

How Dartmouth became Dartmouth
as we know it.



1620

Mayflower arrives in Plymouth.
Sickness takes its toll. Other
ships are to follow with more
Europeans

Ships passengers were religious refugees from Leiden, Holland, hired men of the Merchant Adventurers and crew from the ships.

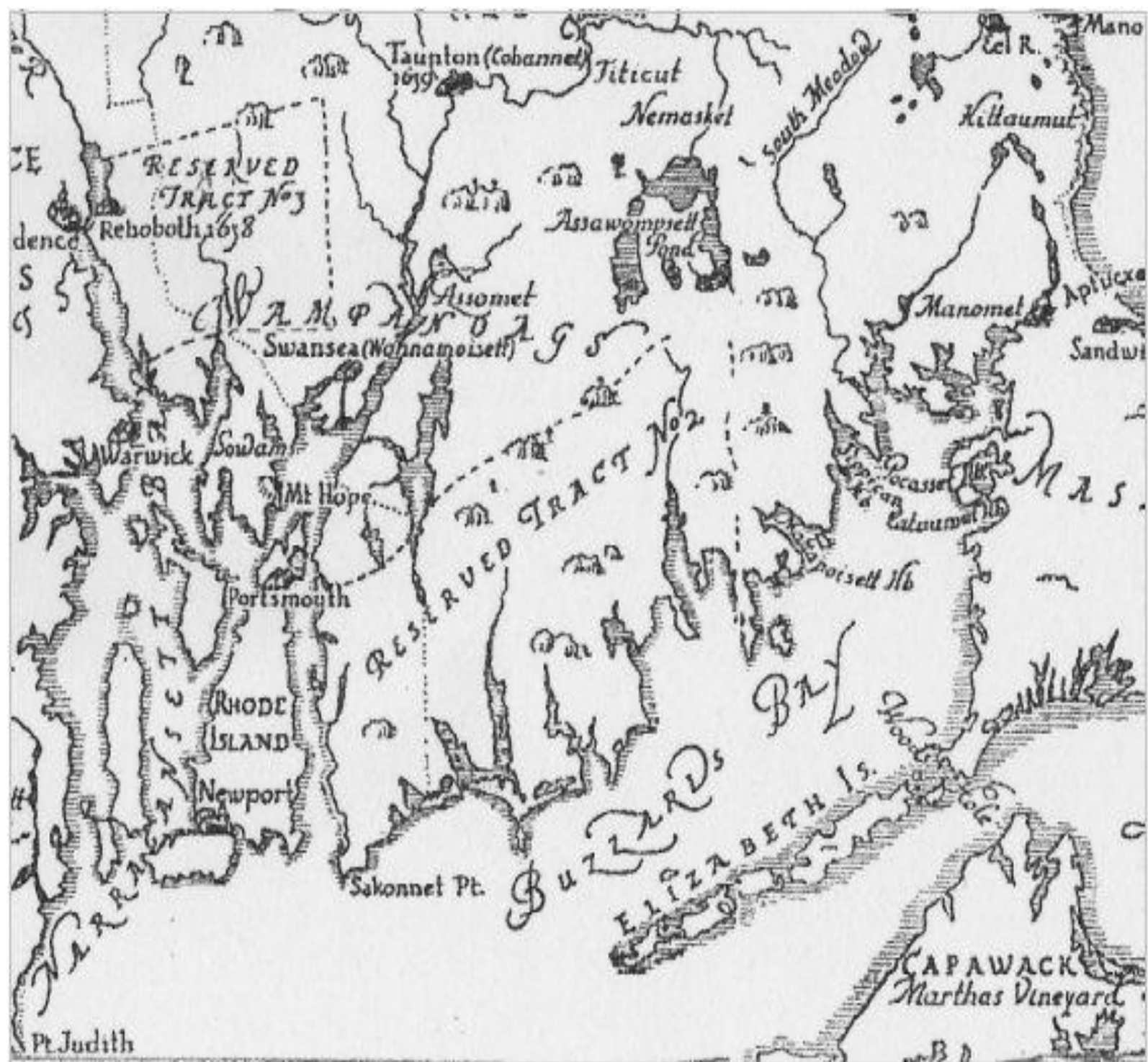
Some of these people will become what are referred to as the Old Comers

Map of the Three tracts of land.



1641

Reserved Tract No. 2 was
given to the Old Comers by
the King of England Charles I



1652

Wampanoag Indian deed for what will become the town of Dartmouth in 1664 also known as the propriety

1654

Indian deed for the Dartmouth
propriety was approved and
recorded

1651

Bradford Nov 2

I Doe appointed to be Remitted

New Plymouth November 2^d 1652. I Remitt men by these
 Presents that I Massachusetts Wamfutta my son having sold
 unto William Capt. Mordish Thomas Southworth John Winslow
 John Cooke & their associates the Pinckapens or Old Comers all
 the tract or tracts of land lying three miles Eastward from a
 River called Cushmanag to a certain Harbour called Acushet
 to a small Rock to the Westward side of the said Harbour, and
 thence the said Harbour Doreth it self into several branching
 the Westmost com to be the bound, and all the tract or tracts
 of land from the said Westmost com to the said River of Cushmanag
 three miles Eastward of the same, with all the Profitt & Benefit
 within the said tract with all the Rivers Creeks Meadows Woods
 and Islands that lye in or before the same, and from the same
 upward to the top of the High that the English may not be annoyed
 by the Hunting of the Indians in any sort of their Cattle, and
 I Massachusetts to Promise to Remove all the Indians within
 a year from the said land, that doe lye in the said tract
 and we the said Massachusetts Wamfutta have fully requir'd
 and sold unto the aforesaid Capt. Mordish Captain Southworth
 Thomas Southworth John Winslow John Cooke and the
 Rest of the associates the Pinckapens or Old Comers to
 have and to hold for them & their Heirs & assigns forever, and
 in consideration hereof we the above mentioned doe to the said
 Massachusetts Wamfutta as follows, Thirty yards of Cloth
 Eight Mors for three Fifteen day, Fifteen Pairs Fifteen Pair
 of Brasen, Eight Blanketts Two Killys One Cloak
 Eight in Wamfutta Eight pair Stockings, Eight pair Shaws
 one Iron Pail and Ten Billings in another Commodity, and
 in Witness hereof we have joyntly and severally set Our Hands
 the day and Year above Written.

In presence of
 Jonathan Shaw
 Samuel Eddy

Copy

John Winslow
 John Cooke

Wamfutta XAM his mark,

New Plymouth, November the
29th, 1652

Know all men by these presents,
that I, Wasamequin, and
Wamsutta my son have sold
unto Mr. William Bradford,
Captain Standish, Thomas
Southworth, John Winslow, John
Cooke and their associates,

the purchasers or old-comers, all the tract or tracts of land lying three miles eastward from a river called Cushenagg,

To a certain harbour called
Acoaksett, to a flat rock on the
westward side of the said harbour.

And whereas the said harbour divideth itself into several branches, the westernmost arme to be the bound,

and all the tract or tracts of land
from the said westernmost arme
to the said river of Cushenagg,

Three miles eastward of the same,
with all the profits and benefits
within the said tract, with all the
rivers, creeks, meadows, necks
and islands that lye in or before
the same,

and from the sea upward to go so high that the English may not be annoyed by the hunting of the Indians in any sort of their cattle.

And I, Wasamequin and Wamsutta,
do promise to remove all the Indians
within a year from the date hereof
that do live in the said tract.

In consideration hereof, we the
above-mentioned are to pay to the
said Wasamequin and Wamsutta as
follows:

Thirty yards of cloth, eight mooseskins, fifteen axes, fifteen hoes, fifteen pair of breeches, eight blankets, two kettles, one cloak, 2 (pounds) in wampum, eight pair stockings, eight pair of shoes, one iron pot, and ten shillings in another comoditie.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS OF DARTMOUTH IN 1652

Each With One Full Share Except as Noted

ALDEN, John
BARTLETT, Robert
BASSETT, William (1/2 share with John Howland of John Crackston share)
BRADFORD, William
BREWSTER, Sarah, widow of William (1/2 share with William Collier)
BROWNE, Peter
BUMPAS, Edward
COLLIER, William (1/2 share with Sarah Brewster)
COOKE, Francis
COOKE, John
CUTBERT, Samuel
DELANO, Philip
DOTEY, Edward
DUNHAM, John Sr.
EATON, Samuel (share of Francis Eaton)
FAUNCE, John
HICKS, Samuel
HOLMAN, Edward
HOWLAND, John (1/2 share with William Bassett of John Crackston share)
HURST, James
JENNEY, Sarah, widow of John
KEMPTON, Manasses
MORTON, George
MORTON, Thomas
PALMER, William
PRATT, Joshua
SAMPSON, Henry
SHAW, John Sr.
SIMONS, Moses
SOULE, George
SOUTHWORTH, Constant
SOUTHWORTH, Thomas
SPRAGUE, Francis
STANDISH, (Capt.) Myles
TRACY, Stephen
WARREN, Elizabeth, widow of Richard

Original List made 17 March 1652/3 was lost. Second list with errors was recorded from memory, but marked "null and void" when original was found and recorded 8 June 1660, but some discrepancies still result from passage of time.

This list is a composite prepared from a number of sources by Sally M. Aldrich in 2018 and can still be disputed.

1660

The first settlers came about this time. Such as John Cooke, Arthur Hathaway and John Russell. These men were part of the existing Propriety. Shares or partial shares were being sold and bought.

1664

Town of Dartmouth was Chartered
by the Plymouth General Court.
Boundaries were set in October

1664

OLD DARTMOUTH



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1787

Westport and New Bedford (which
included Fairhaven 1812 and
Acushnet 1860) split off from
Dartmouth

DIVISION OF 22 FEB 1787

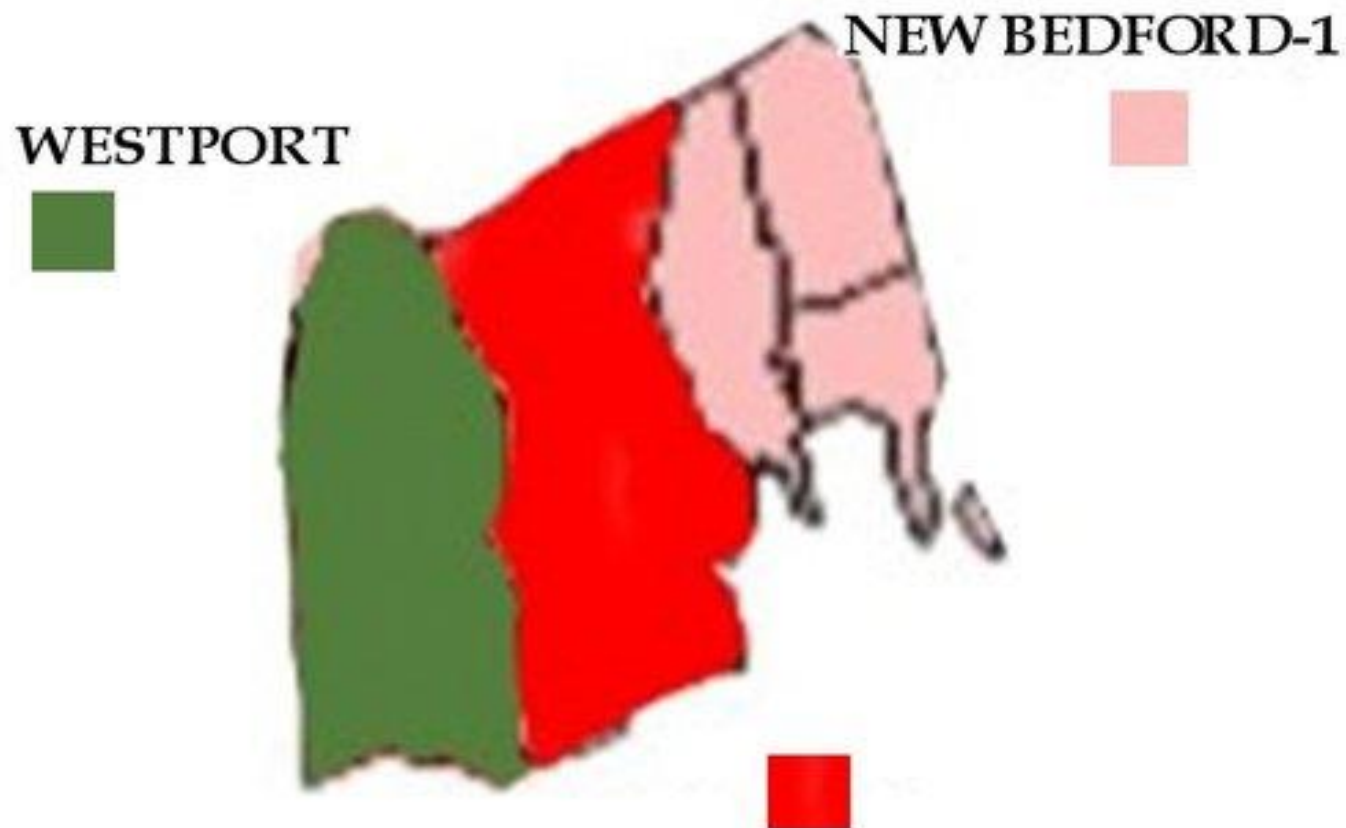
DARTMOUTH-2 & NEW BEDFORD-1



DARTMOUTH-2
(22 FEB 1787->2 JUL 1787)
82,144 ACRES

DIVISION OF 2 JULY 1787

WESTPORT FROM DARTMOUTH-2



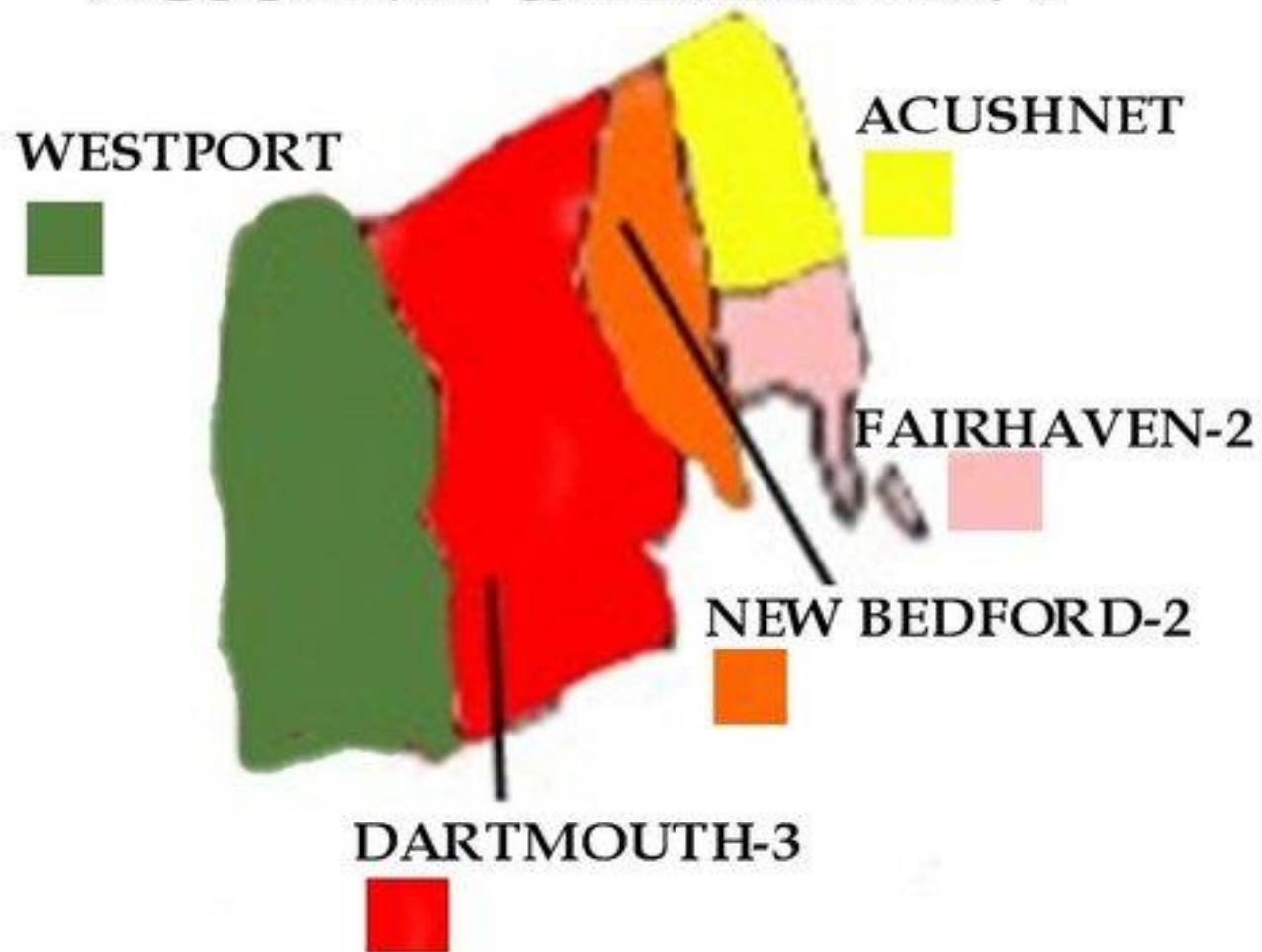
2 JULY 1787 -> PRESENT
62,400 ACRES

DIVISION OF 22 FEB 1812
NEW BEDFORD-1 TO
NEW BEDFORD-2 & FAIRHAVEN-1



DIVISION OF 13 FEB 1860

FAIRHAVEN-1 DIVIDED TO ACUSHNET & FAIRHAVEN-2



Map of Dartmouth as it is now

