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Introduction

PITTSTON

The town of Pittston lies on the east side of the Kennebec River in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine, six miles south southeast of the city of Augusta, the capital of the state. It is bounded on the north by the town of Randolph, on the east by the town of Alna and Whitefield, on the south by the town of Dresden and on the west by the Kennebec river.

It has three villages, viz: Pittston, North Pittston and East Pittston.

It was originally a part of the town of Gardiner, but was separated from that town and incorporated in 1779, named in honor of William Pitt.

CHELSEA

The town of Chelsea is situated in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine, five miles southeast of Augusta, on the Kennebec Central R. R. It is bounded on the north by the town of Augusta, on the east by the town of Whitefield, on the south by the town of Randolph and on the west by the Kennebec river.

This town was originally a part of Hallowell, and was separated from that town and incorporated in 1850. The National home for disabled soldiers is located at Togus a government tract situated in the northeastern part.

RANDOLPH

The town of Randolph is situated in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine, six miles south southeast of Augusta. It is bounded on the north by the town of Chelsea, on the east by the town of Whitefield, on the south by the town of Pittston and on the west by the Kennebec river.

This town was originally a part of the town of Pittston from which it was separated in 1887 under the name of West Pittston. The name was changed the same year to the present name, Randolph.

Early Settlement

The coming of the whites in 1607 to the mouth of the Kennebec river was a signal for a life and death contest between two, all the time, and a part of the time three different races for the control and ownership of the lands of the State of Maine. The one was the English, the other the Aborigines and the third, the French. All the conflicts between the whites and the Indians along the line of the Kennebec valley are now passed into history. The tales that are handed down from generation to generation picture the dangers of settlements, the hardships and discouragements attendant upon the pioneer in the region of which we write. The Indian was in full ownership of the lands at the time of the arrival of the whites, and had been in such ownership from time immemorial. He believed himself to be harshly treated at the hands of his white brothers who had been better favored by the advantages of civilization than he, when they at once began a series of efforts to gain footholds upon the lands of his fathers, and they consequently retaliated in the cruel ways known only to the Red men of America.

Then followed war upon war, small massacre upon massacre, council upon council and threat upon threat till the years rolled by with the face of nature slowly but surely changing to the complexion the civilized community, and the Redman taking his wigwam slowly to the north and west.