

In 1808 Samuel A. Whitney was chosen Chairman for the board of selectmen, with Abner Milliken and Abner Heal as associates. Mr. Whitney was a man of note in business matters and social relations and should receive a passing notice. He was born in Concord, Sept. 27, 1771. He came into this town about the commencement of the present century. He purchased the premises of Maj. Philip Ulmer and established himself in business at Ducktrap, and for many years did a large business in the mercantile line. He engaged in ship building and his interest in navigation was quite large. He shipped the large quantities of timber, boards, staves and shingles to the West Indies, besides being engaged in the coast trade. For quite a number of years he and John Wilson were the only traders in town of any note. He married Phebe Perkins of Castine, one of the most accomplished ladies who ever lived in the town. Esq. Whitney held different offices in the town. In 1819 he was chosen a delegate to the State convention, held at Portland, to form a State constitution preparatory to the district of Maine becoming a State. In early life Esq. Whitney was a ship master. In those days a sea-faring life was a school of austere authority, and a severe austerity became a prominent characteristic of him in the days of his active life, yet he was regarded as a man of strict integrity and honor. In the later years of his life, he became somewhat prematurely feeble and mentally imbecile. He elicited the most compassionate regard of all who knew him in the vigor of his life.