

**PELHAM**, Hillsborough county. Bounded north by Windham, east by Salem, and by Lawrence, Massachusetts, south by Dracut, Massachusetts, and west by Hudson. Distance from Concord, 37 miles south. Beaver River is the principal stream, on which, and its tributaries, is much valuable interval. The uplands are good for grazing and the cultivation of fruit. The proximity of this town to Lowell, Lawrence, and Haverhill, particularly to Lowell, which is only six miles distant, affords a ready and convenient market for produce of all kinds. All the varieties of fruit common to this latitude are raised here in great abundance. Granite of a superior quality is found in inexhaustible quantities here. It is taken to Nashua, Lowell, Lawrence, and Haverhill, for building purposes.

There are two meeting houses, one academy, two woolen factories, where 30 hands are employed, two stores, one hotel, one wheelwright and carriage shop, three blacksmith shops, and one manufactory of pruning shears.

The first settlements in this town were made in 1722, by John Butler, William Richardson, and others. It was formerly included in Wheelwright's purchase and Mason's patent. The town was incorporated July 5, 1746. At the time of the revolutionary war, Pelham contained 700 inhabitants, and 87 of the citizens were enrolled on the lists of the army. A Congregational church was formed November 13, 1751.

Population, 1071. Number of legal voters — — — — —, 244. Inventory, \$501,279. Value of lands, \$331,950. Do. mills and factories, \$10,700. Stock in trade, \$4722. Money at interest, \$89,475. Number of sheep, 218. Do. neat stock, 1008. Do. horses, 152.