

Porter, Rev. Nehemiah

1. Born, Ipswich, March 27, 1720, Graduated from Harvard College in 1745, Minister in Yarmouth, 1767 to 1771, died at Ashfield, Mass. 29 February 1820.
2. Journal (typescript) from N. England to Capeforsoe in Nova Scotia, June 3, 1767 to July 15, 1769, kept by Rev. Porter.
3. Original of #2
4. Letter Haverhill, Mass, to "children" (Nehemiah & John Porter) Religious comment and informing children of well-being of father, brothers and sisters November 9, 1768.
5. Original of #4.
6. Letter, Beverley, Mass; to Nehemiah and John Porter (Yarmouth, N.S.) from Neh^m Porter (April 17, 1769).
7. Original of #6.
8. Letter, Salem, Mass, to "Brother" from Joseph Chipman. (December 4, 1770).
9. Original of #8
10. Letter, Beverley, Mass. to Hannah, Nehemiah, Ebenezer and Joseph Porter. Tells of well being of Porter family and of the goods sent aboard "The Yarmouth". Some of the things sent aboard the "Yarmouth" are:
16 bushels of corn at 20^s per bushel
50lb of Tobacco at 4 coppers a pound
One barrel of Cyder at 5-15-0
One bushel of Rie
2 straw beds - one coverete - 2 beanlets
pepper 1/4 lb 0-4-6
Hankerchef 1-12-0
Needles 24 0-3-4
Tea 1 lb 1-10-0
An almanck 0-2-6
Loops for Hat
11. Original #10
12. Letter, Yarmouth, N.S. to "Brother" from Neh^m Porter. Talks about well being of his family and of the farm (March 29, 1773)..

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13. Original of #12.
14. Letter, Ipswich, Mass, to John Micannum Esqr. Att in Yarmouth c/o Nehemiah Porter, from Nathan Brown (June 8, 1773). Concerning family dispute among the Brown sons.
15. Original of #14.
16. Letter, Gloucester, Mass., to "Children" from Neh^m Porter (25 September 1773). Nehemiah had set out on Board Capt. Foot to go and see his children but was hit by a storm and forced to return home. He left on Board for the children, the following:
 - £ 1-8-0 28 pound of Sea-Bisket
 - £ 2-7-6 7 cakes of ginger bread 5s
 - 3 loaves of white bread 3s.9d
 - 9 speck'd blue and white handkerchief
17. Original of #16.
18. Letter, Wenham, Mass., to children from Nehm. Porter (29 April 1774), General family news.
19. Original of #18.
20. Letter, Yarmouth, N.S. to Rev. N. Porter from his son, Nehemiah Porter, (16 June 1775). "...have Nothing of importance to write."
21. Original of #20
22. Letter, Yarmouth, N.S., to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith (Ipswich, Mass.) from Nehemiah Porter, (June 16, 1775).
23. Copy of #22.
24. Letter to Mr. Nehemiah Porter, Yarmouth, N.S. from his father, Rev. Nehm. Porter, Watertown, (Oct. 4, 1776).
25. Original of #24.
26. Letter to "Nephew" Mr. Nehemiah Porter (Yarmouth, N.S.) from Aunt Sarah Lufkin (21, 1776).
27. Original of #26.

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28. Deed to piece of land in Yarmouth, given to Nehemiah Porter Jr. by his father Rev. Nehemiah Porter (May 10, 1784).
29. Original of #28.
30. Letter to "Dr. Sr." from friend and brother, Allen Baker of Ipswich (February 24, 1785).
31. Original of #30.
32. Letter to Mr. Nehemiah Porter (Yarmouth, N.S.) from sister, Rebekah Baker, Ipswich (29 August 1788).
33. Original of 32
34. Letter to Brother (Mr. Nehemiah Porter), Ipswich from sister, Rebekah Baker (14 April 1793).
35. Original of #34.
36. Letter to "Brother" (Mr. Nehemiah Porter Att Copeforsoe) from his sister, Hannah Porter, Salem (May 1).
37. Original of #36.
38. Agreement between Nehemiah Porter of Yarmouth, N.S. and Andrew Butlers regarding the teaching of a school (December 12, 1796).
39. Original of #38.
40. Copy of original letter (which is in Yarmouth Museum, Yarmouth, N.S.) Letter to Hasadiah Porter from Nehemiah Porter, Ashfield, Mass. 31 March 1802. The letter informs Hasadiah of the death of his father who is Nehemiah's brother. Hasadiah's father died on 27 July and at the age of 27.
41. Document which states how and where the land (In Yarmouth, N.S.) of the deceased Nehemiah Porter, is to be divided amongst his newpew, Hasadiah Porter and his grandchildren; Nehemiah Porter, John Tardy Porter, Ebenezer Porter and Samuel Chipman Porter.
42. Original of #41.
43. Letter to Nehemiah Porter's son in Ashfield (31 August 1812) from his father Nehemiah Porter. Nehemiah tells his son that he is very old (92) and does not expect to live much longer. He also tells how his estate and personal belongings will be divided amongst his children.

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44. Original of #43.
45. Letter to Nehemiah Porter of Yarmouth, N.S. from his brother Joseph Porter, Ashfield, 4 September 1812. The letter tries to convince Nehemiah that he should come and see his aging father and his newly married daughter, and at the same time asks for money to help Joseph with his large family, 8 sons and three daughters.
46. Original of #45.
47. Letter to the children of Nehemiah Porter telling them of his well being and encouraging them to be "truly religious".
48. Original of #47.
49. Original Document
"Lands formerly granted to William (Torry)? now in possession of the Liers of Stephen (Torry)?

The map also shows the land, and how it was laid out of:
Nehemiah Porter, John Porter, Samuel Porter, Ebeneser Porter and Hasadeah Porter.

"A plan and partition of lot N 138 first division on Bunkers Lake between the Heusand assigns of Nehemiah Porter deceased April 1822"
50. Original Document, dated February 12, 1765, Yarmouth. Document lays out to James Mattenly, 52 acres of land on the east side of Capersue Harbour.
Other side of document dated August 17, 1767. Written by James Mattenly. Concerning the preceeding piece of land which was sold to Nehemiah Porter for 35 pounds currancy.
51. Original document dated 12 November 1771, Beverley, New England. A document to Nehm. Porter from receiving 5 dollars or one pound five shillings, Halifax currancy.
52. Original document dated January 31, 1772. Receipt to Efgr E. Durkee for items of the value 3-8-0.4.2
April 21 paid 3 shillings, one penny
March 25 paid 500 hundred of the best salt hay.

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53. Original document dated 1 August 1774. A legal document written by Nehemiah Porter of Ipswich in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England stating that Nehemiah Porter of Yarmouth in the County of Queens County in the province of Nova Scotia is his attorney in all cases made against Nehemiah Porter of Mass.
54. Original document dated 8 May 1784, Ipswich. Document states that Nehm. Porter Sr. has land and cattle as follows:
- Land £ 63-0-0
Cattle £ 30-0-0
(About 2 or 3 and 20 head, mostly small cattle)
- Nehm. Porter Sr. gave a deed of all his land at Capeforche for 63 pounds to his son Nehemiah Porter, who in turn gave his father a hand note for 40 pounds and ten pounds in cash. 50-0-0.
55. Original document dated 19 July 1785, Ipswich. A receipt for the sum of 15 pounds owed to Nehemiah Porter from Allen Baker.
56. Original document with the names of the children of N. Porter and his wife Mary;
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| Rebecca | 23 March 1777 |
| Mary | 27 August 1778 |
| Hannah | 17 August 1780 |
| Ruth | 9 December 1782 |
| Sarah | 9 October 1784 |
| Nehemiah | 31 August 1786 |
| John Tardy | 9 July 1788 |
| Ebenezer | 5 January 1791 |
| Elizabeth | 28 January 1793 |
| Joseph | 28 June 1795 |
| Sam Chipman | 13 October 1797 |
| Jonathan | 20 June 1801 |
| Knowland | 7 January 1804 |
| Cunis | 5 May 1806 |
57. Original document dated 1, 8, 15. Formal document written by Benjamin Barnard Esq. of the Township of Yarmouth certifying that the Indenture of apprenticeship David Dire (a blackman) and Nehemiah Porter Sr. were signed in his presence.

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The original Indenture tells of the "rules" David Dire must live under for the period he is apprentice, which is: Four years, seven months and 9 days.

Signed by Benjamin Banard, Samuel Porter, Nehemiah Porter and David Dire.

58. Original document dated 15 June 1817. This document is a part of the Last Will and Testament of Nehemiah Porter. Nehemiah Porter, in the document, lists to whom his estate, both real and personal, will be given. It listed in item form and it stated exactly where, in the case of real estate, land was located.
- Most of his estate is land, which is located in the Yarmouth area, and his home. His estate is divided amongst his children, giving more to the sons than to the daughters.
59. Original document dated 16 July 1817. Last will and Testament of Nehemiah Porter, and written by Samuel Sheldon Pool, Judge. The will states that the estate of Nehemiah Porter, both real and personal, be put into the hands of his executors, John T. Porter, Ebenezer Porter and Miner Hurtington for distribution as stated in the will.
60. Original document, letter, (on blue paper) dated 10 August 1860. Letter to Capt. Porter in Yarmouth telling him that the money owed to him from (H. Gourlay and Co), sender of the letter, was sent aboard the "Victor", and the "Victor" is now lost at sea and, therefore, Mr. Porter will not be getting his money for awhile.
61. Original document dated 24 August 1860. Receipt for money in amount of 62 pounds, 10 shillings, has been received. Signed by A.N. Homen.
62. Original document, large size envelope addressed to:
C.S.P. Robbins
Office of J.A. Craig
Yarmouth, N.S.
Written on end of envelope: 4 - Porter M.S.
Paper returned by
H.D. Ellis, 3 Village
Cambridgeport, Mass.
(Letter Enclosed).

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- 62A Indenture of David Dire (1815)
- 63. Joseph Crocker
- 64. Mrs. Joseph Crocker (Sarah Porter).
- 65. Mrs. W. Doty (Elizabeth Porter, daughter of Nehm. Jr.)
- 66. Mrs. Joseph Ellis (Ruth Porter, daughter of Nehm. Jr.)
- 67. Eben. Porter (son of Nehm. Jr.).
- 68. Eben. Porter (son of Nehm. Jr.)
- 69. Mrs. Eben. Porter (Betsey).
- 70. Mrs. Eben. Porter Sr. (Polly?)
(Mary Porter, daughter of Nehm. Jr.).
- 71. Mrs. Joe Shaw (Eunice Porter, daughter of Nehm. Jr.).
- 72 Nathan Porter, grandchild of Rev. Nehemiah Porter.
Rev. Chas. S. Porter, grandchild of Rev. Nehemiah Porter.
- 73. Photo of house of Rev. John Chipman. Home of Rev. Nehm. Porter's
wife's parents.
- 74. Residence of John Porter
- 75. Landing place on Porters River.