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, Dee. 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:  
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.  
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.  
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  

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1773 Pierce Road
A road from Solomon Holman’s house to the Templeton line was approved in 1773.  
*Petersham Town Records*

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.  
*Petersham Town Records*

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

[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 with130 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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