

*Signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of*

# SIGNERS OF THE 1713 TREATY OF PORTSMOUTH

In July 1713, the Royal Governor of Massachusetts, Joseph Dudley, Esq., agreed to meet with members of the First Nations from Casco Bay (representatives from Penobscot, Kennebec and St. John's Rivers groups) in Portsmouth. After three days of discussions, the participants signed a document, now called the 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth. This was the first treaty the New Hampshire Council had signed as a recognized body separate from Massachusetts. The Wabanaki signed as delegates who would then report the proceedings to their sagamores, gathered at Casco Bay.

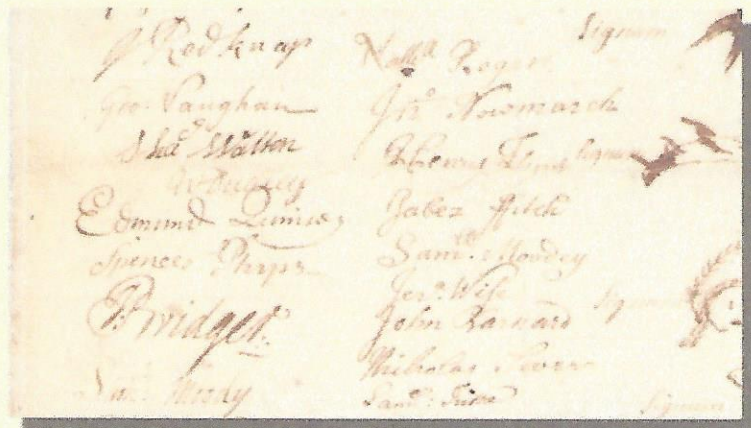


Image of the 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth (Courtesy: Library of Congress, Levi Woodbury family papers, 1638-1914)

**Many prominent Portsmouth citizens signed the Treaty:**

**Nathaniel Rogers** -- Puritan son of the president of Harvard. 1704 fire burned his home on Pleasant Street. Rebuilt at corner of Congress & Church Street. Buried at Point of Graves.

**George Vaughn** -- Later named Lieutenant Governor; a political ally of Richard Waldron.

**Col. Shadrach Walton** -- Commanded Ft. William & Mary before 1684 and headed NH forces at Port Royal in 1710. Served as judge on Court of Common Pleas 1695-98 and 1716-37. Member of Governor's Council 1716-33. Portsmouth tavern owner.

**Jabez Fitch** -- Author of a *History of New Hampshire*, he built a house in 1719 on "The Hill" in Portsmouth, near Deer Street and succeeded Rev. Nathaniel Rogers at North Church in 1724.

**Samuel Gerrish** -- Originally from Hampton NH where his family had purchased a share in 1679 of the original Mason patent claim to New Hampshire. Built house on "The Hill" neighboring Fitch.

**John Gilman, Jr.** -- Of the prominent Gilman Family in Exeter. Signed 1682 petition to General Court for NH to receive equal treatment as MA

**James Livermore** -- Arrived 1703. Livermore Street in Portsmouth is named for his family

**Joseph Hiller, Jr.** -- Boston lawyer, militia captain and innkeeper, he was the clerk who kept the journal of the proceedings at 1713 and 1714 meetings with Wabanaki. Graduated from Harvard in 1705 and proclaimed the provincial laws to the public in 1714-18.

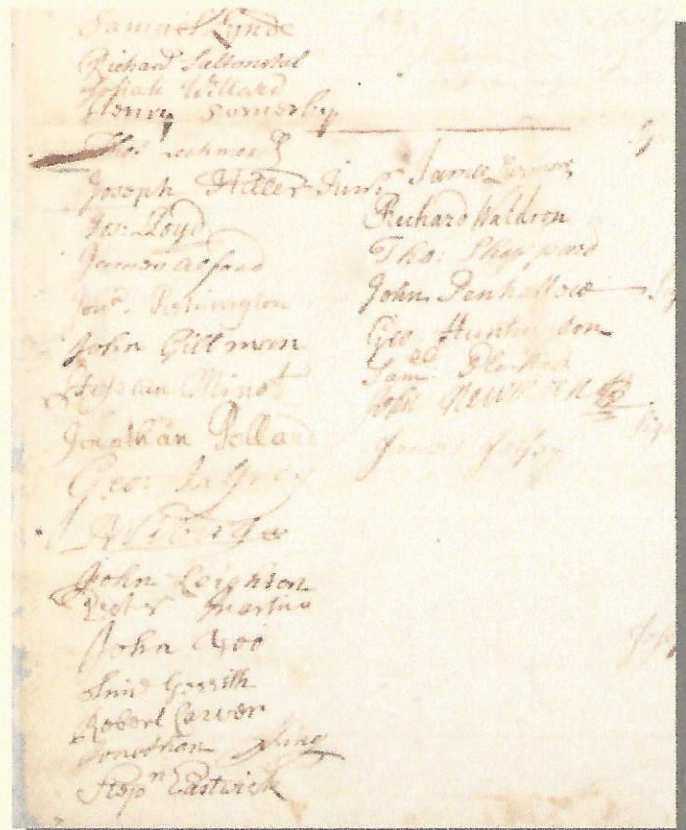


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**Sam Plaisted & NH Councillor John Plaisted** -- From York, Maine. Signed 1689 petition to raise a tax for defense and military officers.

**Jonathan Newmarch** -- Owner of Deer Tavern in Portsmouth (for which Deer Street is named.)

**George Jaffrey** -- Born in New Castle, 1682. Graduated Harvard in 1702 and admitted to the bar. Settled in Portsmouth and in 1710 began serving as its delegate to the Assembly. Associate justice of the NH supreme court in 1717; chief justice in 1726. Built house on Linden, opposite Daniel St. in 1730.

**Richard Wibird** -- Arrived in Portsmouth in the late 1600s as a steward, married Mrs. Due of Hampton who owned a market and became a prominent merchant who by 1727 owned 5 houses (and 3 slaves). Built Oracle House, now at corner of Court and Marcy Streets. Was one of 4 NH delegates to attend the Albany Conference of 1754 with the Iroquois Six Nations.