

KIMBALL WEBSTER

Kimball Webster was born on Gage Hill in Pelham, New Hampshire on November 2, 1828. He was educated in Pelham, but later moved to Hudson, New Hampshire, where he became one of that town's most prominent citizens. In 1849 he joined the thousands to rush to California upon the discovery of gold.

He later returned to Hudson, where he held many important positions in Town and School government.

In 1892 he was asked by D. Hamilton Hurd to write a history of the Town of Hudson. That short history became a chapter in D. Hamilton Hurd's larger history of Hillsborough County. In 1913 he published a far more comprehensive history of the Town of Hudson.

Because Kimball Webster was born and raised in Pelham and because the early histories of both Pelham and Hudson were so closely entwined, Kimball Webster's two histories of the Town of Hudson shed much light on the early history of Pelham.

All of present day Hudson and the western one third of present day Pelham were both parts of Old Dunstable, Massachusetts (1673 to 1731); Nottingham, Massachusetts (1731 to 1741; and the Nottingham District of New Hampshire (1741 to 1746).

For that reason, relevant portions of these two histories are included in the Hayes-Genoter History and Genealogy Library.