

The Sawmill

Saw-mill operations were undoubtedly the most common job description in the early days. We can never have an accurate count of how many saw-mills Fitzwilliam once had. A saw-mill was often listed as "Property" on the tax list.

At a grantees meeting held on August 19, 1765 it was voted "... whereas the speedy settlement of said Township Depends much upon having a Good saw Mill Built there as soon as may be, Voted that in consideration of Col Stoddard's conveying to Mr. Daniel Millen two lots of Land then having a Mill plase on em for encouragement of his undertaking the arduous Task of Building and Keeping a saw Mill in repair to be fit to go, within fourteen months..."

This was apparently Fitzwilliam's first saw-mill. Another is known to have been built at nearly the same time.

The early proprietors of Monadnock #4 (Fitzwilliam) treated the town as a new company. They took every legal measure possible to ensure the success of this new settlement.

It was only the start.