

# Alstead's Charter Granted August 13, 1763

## PROVINCE of NEW – HAMPSHIRE.

GEORGE The Third,  
By the Grace of God, of Great Britain,  
France and Ireland, KING, Defender  
of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

**K**NOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meet Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within Our said Province, by and with the Advice of Our Trusty and Well-loved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in [chief of the Militia] of New Hampshire, in *New England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon 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*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to all amongst them into *Seventy Six* \_\_\_\_\_ equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, *Twenty Three Thousand & Forty Acres*, which Tract is to contain *Six* \_\_\_\_\_ Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bound as follows, Viz.

*Beginning at the North East Corner of Walpole at a Stake & Stones Standing in the Southerly Sideline of Charlestown from thence running South by Walpole to the North West Corner of Gilsum Six Miles & about Thirty Two rods thence East by Gilsum aforesaid five Miles Two thousand & fifty six rod, to a stake & stones the South West Corner of Marlow from thence North by the Needle six miles & one Hundred & Ninety Two rods to the North West Corner of Marlow from thence West by the Needle Three miles & Two Hundred & Eighty Eight rods to a stake & stones in Charlestown Side Line from thence South One Hundred & Sixty rod, to the South East Corner of said Charlestown thence Westerly by said Charlestown to the Bounds began at ~*

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of *Alstead* And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with, and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding Two Fairs one of which shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_ and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be opened 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 said Province, shall be held on the *Last Tuesday in November Next* \_\_\_\_\_ which said Meeting shall be Notified by *Samuel Chase* who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said 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 expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, VIZ.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the 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 and cultivate the same.

II. 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 Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of 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.



IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent 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 *December*, 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the \_\_\_\_\_ on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so own, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lessor Tract of the said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, 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 of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH ESQ., Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the *Sixth* Day of *August* in the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and *Sixty Three* and in the *Third* Year of Our Reign.

By His EXCELLENCY'S Command

With Advice of Council,

*BWentworth*

*T Atkinson, Jun Seal*

*Province of New Hampshire August 6- 1763*

*Recorded in the Book of Charters No. 2 Page 500 & 501*

*T. Atkinson, Jun Seal*

*The Names of the Grantees of Alstead*

<i>Samuel Chase</i>	<i>Ebenezer Rawson</i>	<i>Moses Leeland</i>	<i>Ebenr Burnel</i>
<i>Ephraim Sherman</i>	<i>James Richardson</i>	<i>Samuel Richardson</i>	<i>Ephraim Sherman Junr</i>
<i>Abraham Bachelder</i>	<i>Jonathan Chase</i>	<i>Benjamin Leeland</i>	<i>Luke Drewery</i>
<i>Olfin Burnam</i>	<i>March Chase</i>	<i>Joseph Moseley</i>	<i>Ebenr Sadler</i>
<i>John Holland</i>	<i>Silas Hazelton</i>	<i>Eleahim Garfield</i>	<i>Nathaniel Sherman</i>
<i>Benoni Chase</i>	<i>Moodey Chase</i>	<i>Benjamin Garfield</i>	<i>Hezekiah Taylor</i>
<i>Stephen Chase</i>	<i>Simon Brook</i>	<i>John Holbrook</i>	<i>Moses Whipple</i>
<i>Jonas Brown</i>	<i>Samuel Chase Junr</i>	<i>Nathan Whitmore</i>	<i>Moses Holbrook</i>
<i>Daniel Chase</i>	<i>Dudley Chase</i>	<i>Bradford Chase</i>	<i>Abraham Temple</i>
<i>Daniel Putnam</i>	<i>[Solomon Chase]</i>	<i>[James McClaling]</i>	<i>David Temple</i>
<i>Moses Chase</i>	<i>Nathaniel Gowen</i>	<i>Joseph Whipple</i>	<i>Antipas Holland</i>
<i>Josiah Brown</i>	<i>David Lilley</i>	<i>Jonathan Dudley Junr</i>	<i>Samuel Sherman Junr</i>
<i>Joshua Swmington</i>	<i>David Lilley Junr</i>	<i>Jacob Gibs</i>	<i>John Whipple</i>
<i>Moses Chase Junr</i>	<i>Daniel Chase Junr</i>	<i>Asa Walker</i>	<i>James Whiple</i>
<i>Caleb Chase</i>	<i>Paul Chase</i>	<i>Daniel Burbank</i>	<i>Stephen Hall</i>
<i>Thomas Hall</i>	<i>Thomas Parker Junr</i>	<i>John Harmon</i>	<i>John Marshall</i>
<i>David Dudley</i>	<i>Ebenr Bridge</i>	<i>Col Wm Symes</i>	<i>Hon Theodore Atkinson Esq</i>
			<i>Nathe Barrell Esq and</i>
			<i>Theo Atkinson, Junr Esq</i>

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a tract of Land to Contain five Hundred acres as Marked on the Plan B W which is to be accounted two of the within shares; one share for the Incorporated Society for the Propegation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by law Established one share for the first Settled Minister in Said Town and one for the School House forever

*Province of New Hamps August 6-1763*

*Recorded with the Charter in the Book of Charters N° 2 Page 502*

*T S Atkinson Junr, Esq*



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And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of *Attleboro*  
And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchised with,  
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shall have the Liberty of holding Two Fairs, one of which shall be held on the first of May annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of fifty Families, a Market may be opened 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 said Province, shall be held on the last Sunday in November next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Samuel Chase who is hereby appointed the Moderator of the said Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the second Sunday of March annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above specified, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, VIZ.

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Year forever, from and after the said twenty-fifth Day of December, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year thereafter, on the twenty-fifth Day of December, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 One Kelling Proclamation of Money for every Hundred Acres (to wit) to own, tithes or possides, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesse Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, 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 Tithes and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness  
 Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the  
 of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and *seventy*  
 Year of Our Reign.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command  
 With Advice of COUNSELL.

*B. Wentworth*

13 Wentworth.

*Bred in the Dept. - Charles Co. Md. Aug. 500758*



# The Names of the Grantors of Alstead

Samuel Chan	Benjamin Kierman	Moses Leitch	Eliot Spurr
Ephraim Sherman	James Richardson	Samuel Richardson	Ephraim Sherman
Abraham Backholder	Jonathan Chase	Benjamin Leitch	Levi Drury
Offen Purnum	Atack Chase	Joseph Mace	Eliot Sadler
John Holland	Silas Hazleton	Electon Garfield	Gathaniel Sherman
Bronie Chan	Moodie Chase	Bury Simon Gahle	Wright Taylor
Stephen Chase	Simon Brooks	John Holbrook	Moses Whipple
Jonas Brown	Samuel Chase and	Nathaniel Whitmore	Moses Holbrook
Daniel Chan	Dudley Chase	Bradford Chase	Abraham Temple
James Robinson	John Chase	John Chase	John Temple
Moses Chan	Gathaniel Brown	Joseph Whipple	Antipas Holland
Isiah Brown	David Litley	Jonathan Dudley	Samuel Sherman
Isiah Swingington	David Litley and	Jacob Gibb	John Whipple
Moses Chan and	Samuel Chan and	Rea Walter	James Whipple
Calab Chase	Paul Chase	Daniel Burbank	Stephen Hall
Thomas Hall	Thomas Parker and	John Varnum	John Marshall
David Dudley	Isid Bridge	Colman Symes	Thos. Frederic Whinner

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Nathl. Darrell and  
Thos. Whinner

His Excellency Benjamin Whitworth Esq. a Trust of Land to Cordis, from thence as marked on the Plan  
to Whitworth is to be accounted two of the western shares on the plan for the Incorporated Society for  
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Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of August 1763

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J. C. Mather

23.040 acres  
Alstead  
by J. C. Mather

Recorded June 15th 1764 and filed in the Registry  
and recorded, and being the original under the  
hand of the said Benjamin Whitworth Esq. and  
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