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JONATHAN MITCHELL

Mitchell Inn, North Yarmouth, Maine

Jonathan Mitchell was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts 18 August 1724 and died at North Yarmouth, Maine 1 December 1817, son of Jacob and Mary (Howland) Mitchell. He married on 29 September 1745 Sarah Loring, born at Hingham, Massachusetts 9 October 1723 and died probably at North Yarmouth, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Lewis) Loring. They had ten children.

Jonathan's grandfather, Jacob Mitchell, was one of the founders of North Yarmouth. He was followed there by his son Jacob, Junior and Jonathan. All were blacksmiths, as were Jonathan's brothers. The family had numerous other businesses, including the lumber trade.

In the years prior to the French and Indian War, North Yarmouth was regularly threatened by Indian raids. Jonathan was an early member of the North Yarmouth First Company of Militia, recorded as the "Train Band and Alarm List". In 1758 he was an Ensign, and by 1764, Lieutenant of the Company. In 1774 he was elected a member of the Committee of Correspondence, and after the burning of Falmouth by the British Fleet he was given the task of supervising construction of a fort there. In 1776 the Massachusetts House of Representatives made him Colonel of the Second Cumberland Company Regiment of Militia, in charge of seacoast defence. In 1779 he commanded the Regiment in the attack on the British fort at Castine on Penobscot Bay. The expedition failed although Mitchell's Regiment made a successful landing. After the failure, he remained Colonel and became Muster Master for the Cumberland County forces for the remainder of the Revolutionary War.

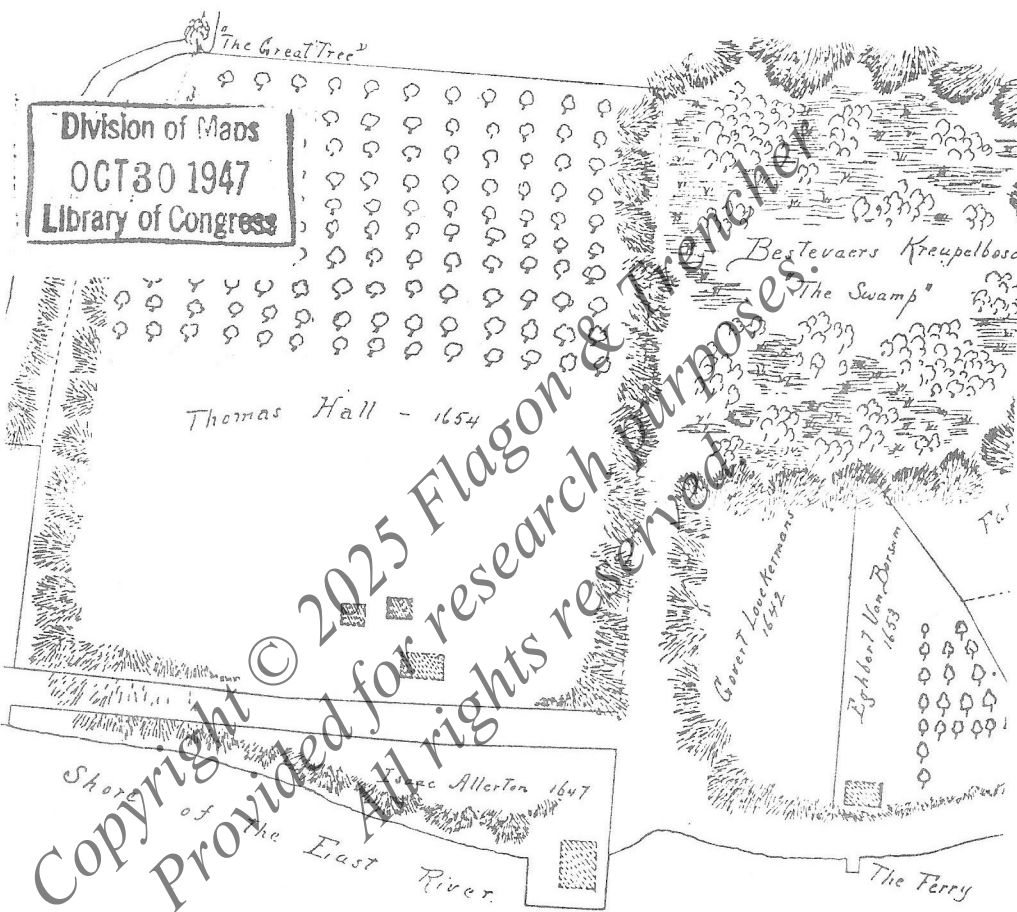
From 1779 onward, Jonathan was licensed to "keep a public house" and to "sell spiritous liquors." After the war he remained involved in civic affairs, while the inn eventually became operated by other members of the family.

Harold Hanson
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Plan of New Amsterdam

from the Palisades to the Ferry

A.D. 1655

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Portion of Map Showing Location of Manhattan Ferry Landing