



DISTRICT SCHOOLHOUSE # 3  
UNION STREET



The schoolhouse for District No 3 stood at the corner of Old Wilton Rd and Phelan Road. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century it became known as the Howard School, after Jacob Howard. Pupils from the Wilton line to the old Hayward Farms Restaurant attended this school. After the Pine Valley mills were built in 1866, and a schoolhouse was built nearer the mills in 1872, the membership of No. 3 decreased until in 1891 it was closed. In 1910 the school house was moved to Union Street where it is part of the house at 54 Union Street.

A Colonial law of New Hampshire passed in 1719 made it mandatory for each Province having fifty or more house holders to provide a schoolmaster to teach children to read and write. The voluntary aspect of the law relating to school districts was amended in 1808 to make it imperative for town authorities to subdivide the town into school districts. By the early 1800's Milford had 7 school districts. Officers of the various districts expected their lines to be respected, and in the old records of District No. 1 , dated October 1804, we read: "voted that Master and Mistress be not allowed to teach any scholars who do not belong to this Class (district)."

Nehemiah Hayward is listed in a notebook of records dating from 1797 as one of the founders for this school. Harriet Wilson, who was indentured at the Hayward's, went to school at No. 3 from 1832 to 1834 for three months a year for three years.