

PRE 1900 TIMELINE

- 1733 Lot 28
Drawn by John Varnum
Proprietors Book of Records
- 1735 Deed: Varnum to Willard
John Varnum, of Dracut, yeoman, to Col. Samuel Willard, of Lancaster, Esq.
£50, 4 shillings, 6 pence
Lot 28
Book 7 Page 431
Note: Deed was recorded in 1736
- 1736 Deed: Willard to Wilder
Samuel Willard to Jonathan Wilder
£100; Lot 28
Book 12 Page 292-3
Note: Deed was recorded in 1739
- 1744 Survey: Lot 28
Beginning at
SE corner thence West 4d North 145 rods to
SW corner thence North 6d East 80 rods to
NW corner thence East 4d South 145 rods to
NE corner thence South 6d West, thence to the place of the beginning.
70 acres, “with a highway of 5 rods wide crossing it not far from the middle”.
Bounds south on Lot 27, every way else on common land.
Surveyed August 3, 1744
Proprietors Book of Records, p. 205
- Deed: Wilder to Marble
Jonathan Wilder, of Marlborough, husbandman, to Jonathan Marble of Nichewaug, husbandman
£92; Lot 28 “reserving all after divisions arising from said lot”.
Book 18 Page 465
- Marble Family
Jonathan and Rebekah Marble had at least 5 children, 3 of whom were born during the time he owned
this property.
Petersham Vital Records
- 1750 Early Settlers
Jonathan Marble is listed as one of the 47 settlers in Nichewaug.
Massachusetts Archives Collection, 1629-1799
Massachusetts State Archives

1759 Deed: Marble to Sawyer
Jonathan Marble, husbandman, to John Sawyer, husbandman, of Petersham
£233; 46 acres with a dwelling house & other buildings thereon + 13 additional acres in the North part
of town.
Deed executed in 1759, but not recorded until 1762.
Book 47 Page 234
Note: It appears that Jonathan Marble and John Sawyer essentially swapped properties on March 26,
1759. See Book 47 Page 286 for the deed from Sawyer to Marble.

1762 Mortgage: Sawyer to Chandler
John Sawyer, yeoman, to John Chandler, of Petersham, Gentleman
£115; same property as above (59 acres with dwelling house and buildings) + an additional 55 acres
abutting the house lot for a total of 114 acres.
Book 47 Page 235

1763 Deed: Chandler to Holman
John Chandler, Gentleman, to Solomon Holman III, of Sutton, husbandman
£220; 114 acres with a dwelling house and buildings thereon.
Book 50 Page 391

SOLOMON HOLMAN, son of John and Judith (Huse) Holman, was born May 6, 1737, at Newbury,
Mass., and died May 5, 1804, at Petersham. He married, Dec. 22, 1763, Sarah Gould, daughter of
Joseph and Sarah Gould, who was born Dec. 5, 1743, and died in Sept. 1802. Mr. Holman's Will was
filed May 1804, allowed, May 17, 1804. It names daughters Lydia, Olive, Sarah, Judith; sons John,
Solomon, Moses and Oliver. Left an estate of \$3,121. Prob. Revolutionary soldier.

Children, all born in Petersham, Mass., excepting Judith:

1. Judith b. Sept. 15, 1764, in Sutton; d. ; m. Moody Severy, Sept. 21, 1793, at Sutton.
2. Moses b. Sept. 25, 1766; d. Feb. 3, 1852, at Petersham; unmarried, a farmer; g. s., Feb.
6, aged 85 years.
3. Solomon b. Nov. 4, 1767; d. before 1779.
4. Sarah b. Nov. 4, 1768; d. prob. Apr. 18, 1825; m. Francis Holman (cousin), Millbury
May 24, 1790.
5. Lydia b. June 21, 1772; d. Sept. 23, 1862; single, aged 90-3-2.
6. Ruth b. Nov. 23, 1774; d. insane, aged 26 years.
7. John b. Mar. 27, 1777; d. in Pa.; m. prob. Ruth Houghton, a cousin, Sept. 1, 1801, she
was b. Dec. 13, 1776, at Lunenburg, daughter of Susannah Holman.
8. Solomon b. Aug. 30, 1779; d. at Windham, Vt. ; m. Deborah Eveleth, a grass widow.
9. Olive b. Nov. 11, 1784; d. July 9, 1882; m. Archibald Severy Feb. 17, 1805, of Sutton.
10. Oliver b. Oct. 5, 1788; d. Oct. 15, 1856; m. Anna Morse of Athol, Nov. 16, 1808.

The Holmans in America by David Emory Holman, 1909, p. 22

Solomon Holman was seated in the side gallery of the Meetinghouse in 1767. He was active in town
affairs, serving as a Highway Surveyor (1769), a Tything Man (1777), a Constable (1781), and a
member of the School Committee (1789).

Petersham Town Records

1771 Massachusetts Tax Valuation list of 1771
Solomon Holman: One dwelling house with shop adjoining
Annual worth of real estate: £4
1 horse
2 oxen
3 cows
8 goats/sheep

1 swine
acres of pasture: 5
of cows pasture will keep: 4
of acres of tillage: 2
of bushels of grain/year: 30
of barrels of cider/year: 6
of acres of English mowing land: 7
of tons of English hay/year: 5

1773 Pierce Road

A road from Solomon Holman's house to the Templeton line was approved in 1773.
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1774 Political Activities

In 1774, Solomon Holman signed the Petersham copy of the *1774 Solemn League and Covenant*, a document issued by the Committee of Correspondence of Boston in response to The Intolerable Acts and in support of a boycott of the importation of British goods.
Original document in the PHS archives.

1777 Political Activities

In 1777, Solomon Holman was chosen to be a member of the Petersham Committee of Correspondence in 1777.
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War Service

Solomon Holman served in Capt. W. Spooner's Co, Col. Sparhawk's regt.; To Bennington August 1777; service 9 days.
History of Petersham by Mabel Coolidge, p. 106.

1798 *Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax, 1798. Vol. 14*

Schedule A

Name of Occupant: Solomon Holman

Name of reputed Owner: Solomon Holman

Location: West by County Road North by Jona. Sanderson & Nath. Southworth and Joel Brooks

Area or the Square feet it covers: 1080

Number of Stories high: 1

Number of Windows: 8

Square feet of Glass: 31

Materials built of: Wood

Quantity of land in the lot valuation herewith: 80 perches

Valuation: \$150

Schedule B

Name of Occupant: Solomon Holman

Name of Reputed Owner: Solomon Holman

Each Separate and Entire Tract, Lot, &c. with Description and Dimensions of Buildings & Description of Each Tract of Land:

- One Farm, West by County Road North by Jona. Sanderson and Nath. Southworth: 99 acres, 80 perches
- One Barn 52 by 30 not exceeding \$100 in value
- One Corn barn 15 x 12 “ “
- One shop 15 x 12 “ “

Valuation: \$1000

- 1814 Petersham Tax Valuation
Moses & Oliver Holman
One farm situated 2 ½ miles north of Meetinghouse on road to Athol 120 acres; dwelling house 30 x 36 feet, one story high; corn barn, barn and shed. Value: \$2100.00
American Antiquarian Society Archives
[Note: the house dimensions are the same as in 1898; the ell addition was added after 1814.]
- 1840 Deed: Holman to Holman
Moses and Oliver Holman to Solomon O. Holman
\$3,000; the farm with 130 acres + an additional 11 acres of woodland. Reserving the rights Lydia Holman has in the buildings.
Book 346 Page 626
- 1849 Deed: Holman to Holman
Solomon O. Holman to John M. Holman
\$1; 130 acres
Book 457 Page 20
- 1857 Deed: Holman to Holland
Solomon O. Holman to Lucius Holland
\$1600; the farm containing 78 acres
Book 679 Page 299
Note: Deed executed in 1857; recorded in 1864
- 1864 Deed: Holland to Mann
Lucius Holland to William Mann, of Athol
\$1700; 78 acres
Book 679 Page 300
- 1867 Deed: Mann to Crawford
William Mann to Chester Crawford, of Athol
\$1800; 78 acres with buildings thereon; reserving the manure made on the farm during the current winter and conveying one ton of hay. Possession to be given April 1867.
Book 738 Page 409
- 1874 Deed: Crawford to Doyle
Chester Crawford to John Doyle
\$1600; 78 acres
Book 991 Page 344-5
- Deed: Doyle to Doyle
John Doyle to James Doyle
\$1600; 78 acres + all personal property except wearing apparel
Book 1034 Page 610
- 1878 Deed: Doyle to Mann
James Doyle to Horace Mann
\$1200; 78 acres
Book 1042 Page 247
- Deed: Mann to Devol
Horace Mann to Catherine Devol
\$1400; 78 acres
Book 1042 Page 570

- 1881 Deed: Devol to Woodward
Catherine Devol to Mary Woodward
No deed reference
- 1899 Deed: Woodward to Bryant
Mary A. Woodward to Walter Bryant
\$1000; 78 acres
Book 1621 Page 547

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