

# **New Hampshire in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century**

## **Sources of Community History**

**R. Stuart Wallace**

The New Hampshire Historical Society is indebted to Dr. Wallace for allowing us to share with you his list of printed, manuscript, and archival sources useful for studying the history of New Hampshire communities in the eighteenth century.

# **Town Level Records**

- Town Meeting Records
- Town Tax Records
- Town Records forwarded to Province/State Capital
  - Census Records
  - Petitions
  - Depositions
  - Warnings-out-of-Town
- Miscellaneous Town Records
  - Accounts with Individuals
  - Licenses
- Church Records
  - Minutes of meetings
  - Financial Accounts
  - Lists of Members
  - Punishments
  - Vital Statistics
    - Kept by Minister
    - Cemetery Records
- Vital Statistics kept by Town Clerk
- Proprietors' Records

# **Records and Other Sources at the County, Provincial, State, and Federal Levels**

- Records of the Governor, Council, and Assembly
  - Journals
  - Laws
  - Correspondence
- Records of Land Transactions
  - Provincial (before 1771/72)
  - County
- Probate Records
  - Provincial (before 1771-72)
  - County
  - Personnel
- Court Records
  - Superior Court
  - Inferior Court of Common Pleas
    - Provincial
    - County
  - Court of General Sessions
    - Provincial
    - County
- Tax Records/Inventories
- Newspapers
- Militia Records
- Pension Records
- Customs and naval Office Records

# Personal Papers and Accounts

- Diaries
- Account Books
  - Ledgers
  - Journals (Day Books, Waste Books)
  - Shipping Papers and Ships Logs
- Correspondence
- Miscellaneous Private Papers
  - Poetry
  - Speeches
  - Essays
  - School & Lesson Books
  - Drawings
  - Receipts
  - Indentures
  - Memorabilia
- Travel Accounts
  - Published
  - Unpublished
- Reminiscences Written after the Fact
  - Published
  - Unpublished