

A Summary of Enfield and Lebanon Perambulation Reports
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Lebanon Charter July 4th 1761

.....butted and bounded as follows (VIZ): Beginning at a white Pine Tree marked with the figures three on one side and four on the other, which tree is about eighteen miles on a point from the upper end of Charleston, and stands on the bank of Connecticut river, from thence South, seventy-two degrees East six miles; from thence North, thirty-six degrees East five miles and one half; from thence North sixty-four West seven miles to Connecticut River, To a hemlock tree marked four and five that stands just at the head of white river falls; from thence down the river to the first bound mentioned; and that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of Lebanon;.....

Enfield Charter July 4th 1761

“beginning at the south-east corner of Lebanon, from thence south sixty-eight degrees east, six miles and three fourths of a mile; thence north forty-three degrees east, five miles and one half; thence north fifty-eight degrees west, seven miles and one half, to the north-east corner of Lebanon; from thence by the east side of Lebanon to the first bound mentioned.”

Enfield Boundary Lines Corrected ¹

1781

On the 5th January ,1781, the proprietors of the township of Canaan applied to the government of the State by petition, stating that upon running out the township of Enfield, according to the charter, that township was found to include a portion of the territory which had been reputed to be within the limits of Canaan; that upon examination, it was found that there was a gore of land between Grantham and Enfield which had not been granted by the government, but which had been left un-granted by a mistake in the charter of Enfield, in inserting “sixty-eight degrees” instead of fifty-eight degrees, as the course of one of the lines of the township, and that this mistake **“interfered with and confounded” all the lines of the adjoining towns**, wherefore they prayed that the said mistake might be corrected.

Upon this petition a day of hearing was appointed, and notice was ordered to be given to the selectmen of Grantham, Grafton and Enfield.

On the 22d March, 1781, a committee of the legislature reported that there was a clerical mistake in the point of compass of the line in the southerly side of Enfield; and recommended that a committee of three judicious persons be appointed to adjust the disputes that had arisen between the townships of Canaan, Grafton and Enfield, in consequence of the said mistake, and to run out the lines and make the boundaries between the several parties in a just and equitable manner.

This report was accepted, and on the 28th March, 1781, an act was passed appointing three persons to run out the township of Enfield and make the proper boundaries thereof, and also the boundaries of Canaan and Grafton that were contiguous to Enfield, and declaring that the report of the committee, or the major part of them, being made to the secretary’s office within one year, should be binding and conclusive in law upon all parties and persons whatever.

In 1801, the proprietors and selectmen of Enfield, presented a petition to the general court, stating that the committee appointed by the said act of March 28, 1781, made a report within the time limited in the same act, which report had been lost, and praying that a copy of the report might be filed with the secretary.

A similar petition was presented by the proprietors and selectmen of Canaan.

Upon these petitions a day of hearing was appointed, of which public notice, and notice to the selectmen of Grantham and Grafton, was ordered to be given.

And on the 18th June 1802, an act was passed, declaring that a copy of the report of said committee, by which the said mistake was corrected, and the line between Enfield and Grantham established as running south fifty eight degrees east, be received and recorded by the secretary, and that the same be as effectual for the establishment of the boundaries of the towns of Enfield, Grafton and Canaan, as though the original report had been returned within the time prescribed.

It was stated by the committee in the said report, that the lines were established with the consent of all concerned.

The township of Grantham as described in the charter, which was dated June 8, 1767, is bounded as follows:--- "Beginning at the south west corner of Enfield, from thence south fifty-eight degrees east, by the south line of Enfield six miles and three fourths of a mile, to the south east corner thereof, from thence south forty-one degrees west five miles and three fourths of a mile, &c. to the bound first mentioned."

Establishing the Line Between Lebanon And Enfield ²

1786

Whereas, we the Subscribers Being oppinted a Committee by the Honor^{bl} General Assembly of said State to Establish the Boundaries between the towns of Lebanon and Enfield have meet accordingly upon said towns and after Due Examination of the Bounds and Lins of s^d towns of Lebanon and infield, Porceeded as foloweth, firstly begain at a white Pine tree marked on the Easterly Bank of Conacutt River which is Caled the agreement tree between s^d Lebanon and Plainfield and thence mesured easterly on the line Between s^d Lebanon and Plainfield six milds to a Stake and Stone Commonly Known by the name of Sumners Bound then Examined the Lins and Records shewen us Between s^d Lebanon and Enfield and find a Bound Standing at the Northeasterly Corner of s^d Lebanon Comonnly Known by the name of the Birch tree, but s^d tree being fell Down a Stake and Stons Eracted in the place whare said Birch tree stood; and we Do Establish the first said Stake and Stons Coled Sumnors Bound to be a Bound between s^d Lebanon and infield on the Southerly Side of s^d towns and the said Birch tree (now Stake and Stons) to be the northerly Bounds between s^d Lebanon and infield, and **Do order that a Strat Line be Drawen between s^d Sumnors Bond and said Birch tree or Stake standing in the place of said Birch to be the Deviding Line between said Lebanon and said infield**, and have Recommended to said Committee to settle with all Pursons who are on Land in ether of s^d towns which shall fall out of the town which he settled in the best way which thay Can according to ower orders from s^d Gen^{ll} assembly

which is Humbly Submitted

October Y^e 23 : 1786 -

Charles Johnston

Jeremiah Page

Moses Chase

Committee

Bound #1

1847

South/east corner bound of Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield. Which we renewed.

1854

Begin at a stake and stones being the south/east corner of Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield and **erected a pine post in the place where the old one stood and marked the same L.E. [names] 1854 which is established as the corner of said towns. [Signed by a surveyor]**

1861

Beginning at a pine post and stones being the south/east corner of Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield and marked the same [names] 1861 which is established as the corner of said towns.

1868

Beginning at a pine post and stones being the south/east corner of Lebanon and south/west corner of Enfield and marked the same [names] 1868 which is established as the corner of said towns.

1875

Beginning at a pine post and stones being the south/east corner of Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield and marked the same [names] 1875 which is established as the corner of said towns.

1882

Met at the south/east corner of Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield being a post and stones.

1889

At the south/east corner of Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield said corner being a post and stones.

1903

Beginning at a post and stones in the south/east corner Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield, said post marked L+E with various other marks.

1910

Beginning at a **granite** post and stones in the south/east corner Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield, said post marked L+E with various other marks.

1917

Beginning at a granite post and stones in the south/east corner Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield, said post marked L+E **and an iron pin in the top of said post.**

1924 [typed print]

Beginning at a granite post and stones in the south/east corner Lebanon and the south/west corner of Enfield, said post marked L+E and an iron pin in the top of said post.

Bound #2**1847**

Renewing the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

A Beech tree standing on the south side of the road leading east from [Eldridges?] house.

1861

A stone on the east side of the road leading from the [Eldridge?] road to Union Meeting House marked L + E.

1868

A stone on the east side of the road leading from [Benjamin Woods?] to Union Meeting House marked L + E.

1875

A stone on the east side of the road leading from the house formerly owned by [Benjamin Wood?] to Union Meeting House in Enfield marked L + E.

1882

Constructed a bound of stones and stake by the side of a Beech tree standing on the south side of the old road leading past the [Guar Eldridge?] farm to [Jonathan + Natharriel Sargents?] – being the same Beech tree described in the return of the perambulation of 1854.

1889

A stone on the east side of the road leading from the house formally owned by [Benj Wood?] to the Union Meeting House in Enfield.

1903

No mention.

1910

No mention.

1917

No Mention.

1924

No mention.

Bound # 3

1847

Renewing the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

No mention.

1861

To a stone on the south side of the road leading from [Guar Eldridge?] to [J.B. Sargent?]

1868

To a stone on the south side of the road leading from [Guar Eldridge?] to [J.B. Sargent?]

1875

To a stone on the south side of the road leading from [Thomas Haugh?] to [J.B. Sargent?] marked L + E.

1882

No mention.

1889

To a stone on the south side of the road leading from the house formerly owned by [Thomas Haugh?] to the [J.B. Sargent?] place.

1903

To a stone surrounded by other stones on the south side of the road leading from [E. I. Bardins?] to [J. B. Sargents?] near which bound we placed a stake with 4 hacks on opposite sides.

1910

To a stone surrounded by other stones on the south side of the road leading from [E.L. Bardins?] to [B.J. McC?] near which bound is a stake on which we marked the figures 1910.

1917

To a stone surrounded by other stones on the south side of the road leading from the [E.L. Bardins?] farm now occupied by [Bliss Forbush?] to the [B. J. McCallister?] farm in which bound is a stake marked 1910 by the side of which we placed an iron pipe.

1924 [Verbatim of 1917 report]

To a stone surrounded by other stones on the south side of the road leading from the E. C. Barden farm now occupied by Bliss Forbush to the B. F. McCollister farm in which bound is a stake marked 1910 by the side of which we placed an iron pipe.

Bound #4

1847

Renewing the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

A poplar tree on the hill nearly opposite [Dutton?] house.

1861

To a Poplar tree on the hill opposite [S. Hartins?] house.

1868

To a Poplar tree on the hill west and nearly opposite of [S. Hartins?] house.

1875

To a stake and stones on the hill west and nearly opposite [Simon Hartens?] house.

1882

No mention.

1889

To a stake and stones on the hill west and nearly opposite to [Simon Hartons?] house.

1903

To a stone with stones around it on the hill opposite the Horton place. Now owned by H. A. Follensbee – building now burned. - Bound renewed by stake with 5 hacks on opposite sides.

1910

No mention.

1917

To a stone with stones around it on the hill opposite the Horton place, now owned by H. A. Follensbee, building burned, bound renewed by an iron pipe.

1924 [Verbatim of 1917 report]

To a stone with stones around it on the hill opposite the Horton place. Now owned by H. A. Follensbee, building burned, bound renewed by an iron pipe.

Bound # 5**1847**

Renewing the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

No mention.

1861

No mention.

1868

No mention.

1875

To a stake and stones on the southerly side of Stony Brook opposite the south end of [?] saw mill.

1882

No mention.

1889

To a stake and stones on the southerly side of Stony Brook opposite the south end of [?] saw mill.

1903

To a hemlock stake and stones on the southerly side of Stony Brook opposite the south end of [Gavis?] sawmill.

1910

To a hemlock stake and stones on the southerly side of Stony Brook opposite the south end of the foundations where formerly stood [Joslins?] sawmill.

1917

Unreadable.

1924

To a stake (Maple) with 5 hacks and stones on the southerly side of Stony Brook about two rods south of the bridge.

Bound # 6**1847**

Renewing the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

A stake and stones on the northerly side of Stony Brook road so called.

1861

To a stake and stones on the north side of Stony Brook road.

1868

To stake and stones on the north side of Stony Brook road.

1875

To a stake and stones on the north side of Stony Brook road (about three (3) rods from said road.)

1882

No mention.

1889

To a stake and stones on the north side of Stony Brook and about (three) rods from said road.

1903

To a stake and stones on the northerly side of the Stony Brook road and about 3 rods back from said road.

1910

To a stake and stones on the northerly side of the Stony Brook road and about 2 rods back from said road, said bound renewed by a peeled hemlock post with hacks on opposite sides.

1917

Unreadable.

1924

To a peeled hemlock post with hacks on opposite sides on the northerly side of the Stony Brook road and about 2 rods back from said road.

Bound #7**1847**

Renewed the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

A stake and stones a little over the hill above [Nilson Giles?] house.

1861

To a stake and stones on the hill above [Hirum Purmonts?] house.

1868

To a stake and stones on the hill north of [Hirum Purmonts?] house.

1875

To a stake and stones on the hill north of the house of the late [Hirum Purmonts?].

1882

No mention.

1889

To a stake and stones on the hill northerly of the house of the late [Hirum Purmont?].

1903

To an ash stake with 2 hacks on opposite sides and stones around it standing on the hill northerly from [Hirum Purmont?] and about 48 ft. south/west from a spruce tree.

1910

To an ash stake and stones around it standing on the hill northerly from [Norman Wilsons?] and about 48 ft. south/west from a spruce tree.

1917

To a pile of stones in which we placed an iron pipe standing on the hill northerly from [Henry Monast?] and about 48 ft. south/west from a spruce tree.

1924 [Verbatim of 1917 report.]

To a pile of stones in which we placed an iron pipe standing on the hill northerly from Henry Monast and about 48 ft. south/west from a spruce tree.

Bound # 8**1847**

Renewed the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

A stake and stones on the south side of Enfield Pond.

1861

To a stake and stones on the south side of Enfield Pond.

1868

To a stake and stones on the south side of Enfield Pond.

1875

To a stake and stones on the south side of Enfield Pond.

1882

No mention.

1889

To a stake and stones on the south side of Enfield Pond.

1903

Over the hill to a stake and stones standing on the southerly side of Mascoma Lake. Northerly from the bridge on the road leading southerly to Shaker Village and near the shore of the lake.

1910

Over the hill to a stake and stones standing on the southerly side of Mascoma Lake. Northerly from the bridge on the road leading southerly to Shaker Village and near the shore of the lake.

1917

Over the hill to an iron pipe on the upper side of the road about 10 paces northerly from the bridge on the road leading southerly to Shaker Village.

1924

Over the hill to an iron pipe on the upper side of the road about 10 paces northerly from the bridge on the road leading southerly to Shaker Village.

Bound # 9**1847**

Renewed the ancient marks and monuments.

1854

And also on the north side of said pond and between that and the northern railroad.

1861

And also on the north side of said pond and between that and the northern railroad.

1868

No mention.

1875

No mention

1882

No mention.

1889

No mention.

1903

No mention.

1910

No mention.

1917

No mention.

1924

No mention.

Bound # 10**1847****To the charter bound**, being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield **being a stake and stones marked L+E.****1854**To an oak stake with stones about it being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield and marked L.E. W.G.P. U.P. 1854. **[Signed by a surveyor.]****1861**To an oak stake and stones around it being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield at which corner of said towns **we erected a cedar post and marked the same [names] L.+ E. 1861.**

1868

To a cedar post and stones being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the northwest corner of Enfield and we marked said cedar post [names] 1868.

1875

To a cedar post and stones being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the northwest corner of Enfield.

1882

To the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield.

1889

To a cedar post and stones being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the northwest corner of Enfield.

1903

Across said lake **to a cedar post supported by a spruce stake and surrounded by stones.** Standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield **marked L+E with various other marks. And being the established corner of the four towns Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover. Said bound stands near a fence and a large [maple], oak tree.**

1910

Across said lake **to a granite post marked L, H, C, E,** standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield. And being the established corner of the four towns Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover. Said bound stands near a fence and a large maple tree.

1917

Across Mascoma Lake to a granite post marked L, H, C, E, standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield. And being the established corner of the four towns Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover. Said bound stands near a board fence and a large maple tree.

1924

Across Mascoma Lake to a granite post marked L. H. C. E. standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield and being the established corner of the four towns, Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover, said bound stands near a board fence and a large maple tree.

¹ Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Superior Court of Judicature, Of The State of New-Hampshire, Volume V. Page 281

² Town Papers, Documents relating to Towns In New Hampshire
Volume XII Page 388

Enfield/Lebanon/Hanover/Canaan
Town Line Corner Monument

Summery from the Enfield/Lebanon and Lebanon/Hanover perambulation reports:

1800 Lebanon/Hanover report

To the northeast corner bound of Lebanon and the southeast corner of Hanover which is a stake and stones. The stake is marked on the westerly side H + CC and on the southerly side L. 1800. TW. GB + C.

1847 Enfield/Lebanon report

To the charter bound, being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield **being a stake and stones marked L+E.**

1854 Enfield/Lebanon report

To an oak stake with stones about it being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield and marked L.E. W.G.P. U.P. 1854. **[Signed by a surveyor.]**

1861 Enfield/Lebanon report

To an oak stake and stones around it being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield at which corner of said towns **we erected a cedar post and marked the same [names] L.+ E. 1861.**

1861 Lebanon/Hanover report

To a cedar post with stones around it marked [names] 1861, being the north-east corner of Lebanon and south-east corner of Hanover.

1868 Enfield/Lebanon report

To a cedar post and stones being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the northwest corner of Enfield and we marked said cedar post [names] 1868.

1875 Enfield/Lebanon report

To a cedar post and stones being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the northwest corner of Enfield.

1875 Lebanon/Hanover report

To a cedar post, marked, standing at the S.E. corner of Hanover and the N.E. corner of Lebanon.

1882 Enfield/Lebanon report

To the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield.

1889 Enfield/Lebanon report

To a cedar post and stones being the north/east corner of Lebanon and the northwest corner of Enfield.

1896 Lebanon/Hanover report

To a split stake and heap of stones standing in the north east corner of Lebanon and south east corner of Hanover.

1903 Enfield/Lebanon report

Across said lake **to a cedar post supported by a spruce stake and surrounded by stones.** Standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield **marked L+E with various other marks. And being the established corner of the four towns Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover. Said bound stands near a fence and a large [maple], oak tree.**

1908 Lebanon/Hanover report**“Record of setting stone bounds on line between Hanover and Lebanon”**

On Friday December fourth 1908 C. S. Ford for the town of Lebanon and D. S. Bridgman for the town of Hanover erected a bound the same as above described. {Said bound being about six inches square and six feet long. A V [chisled] sunk letter L about four inches high being on the south side and a V [chisled] sunk letter H of the same size being on the north side of said bound.} At the south east corner of the town of Hanover and the north east corner of the town of Lebanon.

1910 Enfield/Lebanon report

Across said lake **to a granite post marked L, H, C, E,** standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield. And being the established corner of the four towns Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover. Said bound stands near a fence and a large maple tree.

1910 Lebanon/Hanover report

To a granite post marked L and H standing in the north easterly corner of Lebanon and the south easterly corner of Hanover and being the established corner bound of the four towns. Hanover, Canaan, Enfield, and Lebanon. Said bound stands near a board fence and a large Maple tree.

1917 Enfield/Lebanon report

Across Mascoma Lake to a granite post marked L, H, C, E, standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield. And being the established corner of the four towns Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover. Said bound stands near a board fence and a large maple tree.

1917 Lebanon/Hanover report

To a granite post marked L and H standing in the north easterly corner of Lebanon, and the south easterly corner of Hanover: and being the established corner bound of the four towns, Hanover, Canaan, Enfield and Lebanon, said bound stands near a board fence and a large maple tree.

1924 Enfield/Lebanon report

Across Mascoma Lake to a granite post marked L. H. C. E. standing in the north/east corner of Lebanon and the north/west corner of Enfield and being the established corner of the four towns, Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hanover, said bound stands near a board fence and a large maple tree.