY was established in 1792 and the first library was Joseph Clark [more

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info in original document]

TOWN OFFICERS OF ROCHESTER NH [a list of town  
officers including representatives,  
proprietors and town clerks can be found in  
the original document]

MILITARY RECORD--CIVIL WAR 1861-65  
<http://archive.org/stream/historyofrockingham00h>

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\*\*A list of men who served during the civil  
war can be found in the original document.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES WITH LIKENESSES

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Frank McDuffee, son of John and Joanna  
(Hanson) McDuffee, b. at Dover NH 27 Aug  
1832. Cashier at Rochester State Bank,  
Treasurer at Norway Plains Savings-Bank,  
eventually founding his own bank, John  
McDuffee & Co., bankers. He married 4 Dec  
1861 to Fanny Hayes. Children [McDuffee]:  
John, Edgar and Willis.

Dominicus Hanson, son of Joseph and Charity  
(Dame) Hanson was born in Rochester NH 23 Aug  
1813. In drug / apothecary business. He  
married Betsey S. Chase, dau of Simon Chase.  
They have two sons Charles A.C. Hanson b  
Rochester 18 Aug 1844 and George W. Hanson,  
b. July 6, 1854, d. 6 Jan 1856.

Dr. James Farrington MD, son of Elijah and  
Lois L. Farrington, b in North Conway NH June

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10, 1822. He m. Harriet L. Chase, dau of Simon Chase. They have two daughters Nellie F. Farrington b. 18 Nov 1854 m. 25 Dec 1879 to George McDuffee son of John McDuffee; and Josephine C. Farrington b 13 Sep 1859; m. 25 Dec 1879 Arthur V. Sanborn, who has a son James F. Sanborn, b. 1 Sep 1880.

Dr. Isaac W. Lougee, son of John F. Lougee was b at Gilmanton NH 1 Aug 1818. He m1) Julia A. Ross; m2) Ellen Wheeler. Children Mary A. Lougee (from 1st wife) and William W. Lougee and Arthur J. Lougee (from 2nd wife). John D Sturtevant, b. in Centre Harbor, Belknap Co. NH 4 July 1816; He m 16 Oct 1841 to Adeline Bradley dau of Joshua and Dorcas (Jones) Bradley. Their children are Edward A. Sturtevant; Frances A Sturtevant who m. Amas Clarke; Ellen B. Sturtevant who m. Edward Steese.

Ebenezer G. Wallace, b 5 Jan 1823 in Berwick Maine, son of Linzey & Abigail (Gowell) Wallace. In May 1853 he married Sarah E. Greenfield of Rochester NH.

Edwin Wallace, son of Linsy Wallace, was b in 1823 in Berwick Maine. He m. a daughter of Seneca Lander, and had children.

Rev. Ezekiel True, a descendant of Henry True, son of Ezekiel & Nancy (Nutting) True. He m. Sylvia M. Hobbs of Wells, Maine. Pastor of several churches.

Charles K. Chase, youngest son of Simon Chase b. in Rochester NH May 17, 1830. In April

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1855 he m. Ellen M. Burleigh and had 5 children; in 1876 he m2) Abbie McD.

Whitewhouse and had 2 children.

Charles Greenfield, son of John and Phebe Greenfield, b in Rochester NH Feb 18, 1826; married late in life, had 4 children.

John F. Torr, one of the wealthiest farmers in Rochester NH, a lineal descendant of Vincent Torr. He married 17 March 1868 to Marcy C. Downs. Children: Charles C., Simon A and George A.

Jeremiah D. Richardson, son of Thomas & Nancy (Odioren) Richardson, b. Rochester Nh 19 Sep 1809. he m1) Martha Place, dau of John Place and had 2 ch; m2) Mary C. Hopkinson and had children.

Osman B. Warren, son of Rev. James & Lydia (Perkins) Warren; b. 15 Sep 1845. Served during the Civil War, and imprisoned at Anderson Prison. He married 1870 to Luella J. Brown, and have 2 ch.

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