

# Berlin's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the June 8, 1763 Charter

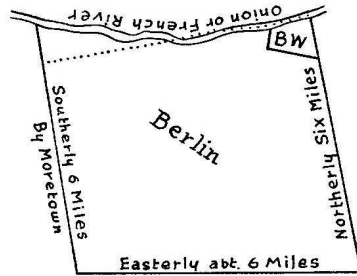
In 1760 Benning Wentworth, governor of the province of New Hampshire employed a Joseph Blanchard to survey both sides of the Connecticut River and laid out townships 6 miles square 3 tiers deep on each side. He later granted Patents or Grants to a number of people who were waiting for such action.

Later Aaron Brown by order of the governor laid a line from Massachusetts Bay to Lake Champlain and he returned a plan and was granted some lands in Sudbury and Whiting,

In 1762 Governor Wentworth promised Joseph Blanchard and Samuel Averill that if they explored and surveyed the Onion River at their own expense they would be preferred to all others in the Grants of lands they might elect to have.

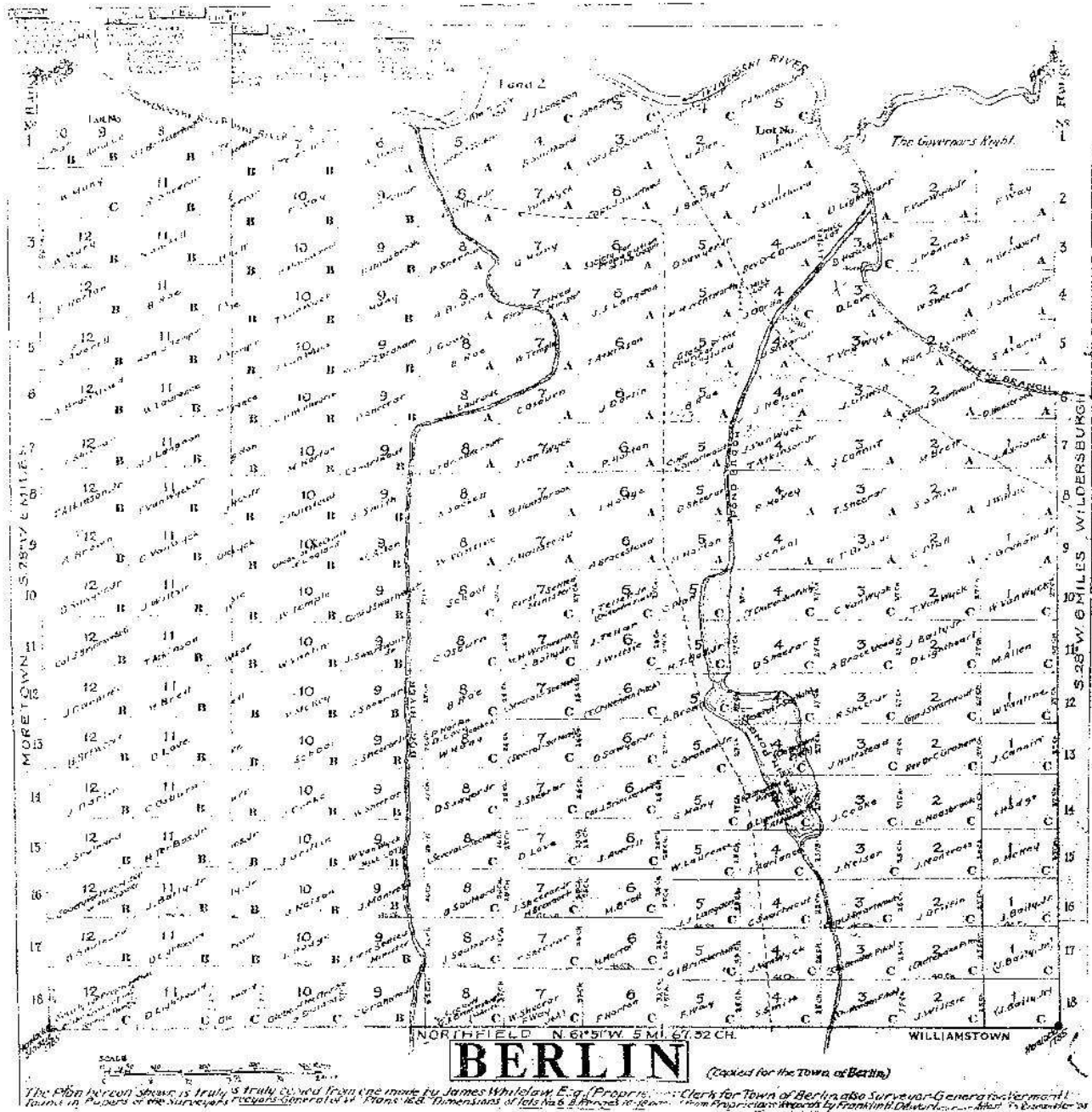
Blanchard and Averill at that time appraised the Governor of New York's claims to those same areas. Averill supplied the Governor a list of names and after receiving the survey issued grants to some 18 townships without the advice of his council.

\* Not long after those surveys and grants the proclamation of New York's Lieut. Governor Colden asserting New York's right to lands over to the Connecticut River was published. At that time there were only a few people living along the southern Vermont border. Governor Wentworth issued a counter proclamation but it was pretty much understood that the Settlers would have to procure patents of confirmation from the Province of New York.



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> June 8—1763  
Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Berlin under the Pro<sup>v</sup> Seal  
*T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>*

There were 64 individual shares, two for the governor and 4 for public rights. A 500 acre parcel called BW was for Governor Wentworth. The majority of the people named were from Fishkill, New York.



The Plan hereon shown is truly & truly copied from one made by James Whitelaw, Esq. (Proprietors Clerk for Town of Berlin, also Surveyor-General for Vermont) found in Papers of the Surveyors-General & Plans laid Dimensions of lots No. 8 & 9 & 10 from Proprietors' Records by Franklin D. Woodcock, Adm. 15 December 1850

This map was copied from one made by James Whitelaw, Proprietors Clerk for the Town of Berlin also surveyor general for Vermont. The Town is divided into 3 Divisions.