

PELHAM, N. H.,

HILLSBOROUGH Co., lies 87 miles S. from Concord, 19 S.E. from Amherst, and 6 miles from Lowell, Ma.; was settled, in 1722, by John Butler, William Richardson, and others, and was formerly included in Wheelwright's purchase and Mason's patent, and incorporated July 5, 1746. A Congregational church was founded Nov. 18, 1751, and Rev. James Hobbs ordained at the same time.

There are in Pelham three ponds, called Gumpas, Island, and North Ponds. Beaver River passes through the town, and is the principal stream. On this river and the tributary streams there is much valuable meadow. The inhabitants depend principally on agriculture for the means of support.

The uplands are good for grazing and the cultivation of fruit. Lowell furnishes a ready market for vegetables, fruit, and all kinds of produce.

Excellent granite, and in any quantity, is found here, and is carried to Nashua, Lowell, Lawrence, and Haverhill, where it is used for building purposes. There is an academy here, and two woollen-factories, employing 80 hands, and shops for different mechanics.

At the time of the Revolutionary war, Pelham contained 700 inhabitants, and 87 of them were enrolled on the list of the army.