

TAVERNER LICENSES IN AMHERST, N. H.

In 18th-century New Hampshire, a “tavern” was a place that provided lodging and food for travellers and their animals, being the same as an inn. The owner of the establishment (business and real estate) was called an innholder; sometimes the proprietor was referred to as the landlord (e.g., 1772 and 1779 examples by Matthew Patten, a magistrate from neighboring Bedford). The terms innkeeper and tavernkeeper refer to the proprietors of such establishments, whether they own or lease.

These taverns/inns generally had a room where travelers as well as locals could drink alcoholic beverages in a convivial atmosphere. General stores not only sold various liquors in containers but often also had a counter or other area where they sold alcoholic drinks to consume on site. In order to sell such drinks, both kinds of establishments required a “taverner license” which was legal permission to “keep a public tavern” and/or to “sell spirituous liquors.”

This research file, compiled by Katrina Holman, captures all records of taverner licenses granted in 18th- and 19th-century Amherst, as well as evidence of 18th-century inns/taverns operated in town from newspaper notices. It is divided into the following sections:

- 1753-1760: Taverners in Souhegan West Licensed by Provincial Court
- 1759-1770: Innholders (tavernkeepers) in Amherst (from newspaper notices)
- 1771-1778: Taverners & Retailers in Amherst Licensed by County Court
- 1760-1787: Matthew Patten, Esquire, magistrate of Bedford, recorded in his journal the taverns/inns of Amherst in which he tarried and lodged while attending court sessions.
- 1780s-1790s: Innholders (tavernkeepers) in Amherst (from newspapers)
- 1792-1845: Tavern Licenses – for Inns & Stores – granted by Selectmen of Amherst
- 1845-1883: Licenses for Liquor Agent in Amherst, N.H.

1753-1760: Tavern Licenses Granted by Provincial Court

Search for Ephraim Hildreth's Tavern License at NH State Archives (by Jackie Marshall 2009):

Index to Laws of New Hampshire 1679-1883; p 535; Taverns granted to Towns 1753 2:243; 1758 2:407; 1772 3:170; 1778 3:486; 1781 4:230; 1782 4:390. [Where are the 1760?]

1753 June: Acts of the Province of New Hampshire; An Act passed to enable The Court of General Sessions of the Peace to grant as many Tavern Keepers in each town as they shall judge convenient. Acts of the Province of NH Volume 2:243. Page 247 similar language for 1758.

1751-1753 Volume I, Province of New Hampshire, Court of General Sessions of the Peace. This volume had no licenses for taverns that I could find. -jls

1755-1757 Volume II, Province of New Hampshire, Court of General Sessions of the Peace. This volume contains lists from nearly every session of the court for Taverners & Retailers. Only the first two lists gave the name of the towns and neither named Souhegan West. Later lists contained only names of men & women; none named Ephraim Hildreth.

1759-1760 Volume III, Province of New Hampshire, Court of General Sessions of the Peace. Again the lists did not have the names of towns and none named Ephraim Hildreth. **Sept 1759** named Taverners **John Shepard & Robert Reed**. [Listed one after the other, they look suspiciously like Souhegan West men, not listed under Retailers.-jls]

March 1760 listed a Jonathan Hildrick. The book was less than half full. It ended with the March 1760 term.

1759-1770: Innholders in Amherst – from Newspaper Notices

Compilation by Katrina Holman.

N.B.: The assertion by Daniel Farmer (*Historical Sketch of Amherst*, 1820), repeated by Secomb (*History*, 1883, p. 629) and E. D. Boylston (1860 poem) that Ephraim Hildreth, who kept a public house near the old meeting house some years, was the “first” tavern kept in town IS NOT ACCURATE.

1759-May-11 (also May 18 and June-01) *New Hampshire Gazette*, Portsmouth:

Notice is hereby given that there will be exposed to Sale at the **House of Robert Read, Innholder in Souhegan West** on June ... a Tract of Land lying in Souhegan, containing about sixty Acres near the River... JOHN SHEPARD, Administrator. Dated at Souhegan West, No. 3. May the 4th , 1759.

Note by Katrina Holman: This is the earliest evidence I have found of an innholder/tavernkeeper in Souhegan West/Amherst!

1766-Sep-08 *Boston Gazette and Country Journal*, Boston, Mass.:

The following List, is a Tax on a Number of the Proprietors in the Township of Amherst, in the Province of New Hampshire, for Payment of Taxes now due ... The Owners of the above Rights are hereby notified to pay the Sums ,, to us the Subscribers (who are empowered by said Act to collect the same) at said Amherst, by the 14th of October next, or so much Land ... will be Sold at a Public Vendue, at the **House of Ephraim Hildreth, Innholder in said Amherst**, .. Amherst, Sept. 2d, 1766. WILLIAM PEABODY, JOHN SHEPARD, junr.

1767-June-05 *New Hampshire Gazette*, Portsmouth, and 1767 June 22 *Boston Post Boy*:

AMHERST, Province of New Hampshire. The following List is a Tax, on a Number of the Proprietors in the Township of Amherst ...The owners are hereby Notified to pay ... or so much of the Land belonging to each of said Rights, as shall then be unpaid will be Sold at a Public Vendue, at the **House of Capt. Robert Read, Innholder in said Amherst**... Amherst, May 22d, 1767. WILLIAM PEABODY, JOHN SHEPARD, junr.

1769-Oct-17 *Essex Gazette*, Salem, Massachusetts: Whereas at sundry legal Meetings of the Proprietors of the Lands called AMHERST, (lately Souhegan West, No. 3.) in the Province of New Hampshire, several Taxes have been voted to be raised on each Right or Share, which has been advertised in the *New Hampshire Gazette*, according to Law, yet sundry persons neglect to pay the same to the Collectors of said Town; ... [unless they pay up..] so much of their Rights and Lots will be sold at a public Vendue at the **Dwelling House of Mr. Jonathan Smith, Innholder in said Amherst**, as will discharge the said Sum assessed on each Lot with incidental Charges ...

1770-June-01 *New Hampshire Gazette*, Portsmouth:

Whereas at sundry legal Meetings of the proprietors of the LANDS called AMHERST (lately Souhegan West, No. 3) in the province of New Hampshire, several TAXES have been voted to be raised on each Right or Share in said Town...yet sundry Persons neglect to pay the same, to the Collectors of said Town, ... unless they pay... so much of their Rights and Lots will be sold at a publick VENDUE ... **at the Dwelling House of Ephraim Hildreth, Innholder, in said Amherst**, as will discharge the said Sum assessed on each Lot with incidental Charges ... Amherst, May 26, 1770. Moses Barron, William Peabody, Collectors.

[Note: Another newspaper notice indicates that Wm Peabody is of Amherst and Moses Barron is of Bedford. -KH]

1771-1778: Taverners & Retailers in Amherst Licensed by County Court

Source: *Historical Sketch of the Hillsborough County Congresses, Held at Amherst, N.H. 1774 & 1775 with other Revolutionary Records*, compiled by Edward D. Boylston, 1884. [Annotations in square brackets by K. Holman.]

(p. 41) Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Hillsborough County, Province of New Hampshire, 1771-1780

May 1771: At a Court of General Sessions of the Peace (held for the purpose of preparing a prison)... adjourned to the House of Jonathan Smith, Innholder in Amherst. ...

to June, to meet at said Smith's.

(p. 43) 1771 Oct [same court, first criminal trial in the County]: Adjourned to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to house of Jona. Smith. Met and adjourned to the 17 th instant, at the Meeting House.

(p. 43) 1771 Oct. 17 th, met and adjourned to Jona. Smith instantly. ...

Ordered by the Court that Zaccheus Cutler and Nahum Baldwin be permitted to keep a tavern while the several Courts of Justice are sitting in Amherst, and no other time.

(p 44) 1771 Oct T.[erm?]: Taverners for the County of Hillsborough Licensed: Amherst -

Benjamin Shepard, [possibly south part Amh or Milford; store or tavern? same as John Shepard?]

Amos Flint, [prob between Village center and New Boston]

Jonathan Smith, [tavern-inn 3 Church Street on Plain in Village]

Nathan Hutchinson, [prob south part of town, near (south of?) Souhegan River]

Capt. Robt. Read, [tavern-inn at 232 Boston Post Road, c. 1 mile south of Common]

Ephraim Hildreth, [tavern-inn corner Jones Rd & Mack Hill, opposite first mtghouse]

Hezekiah Lovejoy, [east side Amherst on way to Manchester via Bedford, 302 Route 101]

Archelaus Towne, [in former Monson, orig house at 107 Ponemah Rd, area later called Danforth's Corner]

William Mack. [likely Mack Hill Road]

(p 45) 1771 Oct. T.: Retailers for the County of Hillsborough Licensed:

Amherst – Zaccheus Cutler, Nahum Baldwin, William Roby.

(p 45) List of Taverners and Retailers appointed by the Court from Sept 4, 1771 to Jan 1772:

Nathan Kindel, Amherst [at this time, Kendall in southeast part of Amh, probably at 382 Boston Post Rd]

Retailers: Solomon Kitteredge, Amherst.

(p. 46) 1772 January: Voted than no person be licensed to keep a Tavern or retail until they have obtained the approbation of the Selectmen of the town where they live, or the major part of them, unless it should happen that the Selectmen should unreasonably withhold such approbation, in which case, it being made to appear, the Court may nevertheless proceed to license such persons. ...

(p. 47) 1772 January Session:

Alexander Grimes, taverner, Amherst.

Paul Dudley Sargent, retailer, Amherst. [store near Burying Yard that he would shortly sell to Robert Means]

1772 October Session:

Nahum Baldwin & Paul Dudley Sargent granted leave to keep tavern in Court time only.

Taverners in Amherst: Co. John Shepard, Ephraim Hildreth, Jona. Smith, Hezk. Lovejoy, Capt. Arch. Towne, Capt.

Nathan Hutchinson, Amos Flint, Stephen Peabody.

Retailers in Amherst: Benj. Shepard, Henry Wilkins Codman, Paul Dudley Sargent; Nahum Baldwin.

(p. 48) 1772 Nov 6: Zaccheus Cutler, taverner, Amherst. [Mack Hill vicinity]

(p. 51) 1774 Nov 9:

Taverners in Amherst:

Jona. Lund,

Wm. Lampson,

Maj. Robt Read [sold 232 BPR in 1772, so now in south part of town, Rt 122 north of Souhegan River]

Robt Means [taverner] in publick times. [at store near Burying Yard, south side of Common, Pierce Lane]

Retailers: Robert Means, Samuel McKean.

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1774 Jan Session, Hillsborough County Court: Voted, that the Court House be removed from the place where it now stands, on to the County land on the Plain, or such place as shall be fixed by the Court Committee...

1774 July: Voted to dispose of Court House, and to erect another on the ground given to the County for that purpose, near the New Meeting House in this town. Shepherd, Atherton Fletcher - Committee

1774 Nov 8: Ordered Committee for Building Court House on Common proceed no further at present.

1777: Taverners in Amherst: Darius Abbot [in orig. house at 107 Ponemah Rd], Jona Smith, Hezek Lovejoy.

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1778 Oct Session: Joshua Burnam, Hezekiah Lovejoy, Amherst, Taverners. Robert Means, Jona. Smith.

Mathew Patten, Esquire of Bedford Tarried/Lodged at Taverns in Amherst When He Came to Town to Attend Court Sessions & Do Legal Business

Source: *The Diary of Matthew Patten of Bedford, NH, 1754-1788*, published by Town of Bedford, 1903; online at archive.org. (Choice of excerpts, transcriptions, and emphasis by bolding, and annotations by Katrina Holman.)

TAVERN-INN of ROBERT READ (Sr., 1720-1803) at 232 BOSTON POST ROAD (Read bought land c. 1752):

p. 85: **1760** Aug 28th I went to Amherst to take some affidavits for Widow Amie Hobbs ... and tarried all night at **Ensn Reads**.

TAVERN-INN OF EPHRAIM HILDRETH (1735-c.1815) at 18 JONES ROAD (Hildreth bought land in 1760):

p. 195: **1767** May 16th I went to Amherst to **Mr. Heldreths** a witness in __ case and I **tarried over night...**

p. 277: 1772 Feb 1st ... **landlord Hildreth**

p. 278: 1772 Feb 20th Attended the Sessions [in Amherst, **lodged at Hildreth's** night before] ... I was 27/ of **Expences at Smiths and 25/ at Hildreths ...**

p. 303: 1773 July 8th I went to Amherst to the Sessions and I carried the two Salmon we got yesterday with me and Smith had one and Cuttler had the other I had 2/6 pr pounds for them they came to 2-14-4 bay old Tenor they weighed 21 and three-quarter pounds and I sit in the Sessions and I took two depositions ...

p. 316: 177_ 21st I set out for Hollis by the way of Amherst and had Martains horse and was to do some business with the Comtee for the Goal [committee for the jail] for him and **I got it settled in the evening at Smiths and I lodged at Hildreths...**

p. 330: 1774 Sep 20 ...

p. 331: 1774 Oct 1st I came home my Expenses and Jamey Voses who attended the case with me at Hildreths was 6-12-6 Bay old tenr and I **lodged one night at Baldwins** was 7/ Bay old tenr.

p. 345: 1775 Jul 13th I went to Amherst o judge Esqr Whiting for his being a Tory and I took two Salmon with me that weighed 20 pounds I sold one to Mr. Hildreth and I gave him the other ...

p. 370: 1777 June 28th I went to Amherst to the probate court ... **I lodged at Hilsdreth's**

p. 370: 1777 July 3 I went to Amherst and attended the sessions ... I came home in the afternoon. My Expences was 2/6 I paid 1/6 of it and I owe a shilling of it yet to Hildreth and **Capt. Lovejoy** gave me and Cols. Goffe and Nichols our **Din[n]er and Tody** and would not take any pay for it.

TAVERN-INN OF JONATHAN SMITH (Sr., 1735-1795) at 3 CHURCH ST (Smith bought land in 1766)

p. 379 1778 Feb 25th I went to Amherst to the Probate Court and I **tarried over night at Mr. Smiths**

p. 395 1779 Jan 27th I went to Amherst and attended the Probate Court and the Regr and I settled for what fees we have severally Recd since our last settlement which was at last August Probate and I fell four pounds in his debt or more than my share and **I lodged at Mr. Smiths**.

p. 399 1779 April 28th I went to Amherst and attended the Probate court the Regr and I settled for the fees that we had Recd both together and apart since our last settlement the Regr Recd all the fees today which made us Even and **I lodged at Smiths ...**

p. 401: 1779 June [7th] ... I went to Amherst from there and gave the Deed to Col Nichols **at Mr Smiths about 9 o Clock in the Evening** I had a jill of Rum at Esqr Littles and I could make change to pay him for it nor for his going to Cairns and I had 2 quarts of Oats at [J M's] and could not make change to pay for it my Expence at Mr Smith's was 15/ which I paid and I got home as day broke

p. 403: 1779 July 8th I went to Amherst and attended the [court] Sessions

p. 403: 1779 July 9th I attended the Sessions my Expences was 3-4-0 ... and I took the acknowledgement of a Deed for **landlord Smith** for which he paid me two Dollars.

p. 406: 1779 Sep 28th I went to Amherst to the Superiour Court ...

p. 406: 1779 October 1st We all attended Court and my case was continued ... my Expences at Smiths was 11-19-0 and Col. Goffes was 3-5-0 which I paid and my Expences at Hildreths was 1-16-0 ...

p. 411: 1780 Feb 22d I went to Amherst expecting that the Superiour Court would sit but it did not and **lodged at Mr. Smiths**

p. 411: 1780 Feb 23d I attended the Probate Court the whole fees were 38 dollars ... and I **lodged at Mr Smiths**

p. 411: 1780 Feb 24th I came home my Expences was 20 Dollars

p. 416: 1780 June 28th I attended the Probate Court at Amherst the Register gave me 19 Dollars with the 40 I Recd yesterday and what I had more than my part the last Probate day made us even and I bot ... tobacco from Doctr

Stevens ... and Mug at Means ... and I **tarried at Smiths over night** I could not pay my Expences nor dont know how much the[y] amounted to

p. 417: 1780 July 26th I attended the Probate Court at Amherst we did only as much business as the fees came to 14 Pounds my Expences was 22 Dollars which I paid and I paid Mr Smith 32 Dollars for my Expences at the Probate court in last June ...

p. 425: 1781? Jan 4th I went to Amherst and did some Probate business the Register gave me 55 Dollars but said it was not my part and **I lodged at Mr Smiths**

p. 427: 1781 Feb 27th I went to Amherst to attend the Superior court on my case ... and the case was continued and I **lodged at Smiths ...**

28th ... my Expences at Smiths was 16-10-0

p. 431: 1781 May? 23^d I went to Amherst on a letter from Col Baldwin to try a Case between Mr Barnard and on Geo Bishop they settled the matter by Evening but so late I could not come home and **I tarried at Mr. Smiths**

p. 440: 1782 Jan. 3^d I attended the Probate court and we took as much fees as come to 50/ and I had got 25/ of fees which belonged the Regr since we settled that made us even that I had none of what fees we took today and I **lodged at Smiths**

p. 440: 1782 Jan. 4th ... my Expences at Smiths was 5/8 which I paid ...

p. 443: 1782 April 4th I went to Amherst to attend the Probate Court and **lodged at Smiths**

p. 443: 1782 April 5th ... my Expences at Smiths was 5/ ...

p. 446: 1782 May 30th ...

p. 456: 1783 Jan. 9th **I went to Amherst to the Probate Court and lodged at Smiths**

10th ... my Expences at Smiths was 6/8 which I paid and I paid Mr Smith 7/10 for Col Goffs Expences at the Superiour Court last Sepr ...

TAVERN-INN of HEZEKIAH LOVEJOY (Jr., 1729-1793) at 302 Route 101 (Lovejoy bought existing house 1770):

p. 456 **1783** Jan. 10th I attended the Sessions [at Amherst] in the forenoon and in the afternoon ... I came to **Capt. Lovejoy's and lodged there** this day and last night and the night following a very violent snow storm the wind at N.E. Jan. 11th My expenses at Capt. Lovejoy's was 3/10 which I paid and I bot 21 pounds of fresh cod from Capt. Lovejoy for which I paid him 3/6 and ten pence for his son Abbot bringing them from Mr. P's who brot the fish up to his house.

p. 461: 1783 April 5th this day and two succeeding days I attended the Sessions and cam home my Expences at Smiths was 13/2 and at **Lovejoys** 2/3

p. 463: 1783 May 6th - 9th ... Col. Goffes my own and my three sons Expences was 26/ four of it I paid at **Lovejoys** and the Remaining 22/ I owe to Smith ...

p. 471: 1783 Sept 30th James David and I and Col Goffe went to Amherst on my case with Deacon Moor and we all lodged there[.] ... Oct. 3d my Expences and my two sons was 1-8-0 and Col Goffes Expences at Smiths was 6/19 with a bowle of punch I had And I paid **Smith** the 6/10 and 21/ I owed him of last Superiour court Expences and paid Mr. Elsworth our Expences there which was 28/ ... I was 1/6 of Expences at Capt **Heldreths** and /6 at **Capt. Lovejoys ...**

p. 476: 1784 Jan 10th [after attending Probate court and **lodging at Ellsworth's** on 8th and 9th] ... I came home my expences at Ellsworths was 9/ and at **Capt Lovejoys** was /2

p. 478: 1784 Feb 18th [After going to Amherst on Feb. 17th to renew an Execution [court suit] and tarrying overnight at Ellsworths] **I had a mug of Tody at Capt Lovejoys on credit ...**

1. 482: 1784 April 10ⁿ [After attending Probate Court and Sessions at Amherst, and lodging two nights at Ellsworth's] ... I paid a mug of tody I had at **Capt Lovejoys** on credit in Febr last and **1/2 a mug today** which was a pistereen ...

p. 487: 1784 July 10th [After visiting Amherst for a hearing on the 7th, attending the court Sessions and doing Probate business on 8th & 9th] I was /3 of Expences at Capt. **Lovejoys** [doesn't say what for, but probably drink on way home]

p. 497: 1785 Jan 5th [to 8th]: [After attending Probate and Sessions in Amherst and lodging at Ellsworth's] ... my Expences at **Ellsworths** was 13/ and at **Capt. Lovejoys** /6 ... I came home the 8 th in the evening

p. 507: 1785 July 7th I had my brothers old Mare and went to Amherst to try to get Nails to do our Barn but not get any for I could not get any money from them that owed me And I paid Mr Albree [storekeeper in Amherst Village] 6/8 that I owed him since the 18th of last March ... and I paid my Expences at Ellsworths [inn] being 1 10 and **I paid 5 pence I owed at Capt Lovejoys and 4 pence toward 12 a bowle of tody ...**

p. ____: 1786 March 15 ... [Patten did work for someone and] he kept me at **Capt. Hildreth's**

p. 532: **1787** March 15 ... **lodged at Colo. Baldwin's** [while trying to get a fellow out of gaol]

p. 535: 1787 May 8th [in Amherst on various legal business] ... I put up at **Smiths**[.] 11 th ... I settled my Reckoning at Smiths before dinner which was 11/5 ... and I eat my dinner there after our settlement for which I paid 10 pence I had a **bowle of punch at Means** for which I paid 1/6 and one penny for snuff ...

1783-1786 Patten Lodged and/or Dined at “Ellsworth's” in Amherst

- p. 472: **1783** Oct. 9th I attended the Sessions and did some Probate business and **lodged at Ellsworths**
- p 476: 1784 Jan 8th I went to Amherst to attend the Probate Court and I lodged at Ellsworths. Jan 9th ... lodged at Ellsworths ...
- p. 478: 1784 Feb
- p. 481: **1784** April 8th & 9th ... [Patten lodged at Ellsworth's after attending Probate Court & Session in Amherst]
- p. 487: 1784 July 10th [After visiting Amherst for a hearing on the 7th, attending the court Sessions and doing Probate business on 8th & 9th probably lodged at Ellsworth's because] my Expences at Ellsworths was 8/
- p. 488: 1784 July: [made appt for Oct at Mr. Ellsworth's in Amherst.]
- p. 492: 1784 Oct. [lodged at Ellsworth's multiple days]
- p. 496: 1784 Dec 11th [went to Amherst to shop at Means and Albrees] Mr. Ellsworth gave me my dinner and a glass of Rum and my Mare at hay
- p. 497: 1785 Jan 5th [to 8th]: [again at Ellsworth's while attending Probate and Sessions]
- p. 501: 1785 March 17th [on way home from doing legal business in Hollis] I came to Mr. Ellsworths and lodged there 18th ... my Expences at Ellsworths as 1 / 4 which I paid and I came home about 1 or 2 o Clock[.]
- p 504: 1785 May 10th I went to Amherst to the Superior Court ... and I **lodged at Ellsworths**
- p. 512: 1785 Oct [again had expenses at Ellsworth's when in Amherst]
- p. 521: 1786 May 9th I had my dinner and 1/2 a bowle of W.I. tody at Mr Ellsworths which I owe him yet

1780s-1790s: Innholders (tavernkeepers) in Amherst – from Newspapers

1782-March-16 *New Hampshire Gazette*, Portsmouth:

...on the second Tuesday of April next, at the **House of Capt. Ephraim Hildrith** [sic] of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, will be sold at Public Vendue, so much of the following Tracts of Lands lying in said Amherst, as will pay what those Lands were taxed in the year 1780 ... The Lands last mentioned, lye in that part of Amherst which was once old Dunstable. JACOB CURTICE, Constable for Amherst. Amherst, February 7, 1782.

1783-Dec-20 *New Hampshire Gazette*, Portsmouth:

EXCISE. State of New Hampshire. In COMMITTEE OF SAFETY, Exeter, **November 21, 1783.**

Pursuant to an order of the General Court, the **Excise on Spiritous Liquors**, will be farmed at public vendue for the term of one year from the first day of October last, by Committees appointed for that purpose, and at the times and places hereafter mentioned, viz.

For the **county of Hillsborough, at the house of Mr. Jonathan Smith, innholder in Amherst**, on Thursday the eighth day of Jan. next, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

[For county of Strafford, at house of innholder in Dover; for Cheshire, at house of innholder in Keene; for Grafton, at house of innholder in Haverhill; for Rockingham, at house of innholder in Exeter.]

Articles of sale may be seen at the times and places above mentioned.

By order of the Committee, M. WEARE, President.

1784-March-22 *American Herald*, Boston, Mass.:

To be SOLD by PUBLICK VENDUE, On Friday the 9th day of April ... **at Capt. Ephraim Hildrick's** [sic] **in Amherst**, State of New Hampshire...a valuable FARM, in the north part of Amherst, containing about 100 acres, with a House and Barn on the farm, and about 300 Apple Trees ... on the road that leads thro' Merimack to New-Boston and is five miles from the court-house ... ROBERT HOSEA. Amherst, March 1784

1784-July-01 *Massachusetts Spy or Worcester Gazette*, Worcester, Mass.:

This is to notify the Retailers and Tavern-Keepers in the County of HILLSBOROUGH, that I shall attend at AMHERST, at the **House of Capt. HILDRUTH** [sic] ...in order to receive the excise ... I shall be exceeding glad if those who have sold without license would settle for what they have sold, as I should be very sorry to be obliged to put any person to cost... JOSEPH KELLEY, Excise Master. Nottingham-West, State of New-Hampshire, June 10th, 1784.

1784-Dec-31 *New Hampshire Mercury and General Advertiser*, Portsmouth:

EXCISE. Notice is hereby given, that the EXCISE on SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, in the county of Hillsborough, from the first day of October 1784, to the first day of October 1785, will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION, at the **house of JONATHAN SMITH, innholder in Amherst**, on the Thursday next following the first Tuesday in January next, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Conditions of sale may be known at time and place aforesaid. FRANCIS BLOOD (in behalf of the Committee). Amherst, December 15, 1784.

1789-Sep-19 (Osborne's) *New-Hampshire Spy*, Portsmouth. N.H.:

TO BE SOLD, On Wednesday, the seventh Day of October next, at Six of the Clock, Afternoon, at the **House of Col. ROBERT MEANS, innholder in Amherst**, The DWELLING-HOUSE, Out-Buildings, and the FERRY, now under the improvement of Captain Joseph Kelley, at Nottingham West. The whole lot contains 15 acres... A good Warrantee Deed will be given of the Premises, within 30 Days from the Time of the Sale, and the Purchaser put into quiet Possession, by JOHN SULLIVAN. August 21, 1789.

1790-July-29 *New Hampshire Gazette*, Portsmouth:

State of New Hampshire. Notice is hereby given to the non-resident owners of land in the town of Amherst, who have not paid their taxes for the year 1787, that unless they pay said taxes to me ... so much of their land as will pay the same, together with incidental charges, will be sold at a public vendue, at the **house of Phinehas Jones**, in said town ... DANIEL WARNER, Constable. Amherst, May 8, 1790.

1794-Jan-11 *Columbian Centinel*, Boston, Mass.:

The subscriber's appointed Commissioners to receive and examine the Claims against the estate of Robert Fletcher, Esq., late of Dunstable, deceased ... will attend at the **house of Jonathan Smith, innholder, in Amherst**, on the first Tuesday of the next, and five following months, form 3 to 6 o'clock. JONA SMITH, jun. DAVID STEWART. Amherst, Nov. 27, 1793

1792-1845: Tavern Licenses Granted by Selectmen of Amherst, N.H.

Source: *Amherst, N.H., Town Records Volume 2*, on Microfilm 1 of 3 Amherst Town Library [Jackie Marshall, July 2009, searched p. 350-380; Al Patnaude, 8/2010, added p. 471-500; Katrina Holman added p. 340-350; in Sep 2011, 381-398, 424, 469-470; also rechecked/corrected others. Annotations in square brackets by Katrina – attempt to determine whether inn or store and where located in Amherst.]

“licensed to keep publick tavern for one year” or “licensed to keep publick tavern & to retail spirituous liquors for one year”

[unless otherwise indicated]

p 480	1792	Sep 15	Samuel Curtis Esq	[new stage stop!; prob. tavern on Common's south]
		Sep 15	Phinehas Jones	[Hildreth's son-in-law, tavern Mack Hill=18 Jones Rd]
		Sep 15	Kilburn Smith	[son of tavernkeeper/innholder Jona. S., 3 Church St]
p 480		Oct 1	Luther Dana	[genl store – probably west side of training field]
		Oct 1	Abraham Kimball	– to retail & mix spirituous liquors for 1 year [store – on Courthouse Rd, next to Means]
p 481	1793	Mar 6	Capt. Nathan Hutchinson	[at Monson, south of Souhegan River]
		Mar 6	Joseph Perkins	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Mar 6	William Coggin	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Mar 6	William Crosby	
		Mar 19	Porter Lummus	– to keep public tavern & retail spirituous liquors
		Apr 15	Samuel Whiting	– to retail & mix liquors [genl store – on Plain, Common's south side]
p 482		Jun 10	Capt. Samuel Morrison	– to retail & mix spirituous liquors [dep. gaoler Apr 1795; d. insolvent 1821]
		Jun 17	Benjamin French	– public tavern one yr from 1st Oct next
		Aug 27	Jonathan Hildreth	– retail spirituous liquors (but not mix)
p 483		Sep 19	Jotham Shepard	– retail & mix spirituous liquors
		Oct 2	David Danforth	– public tavern & retail spirituous liquors [innholder – tavern 107 Ponemah Rd, south of river]

1794-June-16 *The Mirror*, Concord, N.H.:

Newhampshire Legislature. **General Election at Amherst**, June 4, 1794. About **ninety Members** of the House of Representatives met, agreeable to the Constitution, and after producing their credentials and taking the necessary oaths, proceeded to organize themselves ... cast up the votes for Governour ...the Honorable John T. Gilman, Esq., was elected. ... He then took and subscribed the oath of office ... A procession was soon after formed, consisting of the three branches of the Legislature, the reverend gentlemen of the Clergy, the gentlemen of the town, and several strangers of distinction – who proceeded to the meeting house, where an ingenious, elegant, and liberal discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wood, of Weare. After the exercises were finished, **the procession proceeded to Mr. Luther Dana's Hall, and partook of an elegant entertainment provided for the occasion.**

[Note by Katrina Holman: It's *possible* that this was the chamber above the store on the west side of Common, later Read's, near where now Soldiers' Monument. Presumably it was the largest room available. What a pity the article did not say WHO provided the “entertainment” = meal.]

	1794	Mar 5	Col. Robert Means	– retail & mix spirituous liquors [store owner – on Common's southeast corner]
		May 8	Mr. Jona. Hildreth	– prob store – publ tavern & retail spirituous liquors
p 484		Mar 5	Luther Dana	– retail & mix spirituous liquors [general store]
		Apr 7	Mr. Eben[eze]r Kimball	
		Apr 9	Doctr. Saml. Curtis	[innholder – tavern-inn on Common's south side]
p 486		Apr 9	Messrs. Eber Lawrance & John Goodhue	[stores – G. Amh, L. Milford]
p 484		Apr 28	James Ray Esq	[innholder – tavern Mont Vernon]
		Apr 30	Mr. William Lamson	[prob. Mont Vernon]
p 485		Apr 22	Mr. Samuel Whiting	– public tavern & retail spirituous liquors [store – on Common's south side]
		May 5	Mr. Jona. Smith	[innholder – tavern 3 Church St]
		May 5	Mr. Joseph Perkins	[prob. Mt. V.; Sr. & Jr. both tailors]

p 486	May 5 May 5	Mr. Phinehas Jones Nathan Kendall Esq	[Eph Hildreth's son-law; tavern – Mack Hill/Jones Rd] – public tavern & retail spirituous liquors [store and/or tavern – 6 Mack Hill Rd]
p 487	May 28 May 28 May 28 May 28	Mr. William Melendy Jr. Capt. William Stewart Samuel Dana Esquire Mr. David Stewart	– publick tavern <i>at all public times</i> for 1 yr – publick tavern <i>at all public times</i> for 1 yr – publick tavern <i>at all public times</i> for 1 yr – publick tavern <i>at all public times</i> for 1 yr [dwelling south of Common, next to Curtis' inn]
p 488	May 28 May 28 Jun 5 Jun 3	Mr. Isaac Bauldwin En. Samuel Standly Mr. William Rust Doctr. Nathl. Henchman	– publick tavern <i>at all public times</i> for 1 yr – publick tavern for <i>one month</i> – publick tavern for <i>one month</i> – publick tavern at <i>all publick Court times for 1 yr</i> [lower Mack Hill Rd]
	Jun 4 Jul 5 Oct 25	Mr. John Bowers Capt. Samuel Morrison Mr. David Danforth	– tavern at <i>all publick Court times for six months</i> [innholder – tavern south of Souhegan Riv.]
p 489	1795 Feb 19 May 6 May 7 May 7 May 7	Mr. Jona. Herrick Mr. William Lamson Mr. Phinehas Jones Mr. Samuel Whiting Mr. Jona. Hildreth	[trader – prob store in Mt V near Ray's] [prob. Mont Vernon] [innholder – tavern at Mack Hill & Jones Rd] [store – on Common's south side]
p 490	Nov 15 May 29 May 29 Jun 5 Jul 11 Jul 11 Oct 6	Col. Robt. Means Miss. Abigail Smith Nathan Kendal Esq Mr. Joseph Perkins Lt. John Eaton Mr. David Sweat [Swett] Doctr. Natha. Henchman	[store – on Common's southeast corner] [Jonathan's widow, tavern – 3 Church St] [tavern & store – Mack Hill] [tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, southeast part] [prob. store – Cricket Corner Rd next to Eaton] – publ tavern at all <i>publick Court times for 1 yr</i> [Mack Hill]
p 491	Oct 6 Dec 3 Dec 3	James Ray Esq. Mr. James Crawford Mr. Benj. Wade	[innholder – tavern Mont Vernon] [tailor with genl store north of courthouse; then opened store on Federal Square]

1795: “Office of Inspection” for the purpose of issuing Licenses on Wine, and distilled Spirits, and for receiving entries on Carriages in said County” is kept at house of “Nathan Kendall, Esq. Inholder in the town of Amherst” in the month of September, Sundays excepted.” (*The Amherst Journal, and the New-Hampshire Advertiser*, Vol. I, No. 30 (Amherst, N.H., August 7, 1795), p. 3. *The Amherst Journal, and the New-Hampshire Advertiser*, Vol. I, No. 30 (Amherst, N.H., August 7, 1795), p. 3.)

p 492	1796 Jan 18 Jan 18 Feb 29 Mar 14 Mar 14 May 7 July 29	Doctr. Samuel Curtis Mr. Ephraim French Capt. Luther Dana Mr. David Danforth Mr. Timothy Danforth Samuel Whiting Mr. Jona. Herrick	[innholder – tavern Common's south side] [prob. 306 BPR, homestead Plain's S side 1778-1800] [general store] [innholder – tavern south of Souhegan Riv.] [where?] [store – on Common's south side]
p 493	Jun 28 Oct 20 Nov 18	Capt. Joseph Perkins James Ray Esq. Col. Robt Means	[prob. Mont Vernon] [innholder – tavern Mont Vernon] [store – on Common's southeast corner]
p 494	1797 Jan 23 Feb 13 Feb 13 Feb 13 Feb 25	Lt. John Eaton Mr. John Menchin Mr. Jona. Herrick Mr. Enoch Pike Lt. Joseph Boutel	[tavern-inn – 344 BPR. Cricket Corner, SE part town] [trader – prob store in Mt V.; also cooper] – publ tavern at all <i>publick Court times for 1 yr</i> [prob 306 BPR, homestead Plain's south side]
p 495	Mar 6 Mar 6 Mar 6	Mr. Ephraim French Capt. Samuel Morrison Miss. Abigail Smith	[Jonathan's widow, tavern – 3 Church St]

		Mar 20	Mr. David Danforth	[tavern – south of Souhegan River]
		Jun 19	Capt. Joseph Perkins	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Jun 19	Nathan Kendall Esq.	[tavern & store – Mack Hill]
p 496		Jun 26	Mr. William Lamson	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Aug 5	Samuel Curtis Esq.	[innholder – tavern Common's south side]
		Aug 28	Mr. Charles Cambridge	[store in Village]
		Aug 28	Lt. Joseph Boutel	
		Oct 14	James Ray Esq.	[innholder – tavern Mont Vernon]
p 497		Nov 14	Mr. Timo. Danforth	[
	1798	Feb 20	Mr. John Menchin	
		Mar 5	Mr. Enoch Pike	
		Mar 5	David Danforth	[tavern – south of Souhegan River]
P 498		Apr 9	Mr. Ephraim French	[?, homestead Plain's south side]
		Apr 9	Mr. Ebenezer Kimball	[store – on Courthouse Rd]
p 499		Jun 25	Mr. Samuel Whiting	[store – on Common's south side]
p 498		Jun 28	Capt. Joseph Perkins	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Aug 30	Col. Robt. Means	[store – on Common's south side]
		Aug 30	Samuel Curtis Esq.	[innholder – tavern Common's south side]
		Aug 30	Lt Joseph Boutel	
		Aug 30	Nathan Kendall Esq.	[tavern & store – Mack Hill]
p 499		Sep 11	Mr. Charles Cambridge	[store – in Village]
		Sep 11	Mr. David Stewart	
	1799	Jan 7	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, southeast part]
p 500		Apr 8	Mr. Ephraim French	[prob. 306 BPR, homestead Plain's south side]
		Apr 9	Mr. Enoch Pike	
		May 20	Capt. Daniel Prior	[genl store – Courthouse Rd]
		Jun 17	Mr. William Lamson	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Aug 22	Samuel Curtis Esq.	[tavern-inn/P.O. – on Common's south side]
		Aug 22	Capt. Joseph Perkins	
“licensed to keep a publick tavern in the town of Amherst for one year”				
p 350	1799	Sep 16	Robert Means, Esq.	[store – on Common's south side]
		Sep 16	Nathan Kendall, Esq.	[store & tavern – Mack Hill]
		Sep 16	Mr. John Watson	[innholder (1 st) – 1 Carriage west side Plain]
		Sep 23	Mr. Abraham Kimball	[trader = store – on Courthouse Rd]
p 499		Oct 10	Mr. John Watson	[innholder (1 st) – 1 Carriage west side Plain]
p 350	1800	Feb 25	Mr. William Lamson	[prob. Mont Vernon]
p 351		Mar 3	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – Cricket Corner, southeast part town]
		Mar 3	Mr. Ephraim French	[prob 306 BPR, homestead Plain's south side]
		May 19	Capt. Daniel Prior	[store – Courthouse Rd.]
		Jun 9	Capt. Samuel Morrison	
		Jun 9	Mr. David Sweatt	[? – leased 244 BPR from CH Atherton]
p 352		Oct 1	Capt. Joseph Perkins	[prob. Mont Vernon]
		Nov 24	Robert Means, Esq.	[store – on Common's south side]
		Nov 24	James Ray, Esq	[innholder – tavern Mont Vernon]
		Nov 24	Nathan Kendall, Esq	[store +/- or inn – Mack Hill]
		Nov 24	Mr. John Watson	[innholder – tavern 1 Carriage, west side of Plain]
		Nov 24	Mr. Samuel Whiting	[store – Plain/Common south side]
p 353	1801	Feb 28	Lt. Thadeus Kendall	[store – Mont Vernon]
		Mar 23	Mr. William Whittle	[tavern or store?; at Eph French's old place=306 BPR; 1803 back at Weare with tavern-inn]
		Mar 25	Mr. Abial Standly	
		Mar 25	Mr. Ebenezer Kimball	
		Apr 13	Mr. Jesse Stevens	[tavern – where?]
		Apr 1	Samuel Curtis, Esq	[inn-tavern/P.O. – Common's south side]
		Jun 23	Capt. Daniel Prior	[genl store – Courthouse Rd]
p 354		Jun 23	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]

		Jun 23	Capt. Nathaniel Emerson	
		Jul 6	Mr. Hugh Moore	[prob store – in 1804 next to or near Prior]
		Jul 6	Mr. Ebenezer Kimball	[store – on Courthouse Rd]
p 355		Oct 16	Mr. James Shepard	
		Nov 3	J. Kilburn Smith, Esq.	[prob tavern-inn of his late father, 3 Church St]
		Dec 19	James Ray, Esq.	[innholder – tavern Mont Vernon]
		Dec 25	Capt. John Trale	
	1802	Jan 26	Mr. Timothy Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, SE part, future Fletcher's]
		Mar 16	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 25	Mr. Ephraim French	[tavern-inn – 226 BPR, half mile south of Common]
p 356		Apr 8	Doctr. Benjamin Nurse	
		May 9	Mr. Jesse Stevens	[tavern – where?]
		Jul 12	Mssrs. Robert Clark & Oliver Farewell	[store – end of turnpike=west side]
		Aug 30	Mssrs. Joseph Perkins & Benjamin Durrant	[store – Mont Vernon]
		Sep 27	Mr. Samuel Whiting	[store – on Common's south side]
		Nov 29	Mr. Samuel Mitchel	
p 357		Dec 25	Capt. Theo's Page	[tavern-innkeeper – leased 1 Carriage (Watson's)]
		Dec 23	James Ray, Esq.	[store & tavern – NW Parish=Mt Vernon]
	1803	Mar 3	Mr. Timothy Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
		Mar 7	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – Cricket Corner, southeast part town]
p 357		Mar 7	Mr. Levi Adams	[tavern – south of Souhegan, former Danforth]
p 357		Mar 7	Mr. Daniel Weston	[store – SE part of town, by Tim Kendall, post rd]
		Mr. 28	Mr. Ephraim French	[inn – 226 BPR, half mile south of Common]
p 357		Mar 28	Mr. Noah Wiggins	[hatter – sold Village shop April 1805]
p 358		Mar 28	Samuel Curtis Esq	[innholder – tavern Common's south side]
		May 5	Mr. Calvin How	[tavern-keeper at Eli Brown House, north of Common on turnpike]
		Jul 11	Mr. Robert Clark	[store – end of turnpike, Common west side]
		Aug 25	James Ray Esq	[innholder – tavern in Mont Vernon]
		Aug 25	Mssrs. Joseph Perkins & Benj. Durrant	[store – Mont Vernon]
		Oct 7	Capt. Eli Brown	[inn or store? – on turnpike N of Common]
p 358	1804	Jan 15	Mr. James C. Mace	
p 359		Mar 8	Mr. Timo. Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
		Mar 10	Capt. Theop'lus Page	[tavern-innkeeper – 1 Carriage (Watson's)]
		Mar 12	Mssrs. Samuel Whiting & Nathaniel Cleaves	[store – Common's south side]
		Mar 12	Nathan Kendall Esq	[tavern-inn and/or store – Mack Hill]
		Mar 13	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 13	Samuel Curtis Esq.	[innholder – tavern on Common south side]
		Jul 20	Mr. Robert Clark	[store – at end of turnpike, west of Common]
	1805	Feb 28	Mr. Timo. Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
p 360		Mar 12	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Jun 20	Messers. Warner & Fields	
		Sep 5	Mr. Aaron Whitney	[blacksmith on west side of turnpike]
		Aug 5	Mr. Nathaniel Cleaves	[store – on Plain south side, former Whiting]
		Oct 5	Samuel Curtis Esq.	[innholder – tavern on Common south side]
		Oct 5	Capt. Theo'lus Page	[tavern-innkeeper – 1 Carriage (Watson's)]
p 360	1806	Jan 11	Mr. Timo. Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
p 361		Jan 25	Mr. William Whitney	[tavern-inn – 1 Carriage (J. Watson's 1st)]
		Feb 5	Mr. Reuben Stearns	– license to keep public tavern <i>three months</i>
		Mar 11	Capt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 11	Nathan Kendall, Esq	[store – formerly Clark's; Mack Hill <i>not</i> “tavern” on 1806 map!]
		Mar 11	Mr. Daniel Weston	[store – southeast part town, nr Tim Kendall]
		Apr 25	Mr. Samuel Jacobs	[jr=tinplate maker on Plain]
p 362		Jun 20	Daniel Warner Esq.	

p 361	Sep 2	Mr. Jonathan Foster	[Former Danforth's, leased from widow Levi Adams]
	Sep 3	Mr. Aaron Whitney	[blacksmith – on turnpike]
p 362	Sep 15	William Read Esq.	[store – in Village??]
	Sep 22	Lt. Josiah Convis [Converse]	
	Oct 31	Mr. Eph'm French	[? – prob still 226 BPR, had sold to son]; <i>not</i> “tavern” on 1806 map!]
	Nov 17	Samuel Curtis Esq	[innholder – tavern Common's south side]

1806: “A Plan of Amherst and Mont Vernon” surveyed by Dan'l Warner, Amherst, **June 1st, 1806**, so-called Carrigain manuscript (hand-drawn, unpublished), in NH State Archives in Concord: shows 5 “taverns” in Amherst – two in the Village (former Watson's at 1 Carriage Rd and Curtis Hotel on south side of Common); one in south part of town south of Souhegan River on road to Hollis (former Danforth's/Levi Adams' at 107 Ponemah Road); and two on the post road in southeast part of town north of Souhegan River (Eaton's at 344 BPR and Timothy Kendall's/future Fletcher's at 382 BPR). -KMH

	1807	Jan 8	Mr. Timo. Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
p 363		Mar 10	Mr. Daniel Weston	[store – southeast part town, nr Tim Kendall]
		Mar 10	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 16	[En?] William Whitney	[tavern – leased 1 Carriage (Watson's 1st)]
		Jun 22	Mr. James Shepard	
		Aug 25	Lt. Josiah Converse	
		Oct 17	Mr. John Watson	[innholder – 2nd tavern, 101 Boston Post]
		Oct 19	William Read Esq & son	[store – on Common, nr Soldiers Monument]
p 364	1808	Jan 25	Mr. Timo. Kendall	[innholder – 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
		Mar 8	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 14	Samuel Curtis Esq	[innholder – tavern on Common south side]
		Jun 25	Mr. Daniel Weston	[store – southeast part town, by Tim Kendall]
		Sep 15	Mssrs. William & Robert Read	[store – on Common, nr Soldiers Monument]
		Oct 24	Mr. Nathaniel Cleaves	[store – on Plain south side, former Whiting]
		Oct 24	Lt. Josiah Convis	
p 365		Nov 9	Lt. Moody Cuming(s)	– <i>during present session of Superior Court</i>
		Nov 25	Mr. Jacob Kimball	
	1809	Feb 6	Mr. Timo. Kendall	[innholder – SE part of town; later Gibson, Fletcher]
		Mar 14	Capt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 14	Nathan Kendall Esq.	[tavern & store – Mack Hill]
		Apr 8	Mis. Lydia Adams	[Levi's wid: tavern-inn in Danforth's Corner]
		Apr 13	Mr. John Watson	[innholder – 2nd tavern, 101 Boston Post]
		Apr 15	Mr. Eben[eze]r Bills	[possibly tavern-keeper - Eli Brown House, turnpike]
p 366		Aug 5	William & Robert Read	[store – on Common nr Soldiers Monument]
		Aug 22	Mr. Daniel Weston	[store – southeast nr T.K./future Fletcher's tavern]
		Dec 8	Mr. Aaron Cilley	[tavern – leased 101 Boston Post (Watson's 2nd)]
		Dec 21	Capt. Josiah Convis	[prob. inn/tavernkeeper at Curtis' Hotel on Common]
		Dec 25	Lt. Jacob Hildreth	– 3 days
		Dec 5 [sic?]	William Read & son	[store – on Common where now Soldiers Monument]
		Dec 5	Luther Cleaves	[store – on turnpike near P.O.; i.e., N of Common]
p 367	1810	Mar 12	Capt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Mar 26	Lt. Moody Cumings Antrim]	– <i>at all public times for 1 yr</i> [blacksmith; 1814 to
		Mar 15	Samuel Curtis Esq.	[innholder – tavern Common's south side]
		Apr 8	Lt. Robert Gibson	[tavern – 382 BPR, SE part town, future Fletcher's]
		May 22	Mr. Jonathan Holmes	[store – in 3-story brick bldg on Plain]
		May 25	Henry Fields Esq	[? – prob. southeast part, near Severns bridge]
		Nov 23	Capt. Josiah Convis	[tavern – Common south (former Curtis')]
p 368		Dec 27	Mr. William B. Merriman	[Merriam: tavern – leased 101 Boston Post]
	1811	Mar 12	Capt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
		Jun 28	Mssrs. Spaulding & Means	[Dr. Matthias & David McG: drug store – Common]

		Jul 16	Lt. Robert Gibson	[tavern – leased 382 BPR, southeast part near bridge]
		Jul 16	Mssrs. Holmes & Low	[Jona. H. & Jos. L.: store – in 3-story brick bldg]
		Aug 6	William Read & son	[store – on Common nr Soldiers Monument]
p 369		Sep 14	Mr. Jonathan Foster	[innkeeper – 1 mi south of Common at 244 BPR??]
		Nov 25	Capt. Josiah Convis	[tavern – Common south, formerly Curtis']
		Nov 16	Mr. Jacob Hildreth	– <i>for 2 months</i>
		Nov 23	Mr. Eleaz[er] Rhodes	
	1812	Feb 3	Capt. Theophilus Page	[tavern – leased 101 Boston Post Rd (Watson's 2nd)]
		Feb. 7	Capt. Nath'l Emerson	[tavern – leased 1 Carriage Rd (Watson's 1 st)]
		Feb 7	Mssrs. Newell & Thomas	[prob. store]
		Mar 10	Lt. John Eaton	[tavern – 344 BPR, Cricket Corner, SE part town]
p 370		Mar 14	Mr. John Ellenwood	[? deputy gaoler in Dec 1813]
		Mar 24	Mr. Jacob Kimball	
		May 2	Lt. Robert Gibson	[tavern – leased 382 BPR, southeast part of town]
		Oct 8	Mr. Samuel Stanley	
p 371		Nov 2	Mr. Jacob Hildreth Jr	– <i>for 3 months</i>
		Nov 10	Capt. Josiah Convers	[tavern – Common south (former Curtis')]
	1813	Feb 6	Timothy Danforth	[store – new cash & commission 1 mi below Plain]
		May 2	Mssrs. Read & Shepard	[store – possibly clerk error, either for prior yr or 2x]
p 371A		Apr 10	Capt. Theophilus Page	[tavern – leased 101 BPR (Watson's 2 nd)]
		May 20	Mssrs. Read & Shepard	[store – in Common nr Soldiers Monument]
		Sep 25	Mr. John Wilson	– on <i>Friday First day of October next</i>
		Nov 6	Mr. David Holmes	[store – in 3-story brick bldg on Plain]
p 372		Nov 10	Mr. John Wilson	– on <i>Friday 12 th inst</i> (i.e., 12 Nov 1813)
[Note by Katrina Holman: John Wilson then ran the stable associated with tavern-inn at 101 BPR & in Jan. 1813 started a “Carry-All” transporting passengers & baggage betw Amherst – Billerica – Boston. (<i>Farmers' Cabinet</i> , 25 Jan 1813, 18 Oct 1813). According to FC 27 Sep 1813, p. 2, a detached militia brigade of near 3000 was collecting at Amherst to be furnished with arms before drawing to western frontier; 267 dragoons from Fort George encamped in this village on Friday night last. According to FC 20 Sep 1813, “The 5 th Regiment of N.H. Militia under Lt. Col. Means will muster in this town on Friday the first day of October next, for review and inspection.”]				
	1814	Apr 21	Capt. Theophilus Page	[tavern – leased 101 BPR (Watson's 2 nd)]
p 372		May 11	Mssrs. Read & Shepard	[store – in Common nr Soldiers Monument]
	1815	Feb 11	Mr. Eber Lawrence	[store or inn? Owned 377 BPR opposite tavern-inn of 382; possibly leased tavern-inn at 244 BPR]
		Feb 14	Mr. James C. Mace	[probably Cricket Corner area; hatter/gaoler]
p 373		Feb 24	Mr. John Ellenwood	[innkeeper 1 Carriage Rd – living on Amh Plain]
		Apr 29	Read & Shepard	[store – on NW corner of Common]
		May 1	Theophilus Page	[tavern – leased Curtis' Hotel south side of Common]
p 479	1815	Aug 14	William Rice	[? – possibly merchant or his son of Portsmouth]
p 479	1815	Sep 9	Edmund Snow	[tavern – American Hotel, west side of Common]
p 479	1815	Sep 12	Robert Gibson	[innholder – tavern 382 BPR, southeast part of Town]
p 479	1815	Sep 20	Timo. Danforth	[tavern – leased 101 BPR, west side of Common]
	1816	Apr 23	Mssrs. Charles Richardson & John ____ [?]	
p 373		May 8	Robert Read	[store – in Village, on west side of Common]
p 479	1816	Jul 31	Mr. Charles Richardson	[store – commission store in Village nr couthouse]
p 478	1816	Aug 1	Wallace and Spalding	[store – old Read store west of Common]
p 478	1816	Sep 18	Timothy Danforth	[tavern – 101 BPR, former Watson's on west side]
p 374	1816	Sep 19	Mr. Leander W. Snow	[(Edmund's son, d. 1818, 23); prob. tavern-inn 101 Boston Post Rd owned by pa]
	1817	Apr 5	Robert Gibson	[innholder – tavern SE part of town, future Fletcher]
p 374		1817	Mr. Charles Richardson	[store – on north side of Common]
p 375	1817	Aug 6	Wallace & Spalding	[store – on west side of Common]
	1817	Oct 21	Mr. John Shepard	– at house formerly occupied by Mr. Samuel Whiting [store]

1817 Oct 21 Joseph Low [probably store – in 3-story brick?]
 Note by KH: Jonathan Foster is missing even though kept tavern in house at 244 BPR about 1 mile south of Village, owned by Robt Means, from 1813-1816 and again (after Eber Lawrence's year there in 1817/8) 1818-1820. (Deduced from newspaper notices.) Seems highly unlikely that he would not have served spirituous drinks.

	1818	May 2	Mr. John Alcock	
p 375	1818	Aug 6	Wallace & Spalding	[store – in Village on west side]
p 478	1818	Sep 17	Mr. Daniel F. Stevens	– to retail spirituous liquors <i>on the 18th instant</i>
p 478	1818	Sep 17	Mr. Amos Hubbard	– to retail spirituous liquors <i>on the 18th instant</i>
[Note: Military Muster of 5 th & 22 ^d regiments held at Amherst on Sep. 18. (FC 5 Sep 1818.)]				
p 478	1818	Dec 25	John Eaton Jr.	– to keep open tavern for 1 yr [store – in 3-story brick bldg]
p 376	1819	Jan 12	Read & Spalding	[store – on west side of Common]
p 477	1819	Feb 11	Mr. James Sloan	[store – “adjoining court house” at “5a” Church St]
p 477	1819	May 18	Mr. Joel F. Thayer	[store – in 3-story brick bldg]
p 477	1819	Jun 8	John Alcock, Esq.	
p 477	1819	Oct 13	Mr. Nathan Durant	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors <i>one week</i> from this date
p 376	1820	Jan 12	Read & Spalding	[store – on west side of Common]
p 476	1820	Apr 3	Eleazer Rhoads	[innkeeper – 1 mi south of Common, 244 BPR]
p 476	1820	April 15	Mr. John Whitcomb	[tavern – on south of Common, formerly Curtis']
p 376	1820	Jun 30?	John Alcock Esq.	[?, (1822 tavern Francestown)]
p 376	1820	Aug 25	Mr. John Eaton, Jr.	[store, took over J.F.Thayer's stock; 3-story brick]
p 377	1820	Oct 11	Mr. James Sloan	[store – near courthouse (1824 store at New Boston)]

licensed “to keep a public tavern in town of Amherst” [usually for one year, unless otherwise indicated]
 [Note: New law regarding tavern licenses, hence Selectmen/Town Clerk now record more specifics]
 1821 event = militia meeting

p 476	1821	Jan 12	Read & Spalding	[store – on Common west side]
p 377	1821	Mar 13	Mr. Luke George	– to keep public tavern at the store house lately occupied by James Sloan near court house [= “5a” Church St]
p 377	1821	Apr 10	Mr. Henry H. Ray	– in his dwelling house [tavern 101 Boston Post Rd]
p 476	1821	May 1	Col. David M.G. Means	– to keep public tavern at his store 1 yr [Pierce Lane]
p 476	1821	Jun 2	Eleazer Rhoads	– to keep public tavern in house now occupies [inn]
p 477	1821	Sep 4	Mr. John Eaton Jr.	– to keep public tavern in the three story Brick Bldg on Amherst plain for 1 year [store]
p 475	1821	Sep 13	Mr. Samuel D. Smith	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors near Read's Store on <i>Thursday 13 Sep 1821</i>
	1821	Sep 13	Mr. Sherman Mace	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors from a Waggon on Amherst Common on <i>13 Sep 1821</i> [James S. Mace=son of James C. Mace, 369 BPR]
p 475	1821	Sep 12	Mr. Joseph George	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors in store near Court House on <i>Thursday 13 Sep 1821</i>
p 475	1821	Sep 12	Mr. Charles Richardson	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors in a tent east of mtg house on <i>Thursday 13 Sep 1821</i>
p 475	1821	Sep 12	Lt. Jona. Foster	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors in a tent west of mtg house on Amh Plain on <i>Thursday 13 Sep 1821</i>
p 475	1821	Sep 12(?)	Robert Gibson	– to keep tavern in Amherst 1 year [inn – 382 BPR]
p 474	1821	Sep 23	John Patton	– [store] brick building on Amherst plain
p 474	1821	Oct 1	Nathan K. Seaton	– licensed to sell spirituous liquors in Store near Court House <i>during the sitting of the Superior Court at October term 1821</i>
p 474	1821	Oct 1	Charles Richardson	– to keep public tavern in the house adjoining the jail 1 yr
p 377	1822	Mar 9	Charles Richardson	– to sell spirituous liquors at the store near the courthouse
p 474	1822	Mar 30	Mr. Robert Gibson	– to keep public tavern at the place he has formerly kept [inn – 382 BPR]

p 378 1822 April 6 Read & Spalding – to keep a public tavern in Amh [store on Common west side]
 p 474 1822 Sep 4 John Eaton – to keep public tavern in 3-story brick bldg on Amh Plain
 p 473 1822 Sep 23 Jonathan White – to sell spirituous liquors at *his tent* on Amh Plain adjoining
 clam [elm?] trees in front of Thomas Benden *on Sept 24 & 25*
 [Benden's = SW corner Middle & Main St.]

p 473 1822 Sep 23 Mr. David Stewart – to keep public tavern at his dwelling house in Amh
one month from this date [SE corner Middle & Main]

p 473 1822 Sep 23 Mr. Luther D. Brooks – to keep public tavern in the store house near dwelling
 house of Isaac Brooks, Esq. for 1 year [Mack Hill]

Note by Katrina Holman: The big event of Tuesday 24th & Wed. 25th Sep. 1822 was the Hillsborough [County] Cattle Show & Fair, which utilized the meeting-house, courthouse and school house (the upstairs rm for display of “manufactures”). (*Farmers’ Cabinet*, published at Amherst, N.H., 21 Sep. 1822.)

p 473 1823 Feb 8 Read & Spalding [store]
 p 472 1823 May 19 Mr. James C. Mace – to keep public tavern at house lately occupied by Robert
 Gibson [inn at 382 BPR; Mace lived 369 BPR; d. Feb 1824]

p 472 1823 Sep 30 Mr. John Eaton Jr. – to keep public tavern in his store on Amh Plain

p 378 1824 Mar 25 Col. David M.G. Means – to keep publ tavern in his store on Amh plain
 1824 Apr 1 Brooks & Brown – to keep public tavern & retail spirituous liquors in
 store east of meeting house on Amh Plain

p 472 1824 Apr 24 Mr. Eleazer Rhoads – to keep public tavern in his dwelling house [tavern-inn]
 p 471 1824 April 27 Isaac Foster – taverner (or *retailer*) in bldgs lately occupied by Robert Gibson
 deceased & to sell wine & spirits by retail that is in less quantities than 1 gallon
 & may sell mixed liquors – 1 yr [inn at 382 BPR; Danl Weston's store too???

p 378 1824 Sep 10 **Mr. Henry H Ray** – to keep public tavern in his house known as Rays
 Hotel, on Amh Plain [inn]

p 379 1824 Sep 4 Mssrs. Read & Spalding – to keep public tavern in their store west of mtg house

p 472 1825 Apr 8 Mr. Eleazer Rhoads – to keep public tavern in house in which he now
 lives [tavern-inn]

p 471 1825 Apr 18 [!?] Brooks & Brown – to keep public tavern & retail spirits in store east of
 mtg house

p 471 1825 Apr 26 Col. David M.G. Means – to keep public tavern in his store on Amh Plain
 [store – Common's south side]

p 379 1825 Oct 11 Mssrs. Read & Spalding – taverner & sell spirits by retail in less than one gallon
 & mixed liquors [same license twice on page in diff handwriting]

p 380 1825 Dec 2 [sic!] Mssrs. **Daniel Fletcher & Sewall Fletcher** – at their dwelling house
 [tavern at 382 Boston Post Rd, SE part, north of Souhegan Riv]

“full power & license to exercise the business of **taverner** at his dwelling house for one year [usually] & to sell wine rum gin and other spirits by retail that is in less quantities than one gallon & may sell mixed liquors part of which are spirituous”

OR

“licensed to exercise the business of **retailer** at his store for one year [usually] & to sell wine rum gin and other spirits by retail that is **in less quantities than one gallon** & may sell mixed liquors part of which are spirituous”

OR after N.H. law passed 7 July 1827, alternate license for storekeepers:

“licensed to exercise the business of **retailer** at his store for one year [usually] & to sell wine and spirituous liquors in any quantity **not less than one pint**, to be sold delivered and **carried away** ”

p 380 1826 Jan 7 Charles L Stewart & Aaron Lawrence – taverners (*orretailers*) in the store
 lately occupied by Eber Lawrence in front of mtg house 1 yr & sell ... spirits by
 retail in less than 1 gal [store next to Curtis' former hotel on south of Common]

p 381 1826 March 25 Col. David M G Means – *retailer* in his store southeast of meeting house &
 sell spirits in less than 1 gal & mixed liquors

April 22 Henry H. Ray – taverner in his dwelling house west of meeting
 house ... sell in quantities less than one gallon [inn]

p 470 1826 June 20 Luther D. Brooks – *retailer* in his store near mtg house & retail liquor
 less than 1 gal

p 470	1826	Oct 17	Mssrs. Wilson & Gage – <i>retailers</i> in their store a little south of 3-story brick bldg on Amh Plain & sell liquor less than 1 gal & mixed liquors
p 469	1827	Jan 3	Samuel Nutt – taverner in dwelling house on Amh Plain west of mtg house lately occupied by Ray
p 469	1827	Jan 6	Capt Robt Read – <i>retailer</i> at his store west of mtg house & sell wine & spirits in quantities less than 1 gallon & mixed liquors
p 383	1827	March 17	Daniel Fletcher – taverner in his dwelling house near Major Joseph Fletcher & to sell wine rum gin or other spirits by retail that is in less quantities than one gallon & may sell mixed liquors part of which are spirituous [382 BPR]
p 383	1827	June 20	Luther D. Brooks – <i>retailer</i> in his store near meeting house & sell wine rum gin or other spirits by retail that is in less quantities than one gallon & may sell mixed drinks [store in Village]
p 384	1827	June 20	Eleazer Rhoads – taverner in his house near Solathial Manings [inn 244 BPR]
	1827	Aug 31	Mark D. Langdell – taverner in house lately occupied by Eber Lawrence in front of mtg house & sell wine rum gin & other spirits by retail in less than 1 gallon & may sell mixed liquors [tavern – orig. Curtis' inn]
p 385	1827	Sep 1	Joel Brown – <i>retailer</i> in his store & to sell ... spirits in less quantities than 1 gal & may sell mixed liquors [store]
p 385-6	1827	Sep 1	Luther D. Brooks – <i>retailer</i> in his store near mtg house [store]
p 386	1827	Sep 1	Robert Read Esq. – <i>retailer</i> in his store near mtg house & sell spirits ... [store]
p 387	1827	Sep 1	Col. David MG Means – <i>retailer</i> in his store next door east of store occupied by Stewart & Lawrence on Amherst Plain & sell spirits [as drinks] ...
p 387	1827	Sep 1 [sic, redun]	Mark D. Langdell – taverner in house lately occupied by Eber Lawrence in front of mtg house & sell spirits less than 1 gallon... & mixed liquors ... [inn]
p 388	1827	Sep 1	David Stewart – taverner in his house next door west of tavern stand now occupied by Mark D. Langdell & sell spirits in less than 1 gal & mixed spirits
p 388	1827	Sep 1	Mssrs. Stewart & Lawrence – <i>retailers</i> & sell wine and spirituous liquors <i>1 pint or more carried away</i> [store]
p 389	1827	Sep 1	Eleazer Rhoads – taverner in his dwelling house on great road leading from Amh Village to Boston north of Salathiel Mannings & to sell spirits by retail in quantities less than 1 gallon & may sell mixed spirits [inn]
	1827	Sep 1	Samuel Nutt – taverner in the house lately occupied by H.H. Ray west of mtg house on Amh Plain & sell spirits less than 1 gal & mixed [inn]
p 390	1827	Sep 1	Mssrs. Wilson & Gage – <i>retailers</i> in their store next door south of the three-story Brick bldg on Amh Plain, that is to sell wine & spirituous liquors in any quantity <i>not less than 1 pint</i> , to be sold delivered & <i>carried away</i> [store]
p 390	1827	Sep 4	Mssrs. Stewart & Lawrence – <i>retailers</i> at their store attached to the dwelling house and tavern stand now occupied by Mark D. Langdell in front of mtg house on Amh Plain & to sell wine and spirituous liquors <i>by retail in quantities less than 1 gallon</i> NOTE: This is what used to be called “license to keep public tavern” (even for storekeepers); it's different than 1 Sep 1827 license! [store]
P 391	1828	Sep 1	Daniel Fletcher – taverner in his dwelling house on great road leading from Amh Village to Boston east of Major Joseph Fletcher [inn]
p 392	1828	Sep 1	Mark D. Langdell – taverner in house lately occupied by Eber Lawrence in front of mtg house on Amh Plain [inn]
	1828	Sep 1	David MG Means – <i>retailer</i> in his store southerly of mtg house & to sell wine rum gin or other spirits by retail that is in quantities less than one gallon & mixed drinks [store-tavern]
p 393	1828	Sep 1	Robert Read – <i>retailer</i> at his store near mtg house & to sell spirits less than 1 gal
p 393	1828	Sep 1	Mssrs. Stewart & Lawrence – <i>retailers</i> in store in front of mtg house & to sell wine & other spirits <i>not less than 1 pint & carried away</i>
p 394	1828	Sep 3	John M. Wilson & Co. – <i>retailer</i> in their store south of the three-story brick bldg on Amh Plain & to sell wine & other spirits <i>not less than 1 pint & carried away</i>
p 394	1828	Sep 1	Eleazer Rhoads – taverner at his house south of Amh common and near the house of Salathiel Manings ... [inn 244 BPR]
p 395	1828	Sep 1	David Stewart – taverner at his house near Mark D. Langdell's tavern

p 395	1828	Sep 1	Samuel Nutt – taverner [tavern/inn – 101 Boston Post Rd, formerly Ray's, (Watson's 2 nd)]
p 396	1828	Sep 1	Joel Brown – <i>retailer</i> in store he occupies on Amh plain near the Court House & to sell wine & other spirits by retail ... [store]
p 396	1828	Oct 4	Luther D. Brooks – <i>retailer</i> in his store east of mtg house & to sell wine & other spirits by retail, that is in no less quantities than 1 pint ... [store]
p 397	1829	Feb 21	Luther D. Brooks – <i>retailer</i> in his store near the mtg house & to sell rum etc by retail that is in less quantities than one gallon [store-tavern]
	1829	April 21	Jonathan Bacon – taverner at his dwelling house in Amh in front of mtg house
p 340	1829	Sep 2	Eleazer Rhoads – taverner at his dwelling house in Amherst [tavern/inn – about 1 mile south of Common, prob still 244 BPR]
	1829	Sep 2	Daniel Fletcher – taverner at his dwelling house in Amherst [tavern/inn – 382 BPR, southeast part of town near Souhegan bridge]
p 398	1829	Sep 1	Robert Read – <i>retailer</i>
p 398	1829	Sep 25	Mssrs. Stewart & Lawrence – <i>retailer</i> & sell spirits <i>not less than 1 pint carried away</i> [store]
p 341	1829	Nov 14	Timothy Danforth – taverner at his dwelling house one and a half miles from the plain on Holles road
	1829	Nov 16	David Stewart – taverner at his dwelling house in front of the meeting house [Common's south side]
Note: By March 1830, David Stewart (Jr., 1799-1880) was secretary of the Amherst Association for the Promotion of Temperance.			
p 344	1830	April 10	Stowell Bancroft – to keep tavern at dwelling house where now resides [244 BPR] [1831 deed 166:459: “road leading from Nutt's tavern to tavern stand owned by Robt Means and now occupied by Stowell Bancroft”]
	1830	Sep 21	Jonathan J Bacon – to keep tavern at dwelling house where now resides [tavern – successor to Langdell at old Curtis' on south side of Common]
	1830	Sep 1	Daniel Fletcher – to keep a Public Tavern in Amherst where he now resides and exercise business of retailer one year [382 BPR, southeast]
p 345	1831	May 2	Calvin Aiken or Nathaniel Kimball – at dwelling house where he [sic] resides [tavern – N.P. KIMBALL opened “Amherst House”, successor to Bacon in old Curtis hotel]
	1831	Nov 5	Daniel Fletcher – to keep tavern at dwelling house where he now resides
p 345	1832	May 1	Elbridge Hardy – to keep tavern at dwelling house where he now resides [E. H. in old Curtis hotel on south side of Common]
p 391	1832	Dec 19	Charles Eastman – to keep tavern at dwelling house where he now resides [244 BPR, inn]
p 382	1834	Feb 19	Elbridge Hardy – to keep tavern at dwelling house where he now resides
		Feb 19	Daniel Fletcher – to keep tavern at dwelling house where he now resides
		Feb 19	Samuel Nutt – to keep tavern at dwelling house where he now resides
p 424	1835	Feb 23	Daniel Fletcher – tavern at dwelling house where he now resides [382 BPR]
p 424	1835	Feb 23	Elbridge Hardy – tavern at dwelling house where he now resides [Common so.]
p 424	1835	March 6	Charles Eastman – tavern at dwelling house where he now resides [244 BPR]
p 424	1837	April 1	Daniel Fletcher – tavern at dwelling house where he now resides [382 BPR]
p 398	1838	Jan 31	Daniel F. Stevens – <i>retailer</i> at store now occupied by him
p 341	1838	Aug 11	Aaron Lawrence – <i>retailer</i> at his store in Amh
p 532	1838	Dec 7	David Underhill – license to exercise business of <i>retailer</i> of spiritus liquors at store now occupied by him on the Plain for 1 yr
p 532	1839	Jan 6	Daniel F. Stevens – license to exercise business of <i>retailer</i> at store now occupied by him near the 3-story brick bldg on Plain for 1 yr

p 532	1841	April 16	Timothy Danforth	– license of <i>retailer</i> at store lately occupied by David Underhill near mtg house for 1 yr
p 532	1841	April 16	Daniel F. Stevens	– license of <i>retailer</i> at store now occupied by him near his dwelling house for 1 yr
p 538	1841	April 16	Mssrs. Lawrence & Tuttle	– license of <i>retailer</i> at store now occupied by them near Elbridge Hardy's tavern

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p. 283	1843	April 29:	Daniel F. Stevens	– license to sell wine & spirituous liquors in the store now occupied by him, in any quantity not less than one pint, to be sold, delivered & carried away therefrom, for one year
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p 327	1844	Nov 18	Hildreth & French	– license to sell wine & spirituous liquors in store now occupied by them ... not less than 1 pint & to be ... carried away
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p 331	1845	Jan 23	Tuttle, Wheeler and Boylston	– license to sell wine and spirituous liquors in store now occupied by them ... not less than 1 pint ... and carried away
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CHANGE IS BREWING

p 331	1845	Feb 21	Daniel Fletcher	– being a person of good moral character, licensed & authorized to exercise the business of a taverner in Amherst and to sell wine and other spirituous liquors in the house by him now occupied and no other, for the term of 40 days from this date. [382 BPR in southeast part, near bridge]
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p 331-2	1845	Feb 21	George A. Nutt	– being a person of good moral character, licensed & authorized to exercise the business of a taverner in Amherst and to sell wine and other spirituous liquors in the house by him now occupied and no other, for the term of 68 days from this date. [101 BPR in Village]
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[Obviously some years are missing. I *think* they're missing from the record rather than my transcription. I attempted to peruse each page but it's a tedious time-consuming chore made difficult not only by the varying handwriting but also by the inconsistencies of recording by town clerks. None of the copies of licenses granted indicate the fee – perhaps some additional licenses were recorded wherever the income was recorded. -KH]

Katrina has a separate research file on Amherst Taverns about succession of inn/tavernkeepers in Amherst organized by tavern location.

“TEMPERANCE”

1845-1883: Licenses for Liquor Agent in Amherst, N.H.

From *Amherst Town Records Vol. 4* (microfilm at Amherst Town Library, roll 2) and notices in *Farmers' Cabinet* newspaper.

Compiled by Katrina Holman.

FC	1845	Dec 25	“Notice. ... David Russell of Amherst, is licensed and authorized to sell wine and spirituous liquors for medical purposes and the arts. W.J. WESTON, J. HARTSHORN, A. RIDDLE, Selectmen of Amherst, December 22, 1845.”
<i>Town Records, Vol. 4 (Roll2):</i> p 62	1846	April 1	David Russell – license (for 1 year) to sell wine and spirituous liquors in the shoe store now occupied by him in any quantity not less than 1 pint for medicine and the arts, to be sold delivered & carried away. [Note: David Russell was also Town Clerk.]
p 101	1847	April 1	David Russell – license (for 1 year) to sell wine and spirituous liquors in the store now occupied by him in any quantity not less than 1 pint for medicinal and mechanical purposes, to be sold delivered & carried away.
P 131	1848	March	At Town Mtg, Article 5 th on Motion: Voted that it is expedient that the General Court enact a law prohibiting the sales of wine and other spirituous liquors except for chemical medicinal or mechanical purposes. 143 in favor, 97 against.
p 144	1848	March 31	David Russell – license (for 1 year) to sell wine and spirituous liquors in the shoe store now occupied by him in any quantity not less than 1 pint for medicinal and mechanical purposes, to be sold delivered & carried away.
[checked as far as p. 236]			
p. 361	1853	April	“Voted to instruct Selectmen not to license the sale of ardent spirits except for medicinal and mechanical purposes and that they appoint a committee of five to prosecute all violations of the license laws.” Selectmen appointed committee: Richard Boylston, John Follansbee, Francis Wright, Elbridge Hardy and David Fisk 2d.
p. 408	1854	March	Selectmen of the Town of Amherst licensed and authorized George Walker to sell wine and spiritous liquors for Medicinal, Mechanical and Chemical purposes and for no other purpose for one year from April 1 st. Note: George Walker (1814-1895) was a blacksmith; he lived at 16 Main Street from 1845.
p. 436	1855	April 2	George Walker – license to sell wine & spiritous liquors for medicinal, mechanical & chemical purposes only.
p. 447	1855	Aug. 17	George Walker – “license & authorize [him] to sell <u>at his dwelling house</u> in Amherst the following Spirituous & Intoxicating Liquors (viz) Alcohol New England Rum Old Rum Brandies Gins and Wines for Medicinal Mechanical and Chemical purposes, and Wine for the commemoration of the Lord's Supper and for no other use or purpose until the 1 st of April next. And we [Town] are to pay him \$75 for his services.
P 496	1856	Dec 4	To George Walker of Amherst: Whereas there is a vacancy in the office of Agent to sell intoxicating liquors, We therefore license and authorize you to sell at your dwelling house the following Spirituous Intoxicating Liquors viz Alcohol New England Rums Old Rum Brandies Gins & Wines for medicinal mechanical & chemical purposes and for no other use or purpose and shall be subject to such instructions as the selectmen may prescribe from time to time in regard to the profit from the sale until the 25 th April 1857 and are to pay him \$15 [sic]. Signed Joseph Mace & Benjamin B. Whiting, Selectmen of Amherst
p 526	1857	April 13	To George Walker – Vacancy in Office of Agent to Sell Intoxicating Liquors ... appointed until 1 April 1858 & pay said agent \$75

- p. 570 1858 May 31 To **John F. Whiting** – Whereas there is a vacancy in the office of Agent to sell Intoxicating Liquors, We therefore license and authorize you to sell at your Dwelling House in Amherst the following spirituous & intoxicating Liquors (viz.) Alcohol, Rum, Brandies, Gins, & Wines for Medicinal, Mechanical & Chemical purposes & wine for the commemoration of the Lord's Supper, and for no other purpose. And you shall be subject to such instruction as the Selectmen may prescribe in regard to the profits from the Sale until the first day of April 1859 and we will pay the said Agent \$75.
- p. 8 1858/9 annual town report: "Report of Liquor Agency" (sold \$434 worth).
- p. 7 1859/60 annual town report: "Report of Liquor Agency" by J. F. Whiting, Town Agent (sold \$402.42 worth)
- p. 6 1860/1 annual town report: "Report of Liquor Agency" by John F. Whiting, Town Agent (sold \$394 worth)
- p. 7 1861/2 annual town report: "Report of Liquor Agency" by John F. Whiting, Town Agent (sold \$356.21)
- p. 5 1862/3 annual town report: "Report of Liquor Agency" by John F. Whiting, Town Agent (sold \$395.18)
- Town Records Vol. 5*
- p. 165 1863 Sept. **David Russell** appointed Liquor Agent by Selectmen.
- FC 1864 Feb 4 & more "Wines and Spirituous Liquors. **DAVID RUSSELL** has been duly appointed Agent for the Town of Amherst, N.H., to procure and sell Wines and Spirituous Liquors for Chemical, Medicinal and Mechanical purposes. Amherst, **Oct. 28, 1863.**"
- p. 361 1866 April 9 **Charles N. Merrill** appointed Liquor Agent by Selectmen. [He was storekeeper.]
- p. 468 1868 April Charles N. Merrill appointed Liquor Agent by Selectmen.
- p. 494 1868 Dec. 17 **David Russell** appointed Liquor Agent by Selectmen: "... sell liquor at a profit not exceeding 33% and you are to have for your services for one year \$100."
- Town Records Vol. 6*
- p. 31 1872 Spring **Isaac J. Russ** appointed Liquor Agent by Selectmen for indefinite period time – to sell spirits per Chapter 99 of General Statutes, conditions including:
2) sell for cash only
3) not sell to individuals known for intoxication
4) not sell to minors – unless prescribed by physician
5) not sell in night time or on Sabbath except in cases of urgent necessity
6) sell at 33 1/3% gross profit upon the first purchase
- p. 70, 157 1873 Spring-1877 **George S. Palmer** appointed Liquor Agent – to sell at 33 cnts net profit upon first purchase ...
- p. 156 1877 May **George W. Osgood** appointed Liquor Agent ...
1879/80 George W. Osgood was paid \$100 by town as liquor agent (annual town report, "Report of Town Treasurer", payments to Town Officers, p. 7)
1880/1 George W. Osgood was paid \$100 by town as liquor agent (annual town report, "Town Treasurer's Report", payments to Town Officers, p. 8)
1881/2 George W. Osgood was paid \$100 by town as liquor agent (annual town report, "Report of Town Treasurer", payments to Town Officers, p. 7)
- p. 255 1882 March Town mtg "Voted that the report of the Liquor agent be not accepted."
"Voted that the conduct of the Liquor agency be investigated by the same committee appointed to investigate the discrepancies [between] the [tax] collector's and the treasurer's [accounts]."
"Voted to abolish the town liquor agency."
- p. 274 1883 March Town mtg "Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to investigate the liquor agent's account for 1882. The Selectmen declined to act. Chose a committee of 3 for duty named" [but had trouble finding 3 men to accept!]
- p. 275 1883 March Town mtg "Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of the liquors; to sell any that can be sold legally, and to turn the remainder into the street."
"Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the "fixtures" connected with the liquor business, meaning casks, jugs, measures, etc."

[The End]

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