

**Genealogical History**  
of the  
**Family of Montgomery**

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secution and designed ruin. 3. To withdraw from the communion of idolators. 4. To have an opportunity of worshipping God according to the dictates of conscience, and the rules of His inspired word.”<sup>147</sup>

The first mention of Montgomery on the records at Nutfield, afterwards Londonderry, New Hampshire, reads “Hew MntGumery appointed one of the Committee to lay out the lots.” June 1719.

In March, 1720, he was assigned a home lot, thirty rods wide, facing West Brook and running back to include sixty acres. In October 1720, “Lieutenant Governor Wentworth ordered that Hugh Montgomery, Ensign Blair and John MacNeil should be joined to the committee in the management of the public affairs of the town.” (The town was not divided and the government formed until after the receipt of the grant from George I or in 1722.) In 1722, he appears as “Hew Mount Goumrey Selectman” and also as acting in the capacity of a surveyor for the town. In 1726 he was chosen member of the committee of public affairs. In 1727, he took the Freeman’s Oath; 1731, chosen on a committee to consider question of sending a call to Ireland for a minister. In 1743, he was the owner of pew number 34 in the “Meeting House.” In 1744, he was elected surveyor of the town. In 1758, he signed the “Memorial of Mathew Thornton and others to the general court.”<sup>148</sup> In 1766, he made his will, naming his children and dividing his estate, the bulk of which he left to his wife Jean. He died in April 1767, and in 1768, his will was probated.

In the Name of God, Amen, I, Hugh Montgomery of Londonderry in the Province of New Hampshire in New England, being in my ordinary state of health at present, and in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same, this sixth day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six, and calling to mind the frailty and mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make and appoint this my Last Will and Testament, and first of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned, and, as to that worldly estate which God has been pleased to bless me with in this life after my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I give and bequeath in the following manner:

Imprimis, I give to my well beloved wife, Jean Montgomery, a sufficient maintenance during her natural life, that is to say, that she shall have the command of all my personal estate during her natural life, but not to make any conveyances of the same;

<sup>147</sup> Parker, *History of Londonderry, N. H.* p. 34.

<sup>148</sup> Londonderry, N. H., Town Records.



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Item, I give my well beloved son Hugh Montgomery one shilling Sterling to be paid him as soon as may be after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved granddaughter Sarah Knox, five pounds lawful money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved granddaughter Jean Orr, five pounds lawful money;

Item, I leave my best feather bed unto my well beloved daughter Mary Adams, together with the furniture belonging thereunto;

Item, I leave all my farming ustensils to my well beloved son, David Montgomery;

Item, I leave my best coat and jacket to my grandson Robert Montgomery, the son of my son Hugh;

And if there is any of my personal estate remains after the before mentioned legacies are paid I allow it to be equally divided between my son David Montgomery and my son-in-law, James Adams, except a note of hand which I have of my son Hugh Montgomery, which I allow to be delivered up to him, and I allow my well beloved son David Montgomery to be my sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby renouncing all other wills, forms, bequests and executors; in witness whereof, and all herein contained, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this sixth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

HUGH <sup>his</sup><sub>mark</sub> MONTGOMERY

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Hugh Montgomery to be his Last Will and Testament, in presence of its witnesses;

ROBERT MORISON  
SUSANNAH HEATH  
JAMES MACGREGOR

That he was a man of probity and ability is well evidenced by the position which he occupied in the community and the active part which he took in all affairs pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the town and province. From 1720 down to the time of his death, the town records contain many evidences of his activity and generosity. In 1723, he appears on the records as "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," selling land to James Boyes, (bk. 19, p. 94). In 1730, "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," buying land, (bk. 42, p. 335). In 1733, "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," and "Jean," his wife, transfer land, (bk. 42, p. 441). In 1737, "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," and Robert Campbell, Yeoman," join in a sale of land, (bk. 33, p. 194). In 1747, "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," buys land. In 1748-49, "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," and others, join in a sale of land. In 1755, "Hugh Montgomery, Gentleman," sells for 500 pounds to his son "David Montgomery, Husbandman," one-half of his