

I decided to write this book about the early Barnstead families because there are so many people looking for their ancestors now . I hope this will help some people in the future to find some of their relatives . I also wanted to show who some of the early families were and what part they paid in the early history of Barnstead .

The early Barnstead pioneers came from Durham , Dover , Newington , Portsmouth , Barrington and Madbury to name a few of the towns . They came on foot at first following spotted trees through the wilderness . In 1760 they built the Province road an it help a lot . They clear an acre at a time and planted there crops . They built there log cabin at first , later they had there framed houses. They had to be on the alert for Indian and wild animals . They had very hard winters and didnt have much to eat . Many couldnt pay there taxes and lost there land . They built there Saw mills, Grist mills and there Tanneries to saw there lumber , to grind there corn and to tan there hides . In early 1800 there was 26 mills in Barnstead . There was much sickness and many young children died . The doctors were few and didnt have much medicine then . From 1750 to 1865 the men had to fight in 4 wars for there town and country . The woman were left to run the farms . They built there churches and there schools in the early 1800 . In 1839 there were 18 schools We have about 130 cemeteries in Barnstead , most of them are little family plots .

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1. REV. JOSEPH ADAMS of Newington, N.H. A minister, born in 1688 and died in 1783. He graduated from Harvard college in 1710. He married ELIZABETH JANVIN in 1720. His second wife was ELIZABETH BRACKETT. He taught school in Newington while he was in college. He was the pastor at the Newington church for 60 years. He and 105 others were granted the Barnstead town charter in 1727.

Children of Joseph

1. ELIZABETH, b. 1721, d. 1722
  2. DR. JOSEPH, b. 1723, d. 1799
  3. HANNAH, b. 1725
  4. EBENEZER, b. 1726, d. 1764. Moved to Barnstead.  
Married LOUISA DOWNING.
- Children of Ebenezer
- a. SAMUEL, b. 1758, d. 1821
  - b. ELIZABETH, b. 1760
5. BENJAMIN, b. 1728