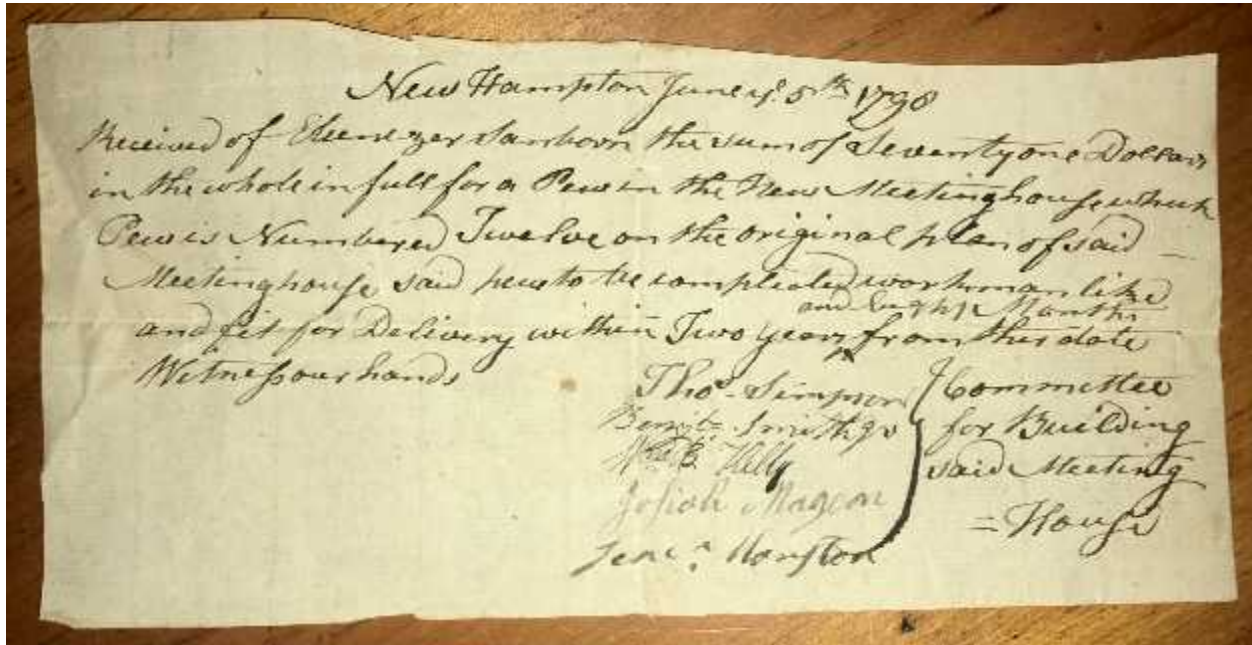


“BRINGING the PRESENCE of the PAST into the PRESENT”

In this corner of the New Hampton Connection we invite you to “connect” with our town’s rich history. Featured below is an original receipt for \$71 for one of the pews in the Town House (here called “the New Meeting House”) as purchased in January of 1798 by Ebenezer Sanborn (1768-1818) of New Hampton.



New Hampton Janry 5th* 1798

***Received of Ebenezer Sanborn the sum of Seventy one Dollars/in the whole in full for a Pew in the New Meeting house which/Pew is Numbered Twelve on the original plan of said Meetinghouse said pew to be completed workman like/and fit for Delivery within Two years ^{and Eight Months} from this date
Witness our hands***

***Tho^s Simpson
Benⁱ Smith Jr
W^m B. Kelly
Josiah Magoon
Jere^h Marston***

***Committee for Building
said Meeting House***

While there are no longer pews in the Town House, the next time you come to vote we invite you to pause (if not sit) and reflect on all the meetings, greetings, sermons, prayers, smiles, laughter, gossip and political debate carried on within its walls for over 220 years.

For more information on the above receipt, visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at www.newhamptonhistory.org/ .

Until the next issue when we again highlight something that “brings the presence of the past into the present,”

Kent Bicknell
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