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DOVER, N. H., January 31, 1891,

MISS MARY P. THOMPSON:

At the January meeting of the Dover Historical Society you were invited to write up the Ancient Landmarks of Dover and vicinity.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. WHITTEMORE.

*Secretary.*



## PREFACE.

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The township of Dover, New Hampshire, originally comprised not only the present city of that name, but the townships of Durham, Lee, Madbury, Rollinsford and Somersworth, the greater part of Newington, a portion of Newmarket, and nearly, if not quite, the whole shore of Greenland along the south side of the Great Bay.

A complete list of the old localities and landmarks of this extensive region has necessarily required a great amount of research. The list given in the present work is based on the early town records, especially those of Dover proper: on the county records at Exeter prior to 1773; on the New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers; and on local and family traditions. All the grants and conveyances of land referred to in this work have been personally examined by the writer, unless otherwise intimated. The orthography and phraseology of these records have been retained as far as possible, even when no direct quotations have been made.

The present edition of the "Landmarks in Ancient Dover" entirely supersedes the first one. The numerous errors in that edition have, as far as discovered, been carefully corrected in this, and several hundred new localities have been added.

Among the most important corrections are those relating to *Herod's Cove*, *Pinkham's* and *Swadden's Creeks*, and the ancient bounds of the Bloody Point settlement once known as *Kenney's Creek* and *Hogsty Cove*. Numerous places along the Greenland shore of the Great Bay are herein proved to have been a part of Ancient Dover. And whereas the first edition of this work was only supplementary to what others had written, the present edition is a complete register of all the noteworthy localities within the limits of Ancient Dover, not only of early times, but also those of more recent date, as well as many places in Barrington, Nottingham, and Rochester, mentioned in connection with the public highways or with the inhabitants of Dover.

A few of the places mentioned in this work have not been positively identified, in spite of much research; but the neighborhood has in all cases been indicated, and some points given which, it is hoped, will lead to their identification. The writer will feel greatly obliged for any information bearing thereon, and for the correction of any errors discovered in the work.

DURHAM, N. H., May 26, 1892.



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**ABBOTT'S BROOK.** This brook is in the north-eastern part of Somersworth, and connects Cole's pond with the Salmon Falls river. About midway in its course it is joined by a brook from Rochester. "Abbott's brook" is mentioned in the Atlas of Hitchcock's Geology of N. H. The name is derived from Moses Abbott, who formerly resided on the south side of this brook.

**ABBOTT'S ISLANDS.** Richard Dame, on his map of Newington in 1805, gives this name to some small islands at the mouth of Lighton's cove. No islands are there, however, except at extremely high tide, when High point, and perhaps one or two other projections, are sometimes severed from the mainland. The origin of the name does not appear.

**ADAMS' POINT.** This point of land, originally called *Matheus' Neck*, is on the Durham shore, at the Narrows, between Great and Little bays. The present name was derived from Elder John Adams, a descendant of the Rev. Joseph Adams of Newington, who was the uncle of John Adams, the second president of the United States. Elder Adams acquired this neck of land by a mortgage from Timothy Dame of Newington, May 1, 1830, which was never redeemed. The deed describes it as a farm of eighty acres, "commonly called

*Matheus' Neck*," bounded north by the land of Joseph Kent's heirs, and on the other sides by Great and Little bays, and the coves and creeks that run into said bays." (See *Matheus' Neck*.)

**ADDER'S SWAMP.** This swamp is in Durham, at the upper side of Cutt's hill, opposite the Burnham house, on the south side of the road to Durham Point. It belongs to the heirs of the late Col. Joseph Burnham.

**ALLEY POINT.** This name is given on Whitehouse's map of 1834 to a point on the eastern shore of the Cochecho, above the Narrows. The name was derived from Samuel Alley, whose land here is mentioned Dec. 30, 1734, when Edward Ellis conveyed to John MacElroy 30 acres of land, "beginning at y<sup>e</sup> lower end of a brook called *Stony brook*, and running up to y<sup>e</sup> road y<sup>e</sup> leads from Jabez Garland's, and so by y<sup>e</sup> road to y<sup>e</sup> parting fence between Samuel Alley's land and said lot, and from s<sup>d</sup> Alley's land to Wm. Thompson's, thence as s<sup>d</sup> Thompson's fence runs to Cochecho salt river, and along s<sup>d</sup> river to y<sup>e</sup> lower end of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> *Stony brook*." Samuel Alley and wife Elizabeth conveyed to Job Clement, March 28, 1758, fifty acres of land where they then dwelt, bounded N. by said Clement's land, E. by Amos Howard's, W. by Garland's and Paul