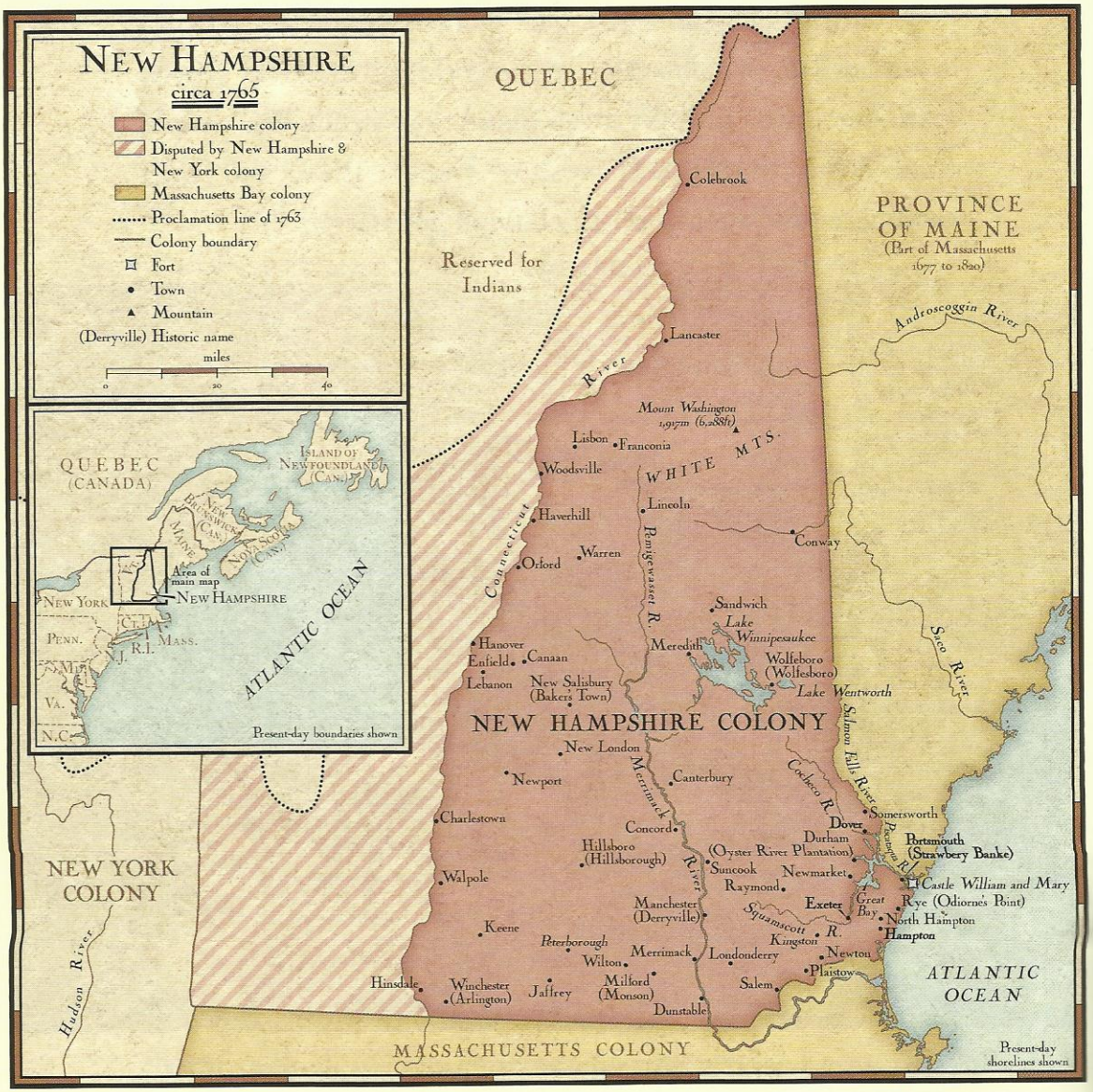

The end of the Indian wars encouraged settlement and the growth of towns in New Hampshire. The greatest growth came under the governorships of Benning Wentworth and his nephew John. By 1765, there were more than 200 towns, mostly along the major river valleys and within 40 miles of the Atlantic Ocean. The Proclamation boundary (dotted line on the map) reserved land to the west for Native Americans. Much of what is now Vermont was claimed by New Hampshire and New York.