

John Taylor Gilman

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John Taylor Gilman (December 19, 1753 – August 31, 1828) was a farmer, shipbuilder and statesman from Exeter, New Hampshire. He represented New Hampshire in the Continental Congress in 1782–1783 and was Governor of New Hampshire for 14 years, from 1794 to 1805, and from 1813 to 1816.

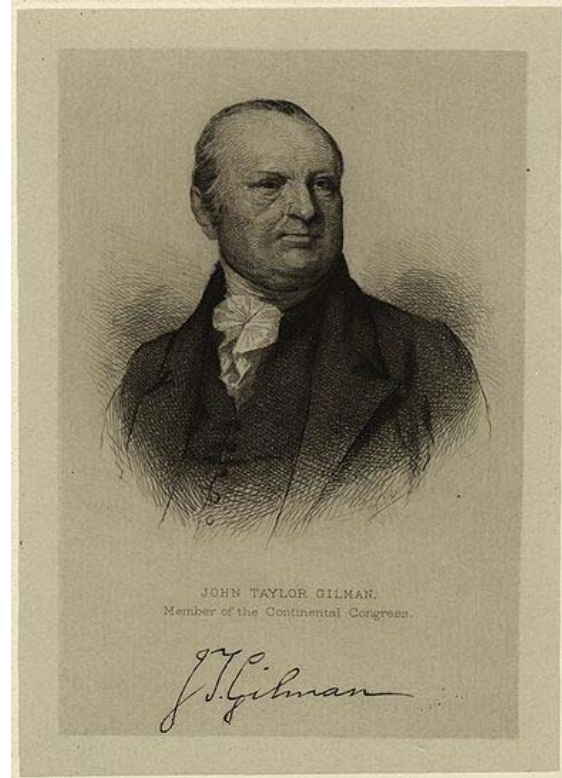
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Early life

Gilman was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, to a family settled in Exeter since its earliest days. He lived in the Ladd-Gilman house, now a part of the American Independence Museum. He received a limited education before he entered into the family shipbuilding and mercantile businesses. Aged 22, he read aloud a Dunlap Broadside brought to

John Taylor Gilman



5th Governor of New Hampshire

In office

June 3, 1813 – June 6, 1816

Preceded by William Plumer

Succeeded by William Plumer

In office

June 5, 1794 – June 6, 1805

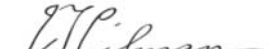
Preceded by Josiah Bartlett

Succeeded by John Langdon

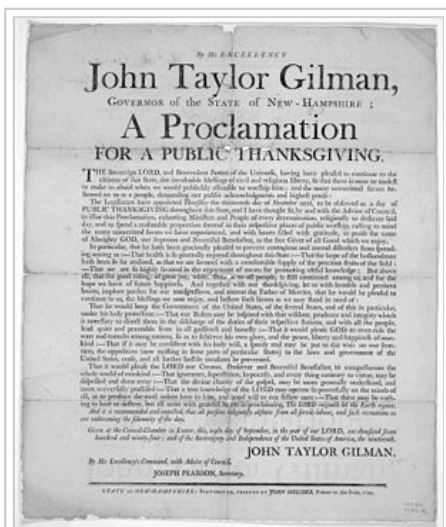
Personal details

Born December 19, 1753
Exeter, New Hampshire

New Hampshire on July 16, 1776 to the city of Exeter. The American Independence Museum commemorates his brave act every year at their American Independence Festival, where a role-player reads the Declaration in its entirety to festival-goers.^[1]

Died	August 31, 1828 (aged 74)
	Exeter, New Hampshire
Political party	Federalist
Signature	

Career



Broadside proclamation from Governor Gilman, Exeter, 1794

Gilman was one of the Minutemen of 1775 and a selectman in 1777 and 1778. Gilman served as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1779 and 1781 and was a delegate to the Convention of the States in Hartford, Connecticut, in October 1780. He served as a member of the Continental Congress in 1782 and 1783. He was the New Hampshire Treasurer in 1791 and moderator in 1791–1794, 1806, 1807, 1809–1811, 1817, 1818, and 1820–1825.

Gilman served a Governor of New Hampshire between 1794 and 1805 and was an unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1805. He was again a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1810 and 1811

and again an unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1812. He was elected Governor and served from 1813 to 1816 and declined to be a candidate for renomination for Governor in 1816. He was an ex officio trustee of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (1794–1805 and 1813–1816), and trustee by election (1817–1819). He was president of the board of trustees of Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, 1795–1827, and donor of the oldest property, the 'Yard,' upon which the older buildings stand.^[2] Gilman was also elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1814.^[3]

Personal life

Gilman was married to Deborah (Folsom) Gilman, the daughter of Major General Nathaniel Folsom of Exeter. He died in Exeter in 1828 and is buried in the Winter Street Burial Ground in Exeter.^[4] He is the first Governor of New Hampshire not to have a place in the state named after him. The town of Gilmanton, settled by 24 members of the extended Gilman clan, was named for the family as a whole and not for the Governor.

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External links

- Gilman's Congressional Biography



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