

These two claims known as the "Cooper" and "Phippen" claims take in nearly all our original territory on the northerly side of the river, for New Marblehead, now Windham, was laid out on the 17th day of May, 1735, as follows: "We began at a place called Saccarappa Falls on Presumpscot River and as the river runs to a great pond called Sebago Pond; thence north 45 degrees, east 4 miles and 120 rods; thence south 45 degrees, east to North Yarmouth back line; thence 3 miles, 45 degrees west to the corner of North Yarmouth and Falmouth boundary; thence south 24 degrees, 20 minutes, 8 miles and 50 rods to Saccarappa Falls.

The boundary line between Windham and that part of Falmouth which is now Westbrook remained in controversy until November 27, 1761 when it was established as at present, existing by an act of the General Court. The first settlement in Windham is said to have been July 30, 1737 by Captain Thomas Chute, who carried his family and effects up the river by the present route of the many canoes and small motor boats of today, and made a clearing and erected his log cabin where he afterwards kept an ordinary on land by the river side lately owned by the father of the late ex-mayor Mahlon H. Webb. But previous to this time, from July 8, 1735 to June 9, 1737, the grantees had spent considerable sums of money in building bridges over the Presumpscot River immediately above Saccarappa Falls, and on Ink-horn and Colley Wright's (now Dole's) brooks, and clearing a highway for the incoming of the settlers. That large tract of land was long in dispute between the proprietors of the two towns, but none of the first home lots in Windham were laid out upon the same. It seems, however, that some encroachments were made thereon

by the Windham grantees for it appears in an old deed that the farm formerly owned by the late Daniel D. Shaw was laid out to Richard Dana of Boston, to compensate him for a forest grant which he had been obliged to give up after the adjustment of the division line between Windham and Falmouth was found to be in Falmouth.

The bridge for which the Windham grantees made appropriation at Saccarappa, if ever built, probably did not long continue to be used, for at a town meeting held at Falmouth March 10, 1759, it was voted that "The selectmen be directed to lay out the money assessed on the mills at Saccarappa and Ammonoosong that year to repair the Great Bridge at Saccarappa."

The same year a return was made of a road "beginning at Saccarappa Road at a pine tree, marked, near the corner of David Small's land at Deer Hill, thence by southeasterly courses which are given till it intersects with a road that is laid out to Presumpscot River by Joseph Conant's land. Small is said to have lived on the same spot where the residence of the late Clement P. Maxwell now stands; and Conant's land was probably the tract of 60 acres laid out to him by the Falmouth Proprietors.

Whatever was done about the money assessed on the mills for the repairing of the "great Bridge" at Saccarappa seems not to have been satisfactory to the good people then living in Windham, at least not for any great length of time, for at a town meeting held in Falmouth, February 9, 1756 the selectmen were made a committee without pay to confer "with the inhabitants of New Marblehead and others to see how much they will advance toward building a bridge over the Presumpscot River and fix the most proper place therefore," and make report to the town at the ensuing annual meeting.

These two claims known as the " Cooper Cooper " and " Phippen Phippen " claims take in nearly all our original territory on the northerly side of the river , for New Marblehead , now Windham , was laid out on the 17th day of May , 1786 , as follows : " We began at a place called Saccarappa Falls on Presumpscot River and as the river runs to a great pond called Sebago Fond ; thence north 45 degrees east 4 miles and 120 rods ; thence south 46 degrees , east to North Yarmouth back line ; thence 3 miles , 45 degrees west to the corner of North Yarmouth and Falmouth boundary ; thence south 24 degrees , 20 minutes , 8 miles and 60 rods to Saccarappa Falls . The boundary line between Windham Windham and that part of Falmouth which is now Westbrook remained in controversy until November 27 , 1761 , when it was established as at present , existing by an act of the General Court . The first settlement in Windham is said to have been July 30 , 1737 by Captain Thomas Chaute Chaute , who carried his family and effects up the river by the present route of the many canoes and small motor boats of today , and made a clearing and erected his log cabin where he afterwards kept an ordinary on land by the river side lately owned by the father of the late ex - mayer Mahlon H. Webb Webb . But previous to this time , from July 8 , 1756 to June 9 , 1787 , the grantees had spent considerable sums of money in building bridges over the Presumpscot river immediately above Saccarappa Falls , and on Inkhorn and Colley Wright Wright ' s (now Dole ' s) brooks , and clearing a highway for the incoming of the settlers . That large tract of land was long in dispute between the proprietors of the two towns , but none of the first home lots in Windham were laid out upon the same . It seems , however , that some encroachments were made thereon by the Windham Windham grantees for it appears in an old deed that the farm formerly owned by the late Daniel B. Shaw Shaw was laid out to Richard Dunn Dunn of Boston , to compensate him for a forest grant which he had been obliged to give up after the adjustment of the division line between Windham and Falmouth was found to be in Falmouth , The bridge for which the Windham Windham grantees made appropriation at Saccarappa , if ever built , probably did not long continue to be used , for at a town meeting hold at Falmouth March 10 , 1759 , it was voted that The selectmen be directed to lay out the money assessed on the mills at Succarappy and Ammoncongan that year to repair the Great Bridge at Saccarappy . " The same year a return was made of a road " beginning at Saccarappa Road at a pine tree , marked , near the corner of David Small Small ' s lend at Deer Hill , thence by southeasterly courses which are given till it intersects with a road that is laid out to Presumpscot River by Joseph Conant Conant ' s land . Small is said to have lived on the same spot where the residence of the late Clement P. Maxwell Maxwell now stands ; and Conant Conant ' s land was probably the tract of 60 acres laid out to him by the Falmouth Proprietors . Whatever was done about the money assessed on the Mills for the repairing of the great bridge at Saccorappa sound not to have been satisfactory to the good people then living in Windham , at least not for any great length of time , for at a town meeting held in Falmouth , February 9 , 1756 the selectmen were made a committee without pay to confer with the inhabitants of New Marblehead and others to see how much they will advance toward building a bridge over the Presumpscot River and fix the most proper place therefore , " and make report to the town at the ensuing annual meeting .

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