

New Hampshire

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

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NORFOLK (Mass., original, extinct)

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5/10/1643 - 9/17/1679

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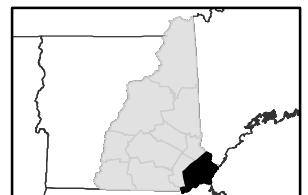
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NORFOLK (Mass., original, extinct) created as one of original Massachusetts counties; included New Hampshire settlements. New Hampshire had been under Massachusetts jurisdiction since 1641.

536 sq. mi.

(Mass., Recs., 2:38)





New Hampshire Colony

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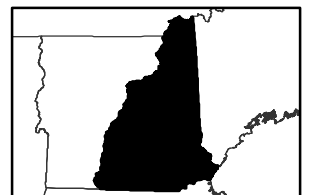
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King Charles II made New Hampshire a royal colony separate from Massachusetts; no western limit was specified. See Consolidated Chronology for changes in the status of New Hampshire to 1769.

9,266 sq. mi.

(Swindler, 6:322; Van Zandt, 61)





BELKNAP

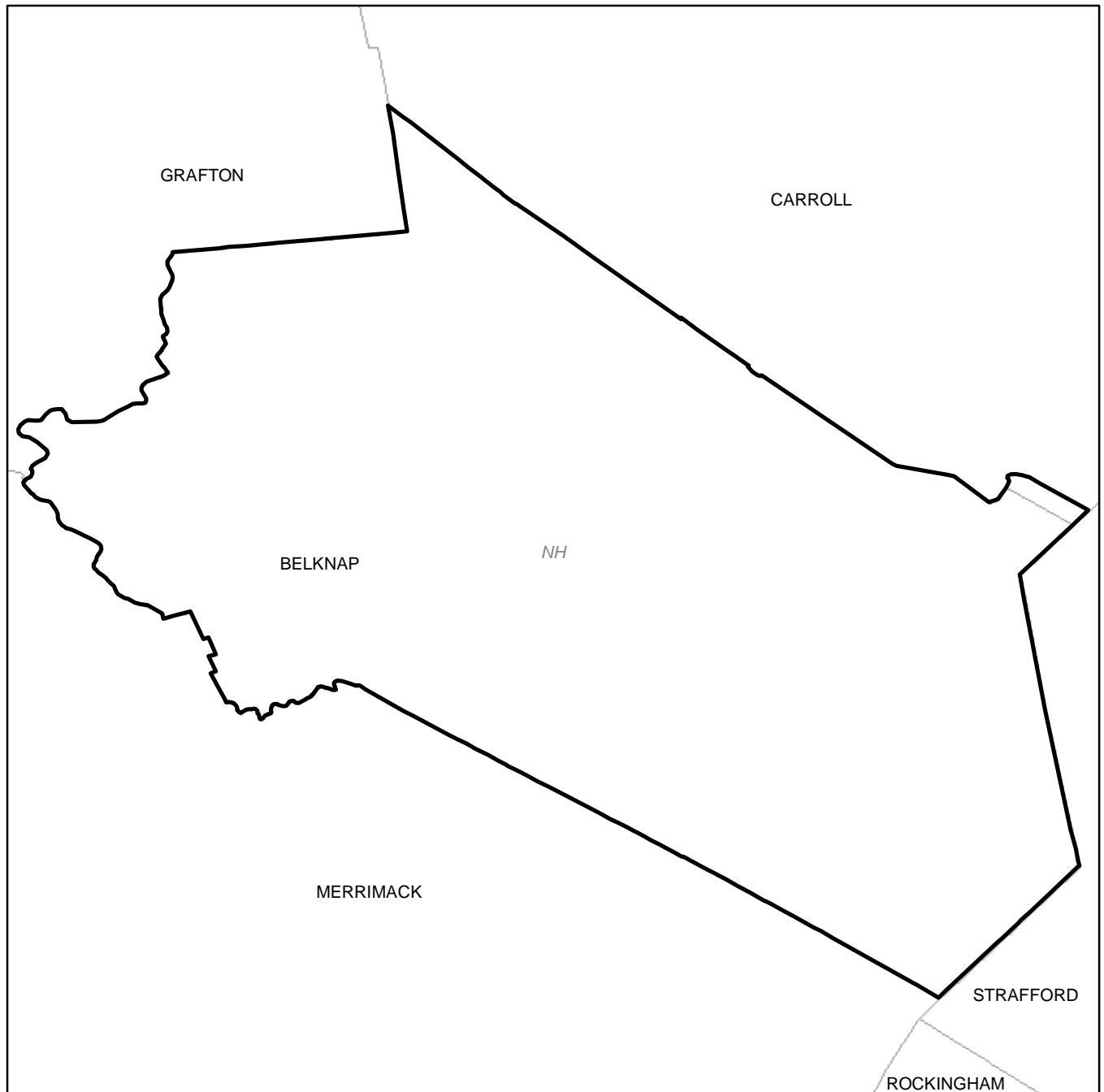
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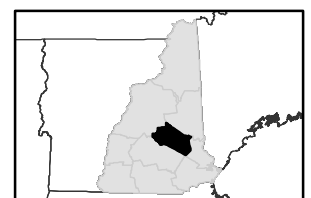
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BELKNAP created from STRAFFORD.

470 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1840, ch. 539, secs. 1-2, 16/pp. 455-456, 462)





BELKNAP

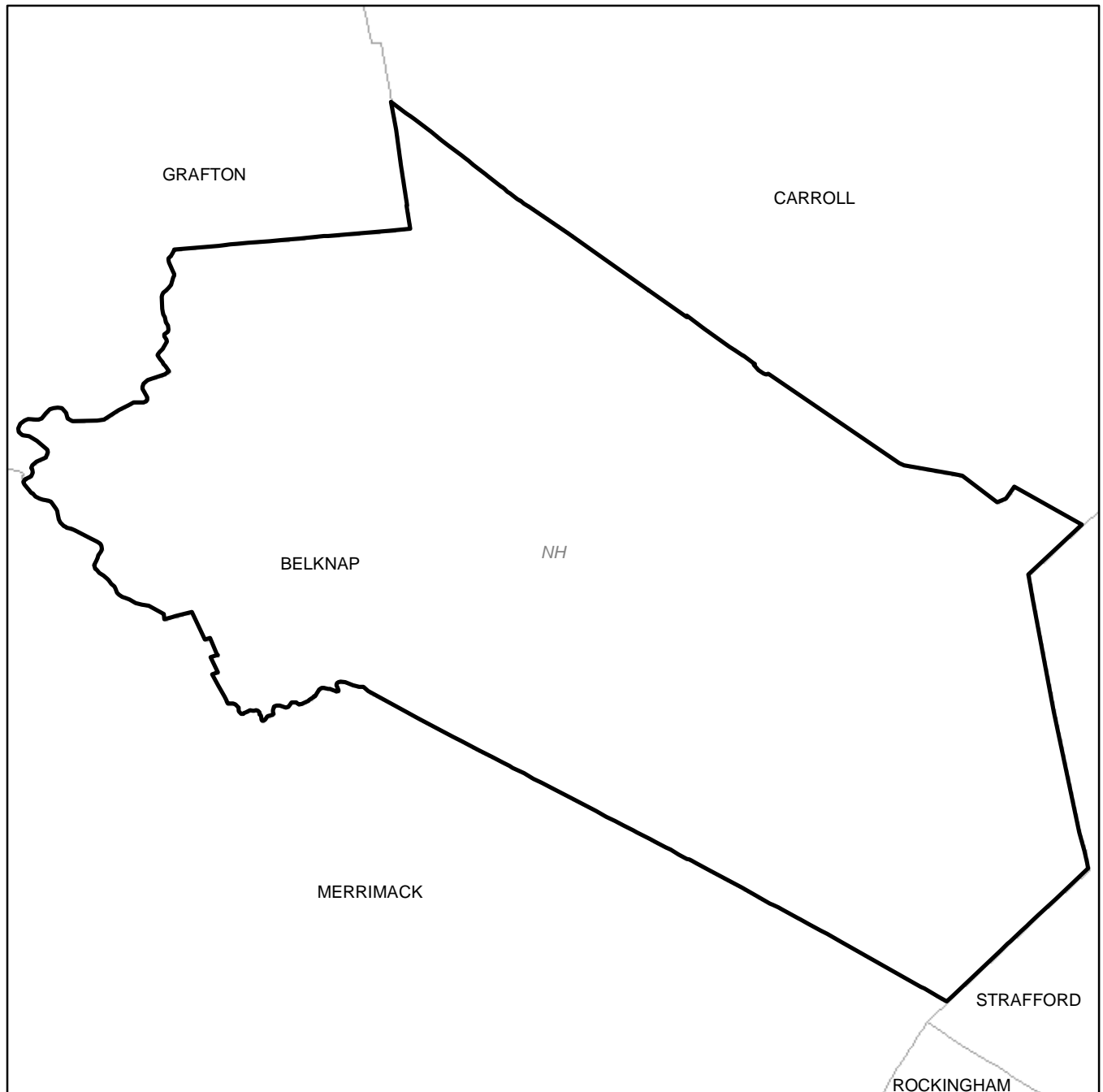
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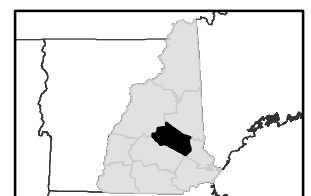
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BELKNAP lost to CARROLL when town of Wolfeboro gained from town of Alton.

469 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1849, ch. 859, sec. 1/p. 402)





CARROLL

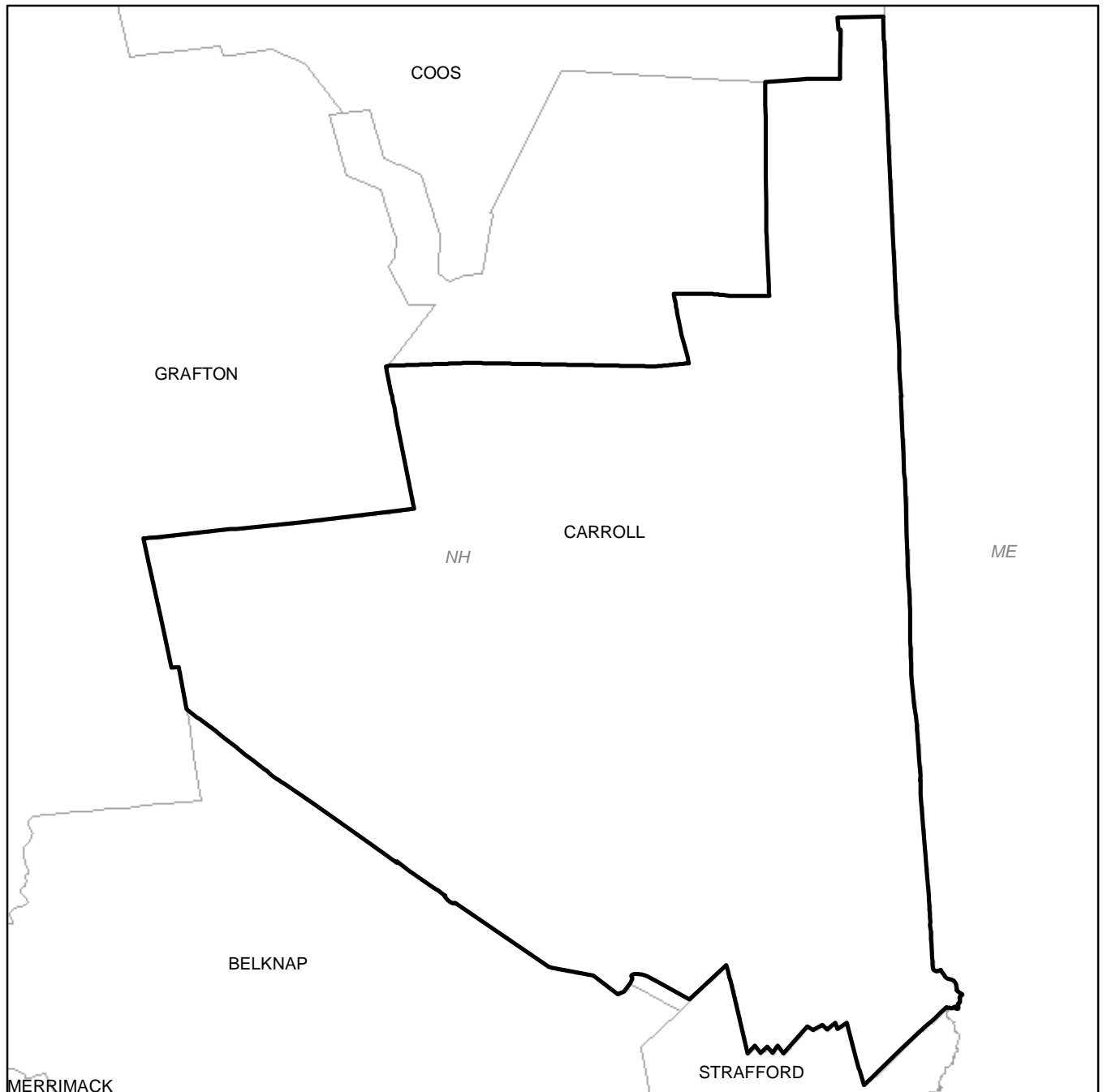
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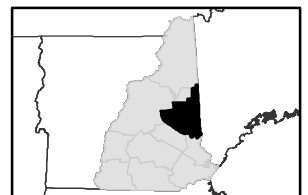
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CARROLL created from STRAFFORD.

827 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1840, ch. 539, secs. 1-2, 16/pp. 455-456, 462)





CARROLL

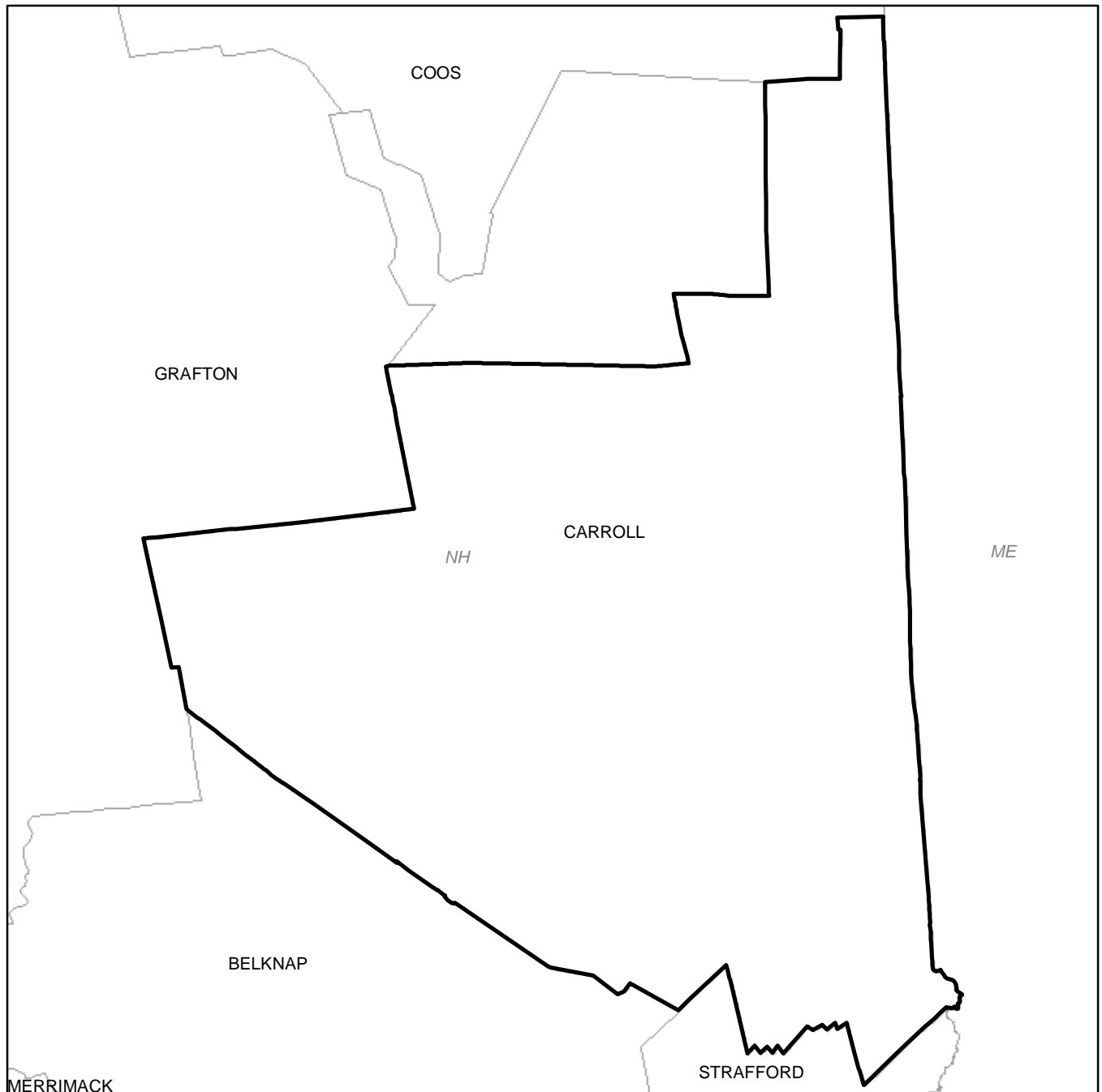
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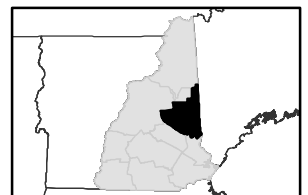
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829 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1849, ch. 859, sec. 1/p. 402)





CARROLL

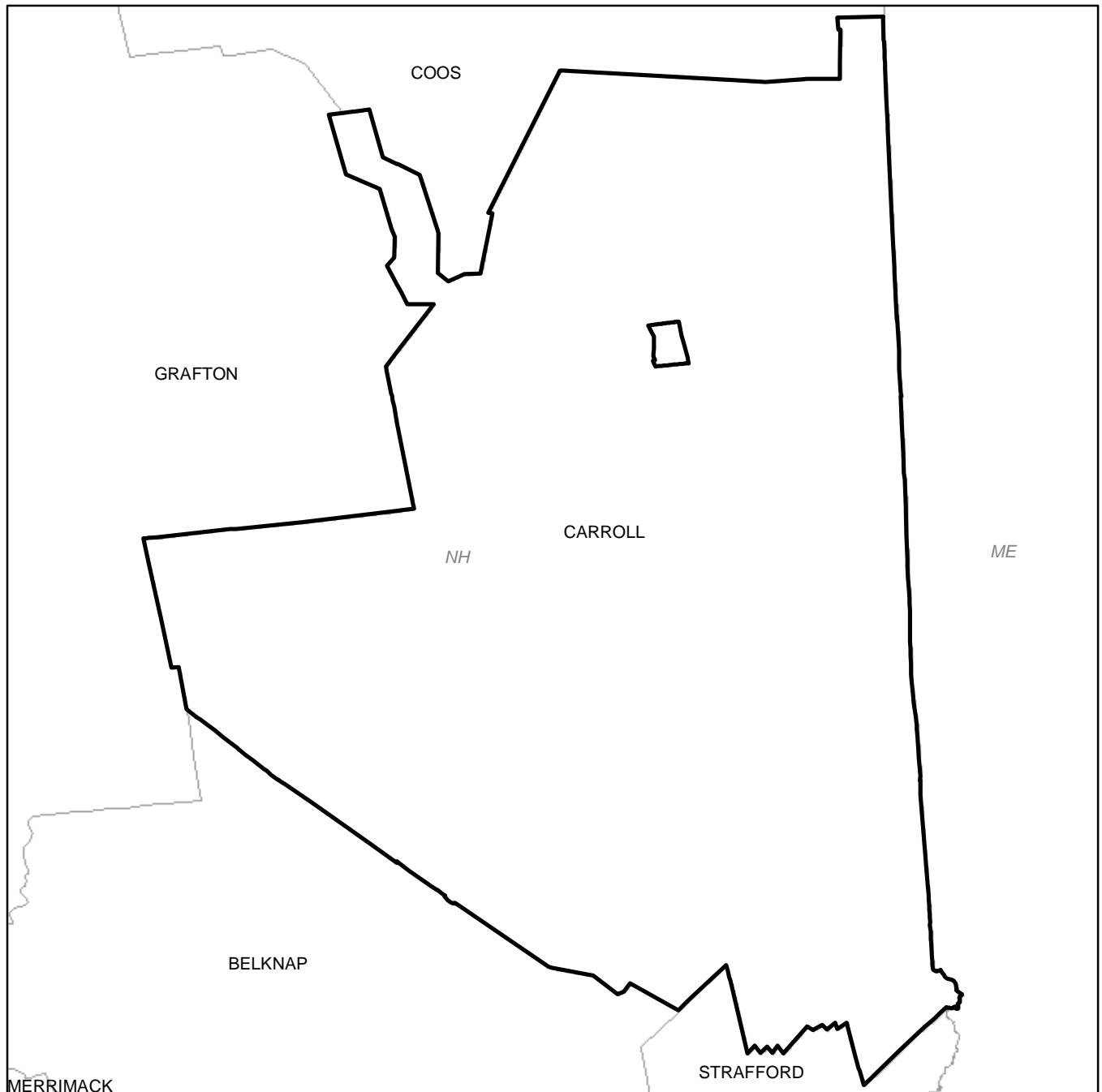
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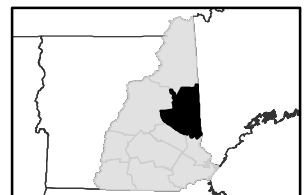
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CARROLL gained towns of Bartlett and Jackson and the gore of Hart's Location from COOS.

990 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1853, ch. 1290, sec. 1/p. 1230)





CARROLL

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6/22/1853 - 12/31/2000

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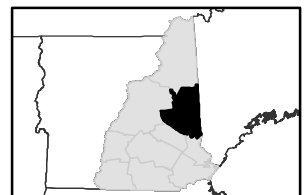
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CARROLL gained the gore of Hale's Location from COOS.

992 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1853, ch. 1425, sec. 1/p. 1348)





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4/29/1769 - 11/26/1778

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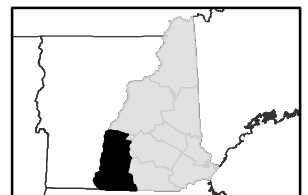
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CHESHIRE created as one of five original counties.

1,256 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 3, ch. 9 [1769]/pp. 524-530)





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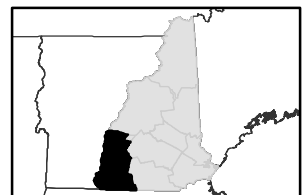
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CHESHIRE lost to HILLSBOROUGH when town of Fisherfield (now Newbury)
created from unincorporated lands.

1,245 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 4, ch. 17 [1778]/pp. 189-190)





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12/31/1780 - 9/26/1787

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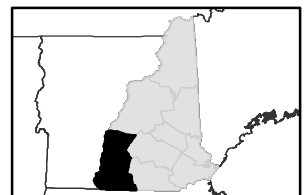
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In 1780 CHESHIRE gained town of Protectworth (now Springfield) from GRAFTON.

1,286 sq. mi.

(N.H. State Papers, 13:444, 449)





CHESHIRE

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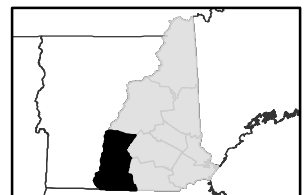
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CHESHIRE lost small area to HILLSBOROUGH when town of Bradford created from Washington Gore and the towns of New Bradford, and Washington.

1,286 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 5, ch. 6 [1787]/pp. 280-281)





CESHIRE

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6/20/1817 - 8/31/1817

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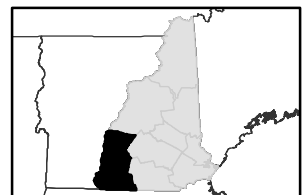
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CHESHIRE gained from GRAFTON when town of Springfield gained Heath's Gore.

1,286 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 8, ch. 24 [1817]/p. 620)





CHESHIRE

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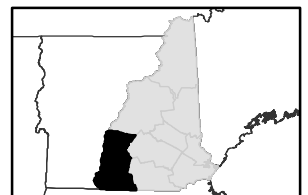
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CHESHIRE lost to HILLSBOROUGH when town of New London gained from town of Wendell (now Sunapee).

1,283 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 8, ch. 11 [1817]/pp. 607-608)





CHESHIRE

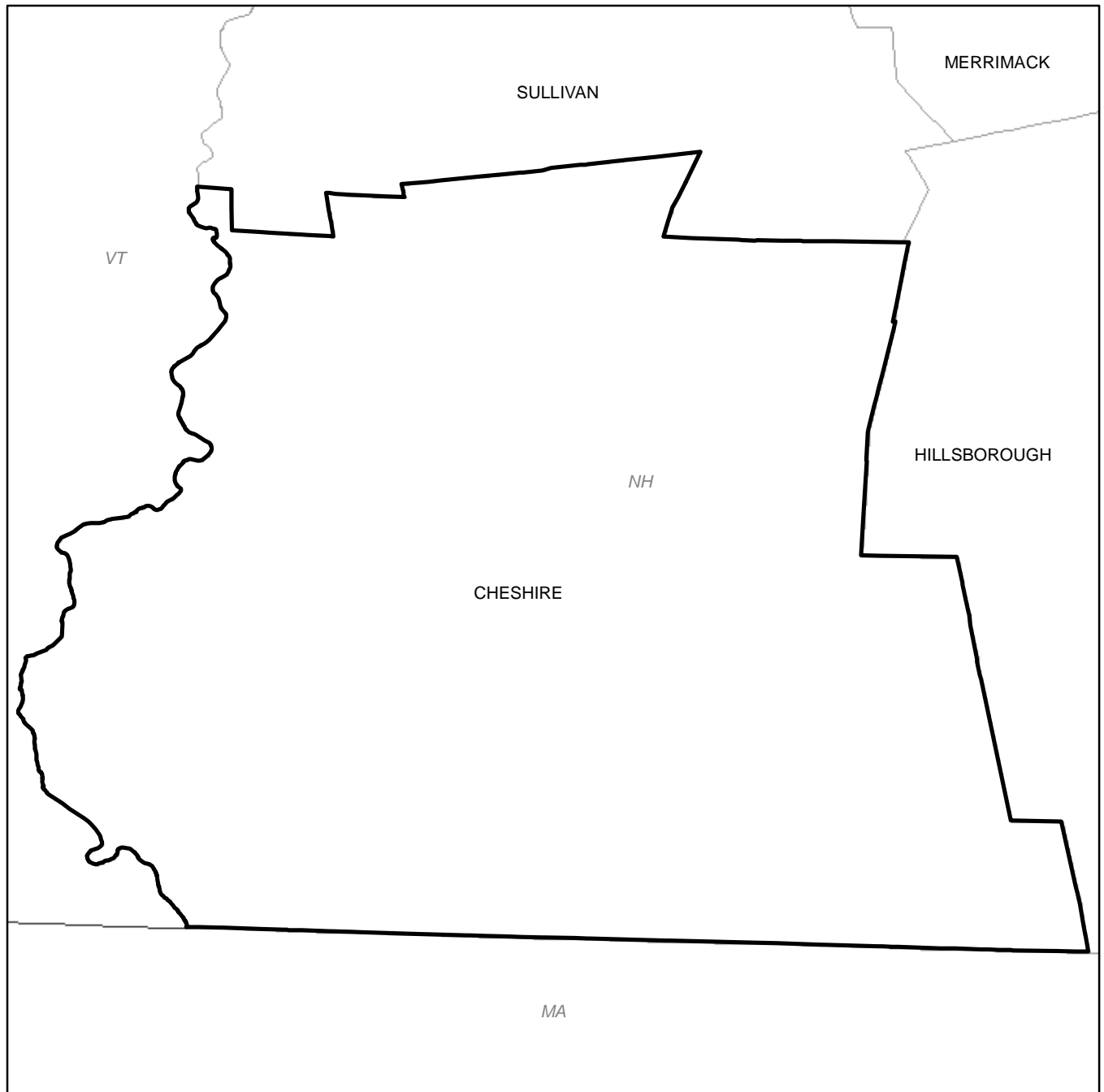
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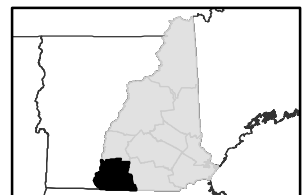
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CHESHIRE lost to creation of SULLIVAN.

729 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 48 [1827], secs. 2, 13/pp. 649-650, 653)





COOS

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3/1/1805 - 6/17/1805

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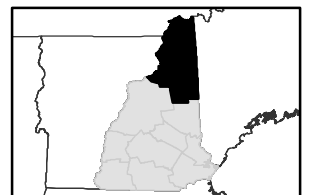
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COOS created from GRAFTON.

2,060 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 7, ch. 33 [1803]/pp. 206-207)





COOS

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6/18/1805 - 6/25/1823

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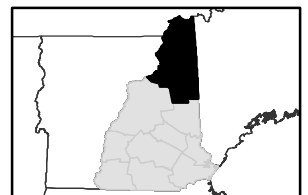
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COOS gained Nash and the gore of Sawyers Location from GRAFTON.

2,063 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 7, ch. 15 [1805]/pp. 398-399)





COOS

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6/26/1823 - 1/4/1853

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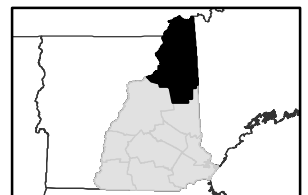
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COOS lost town of Chatham to STRAFFORD.

2,006 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 30 [1823], sec. 1/p. 210)





COOS

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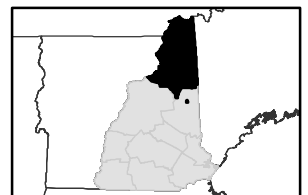
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COOS lost to GRAFTON. COOS lost towns of Bartlett and Jackson and the gore of Hart's Location to CARROLL; Hale's Location remained part of COOS, although it was surrounded by CARROLL.

(N.H. Laws 1853, ch. 1290, sec. 1/p. 1230)

1,834 sq. mi.





COOS

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6/22/1853 - 12/31/2000

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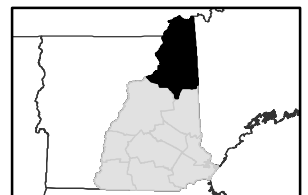
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COOS lost the gore of Hale's Location to CARROLL.

1,832 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1853, ch. 1425, sec. 1/p. 1348)





GRAFTON

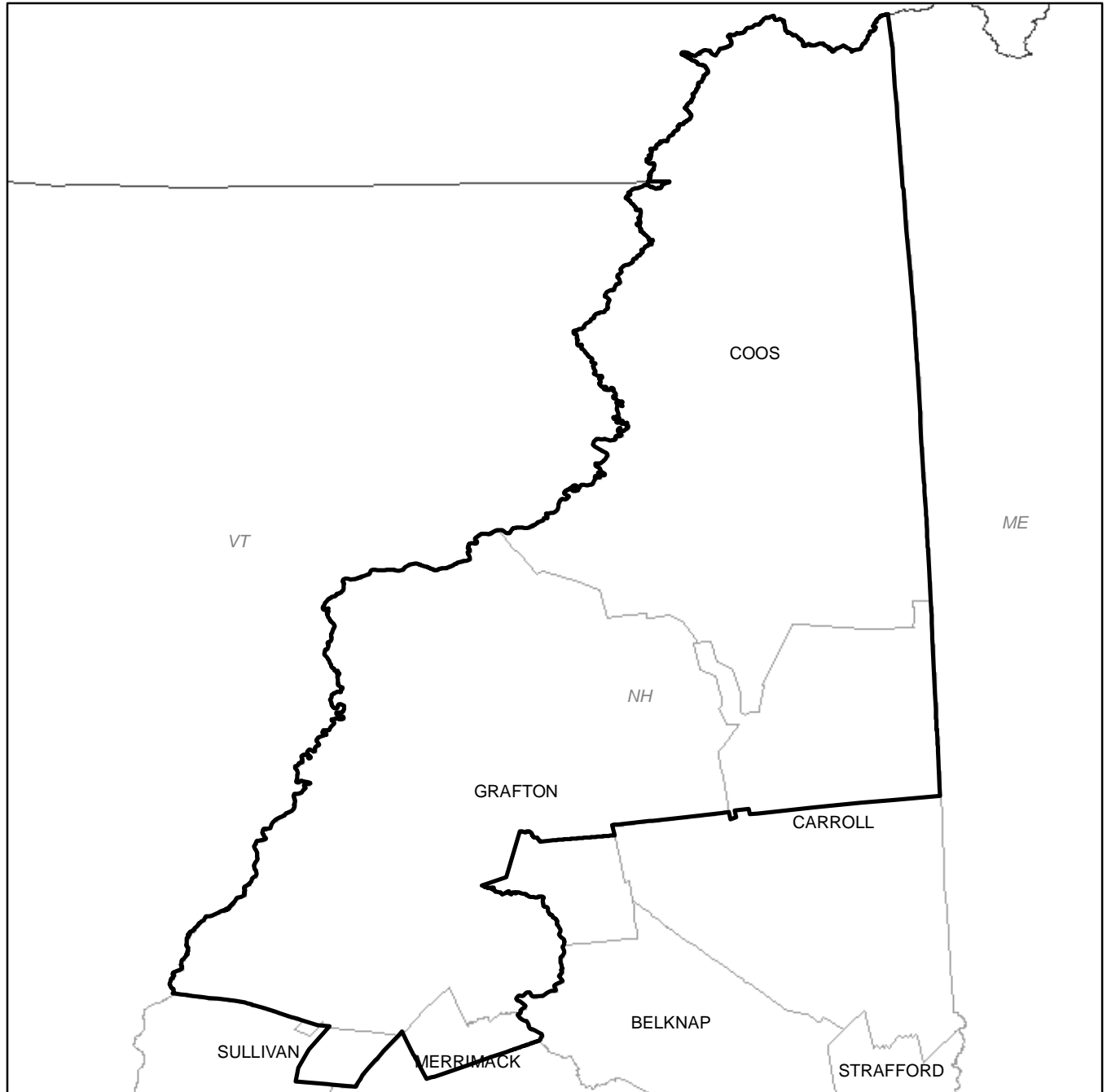
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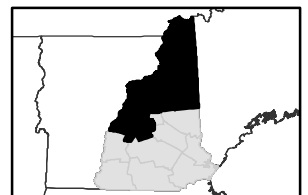
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GRAFTON created as one of five original counties.

3,954 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 3, ch. 9 [1769]/pp. 524-530)





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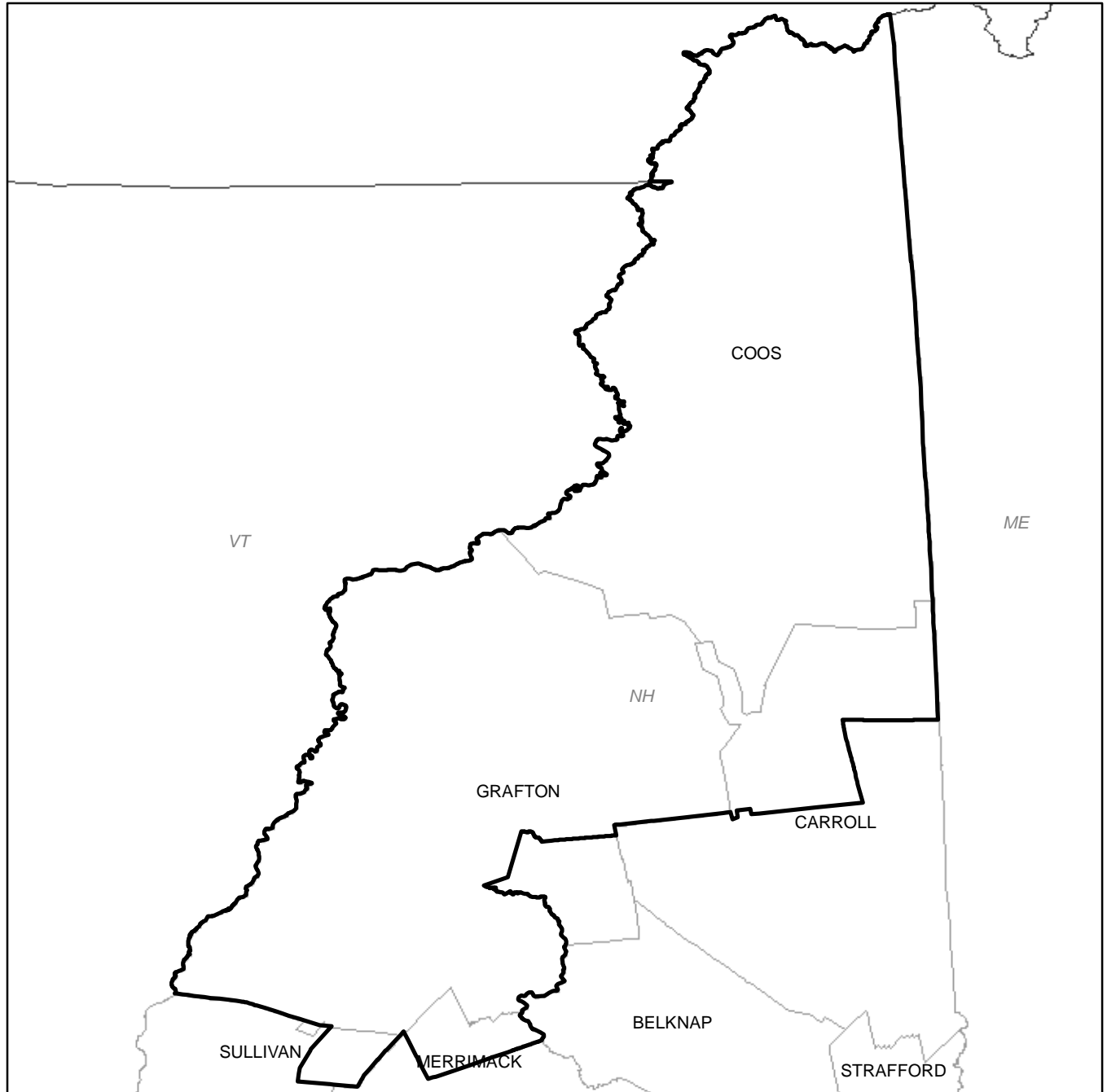
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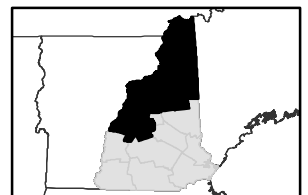
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GRAFTON lost town of Conway to STRAFFORD.

3,881 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 4, ch. 3 [1778]/p. 170)





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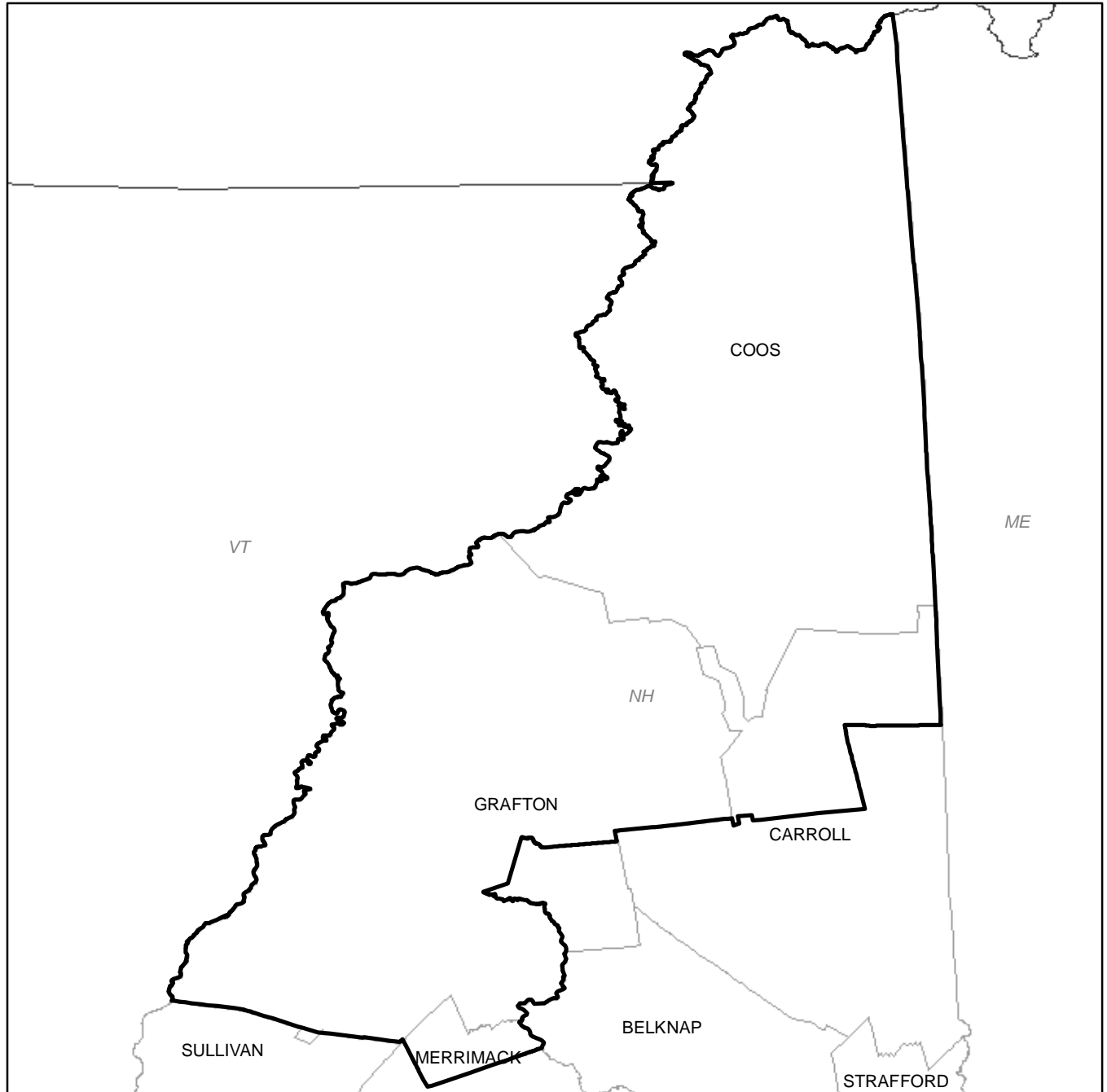
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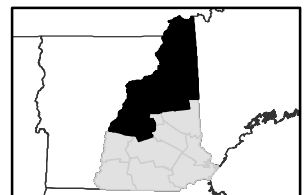
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In 1780 GRAFTON lost town of Protectworth (now Springfield) to CHESHIRE.

3,840 sq. mi.

(N.H. State Papers, 13:444, 449)





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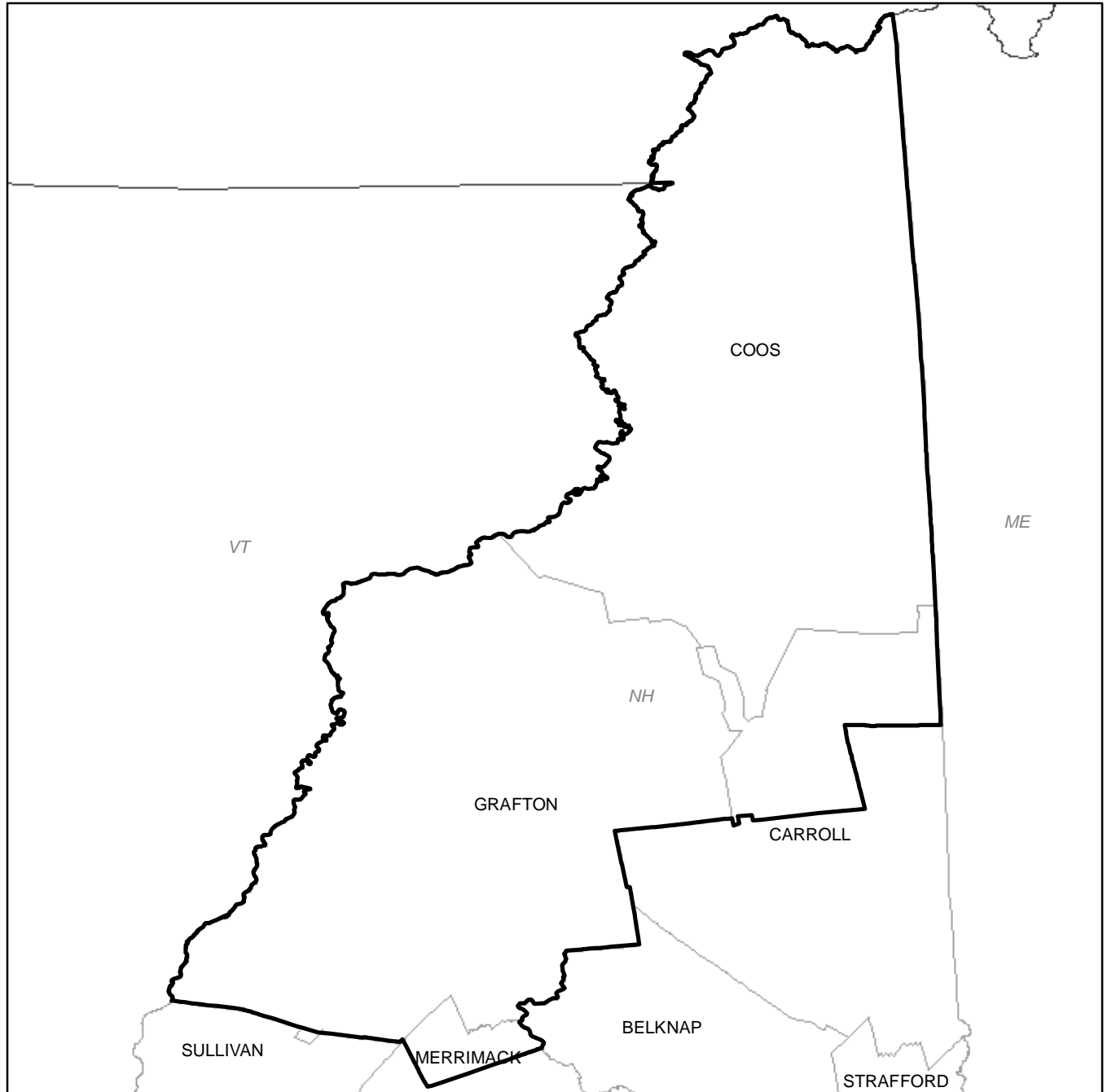
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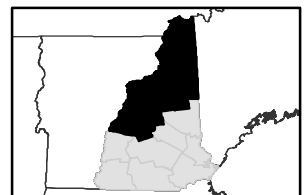
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GRAFTON gained towns of Campton and New Holderness (now Holderness) from STRAFFORD.

3,948 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 4, ch. 2 [1782]/p. 479)





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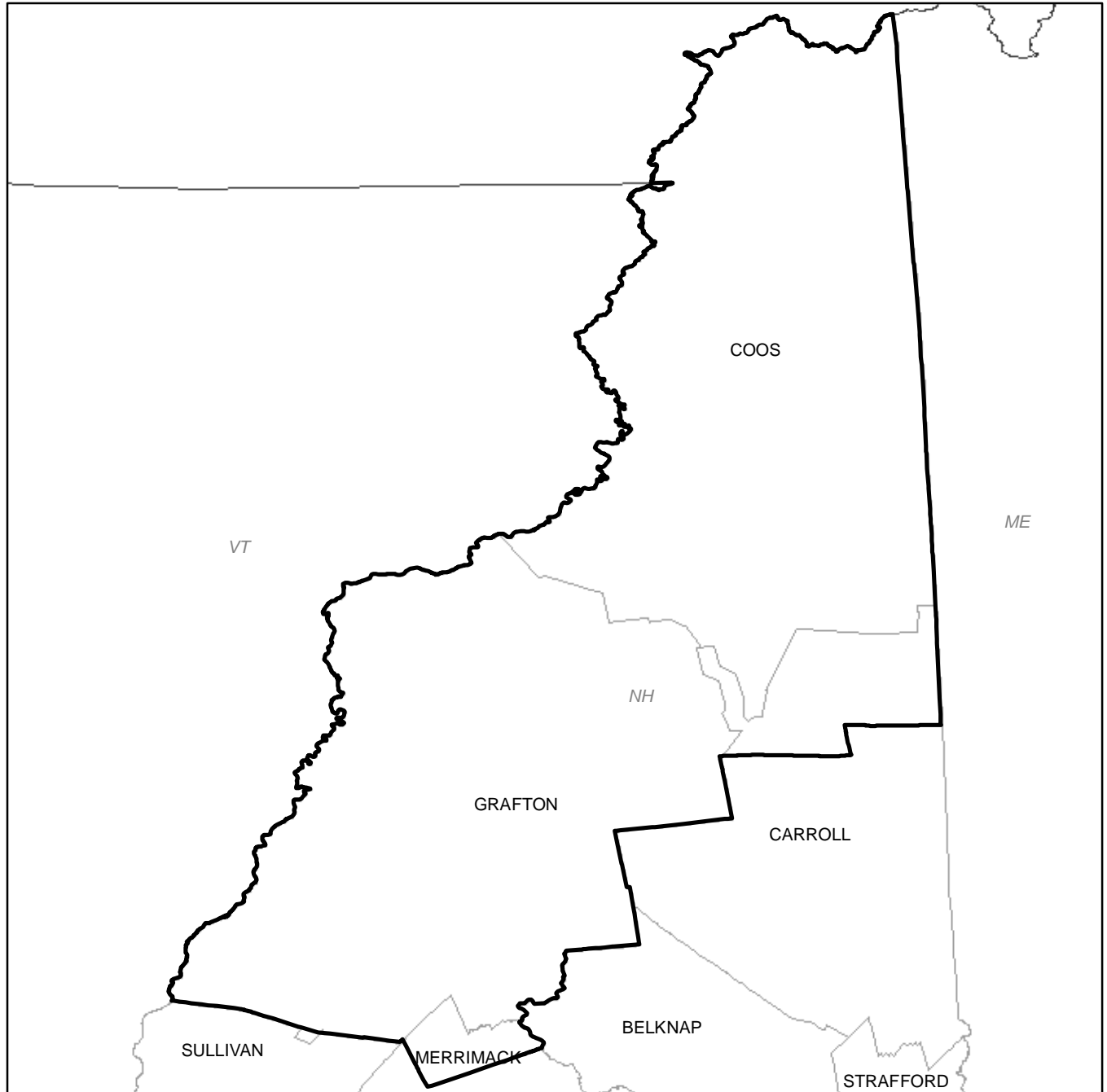
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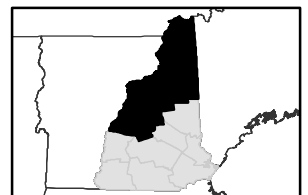
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GRAFTON lost town of Burton (now Albany) to STRAFFORD.

3,867 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 6, ch. 4 [1800]/p. 647)





GRAFTON

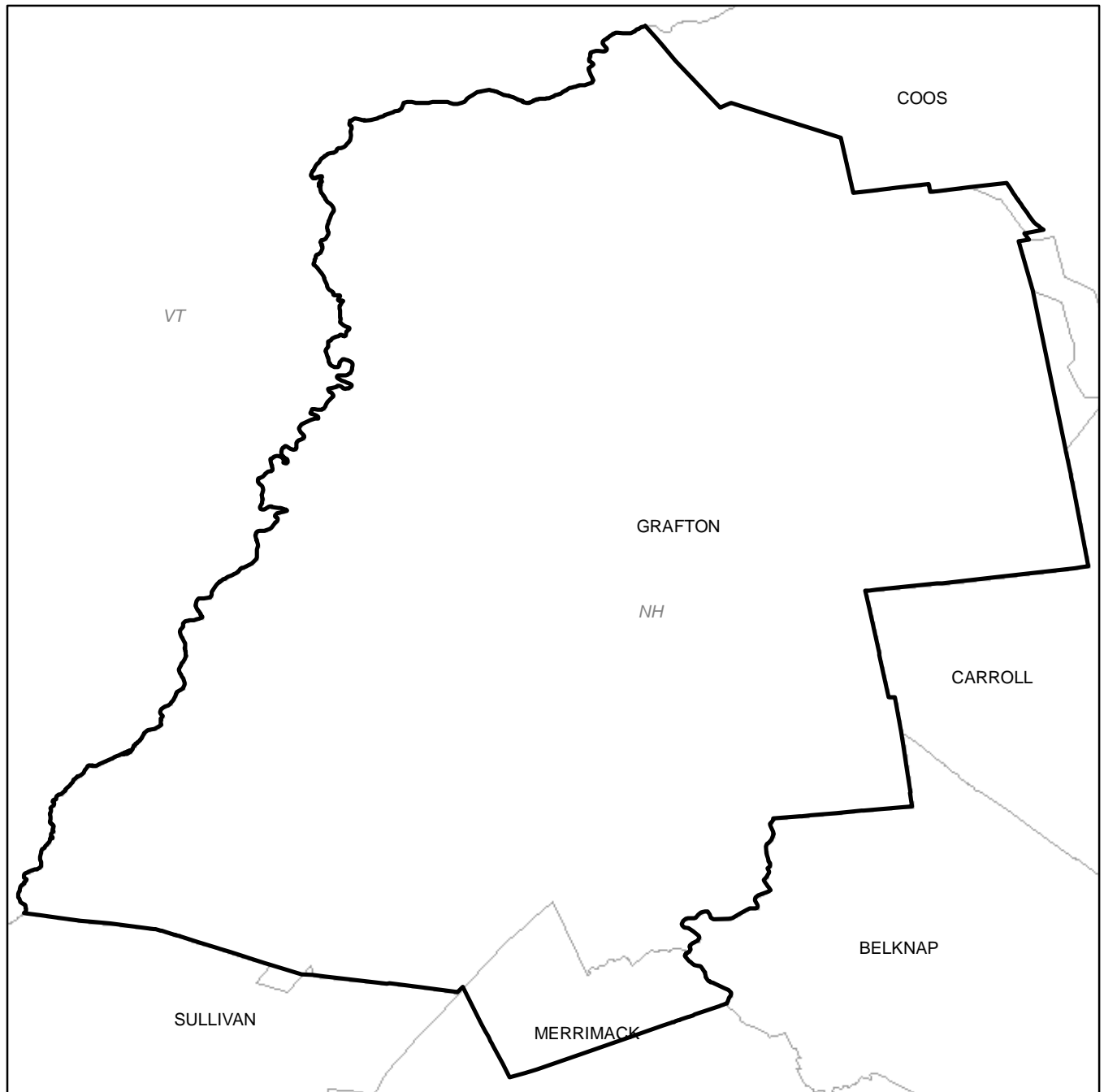
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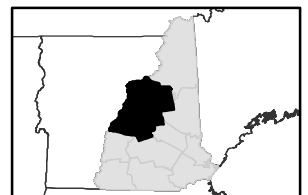
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GRAFTON lost to creation of COOS.

1,807 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 7, ch. 33 [1803]/pp. 206-207)





GRAFTON

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6/18/1805 - 6/19/1817

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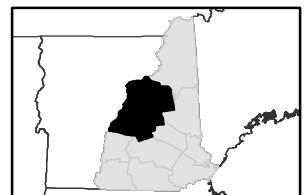
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GRAFTON lost Nash and the gore of Sawyers Location to COOS.

1,804 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 7, ch. 15 [1805]/pp. 398-399)





GRAFTON

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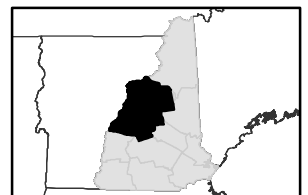
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GRAFTON lost to CHESHIRE when town of Springfield gained Heath's Gore.

1,804 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 8, ch. 24 [1817]/p. 620)





GRAFTON

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12/21/1832 - 1/12/1837

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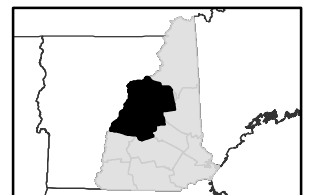
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GRAFTON lost to MERRIMACK when town of Wilmot gained from town of New Chester (now Hill).

1,802 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 10, ch. 19 [1832], secs. 1-2/pp. 365-366)





GRAFTON

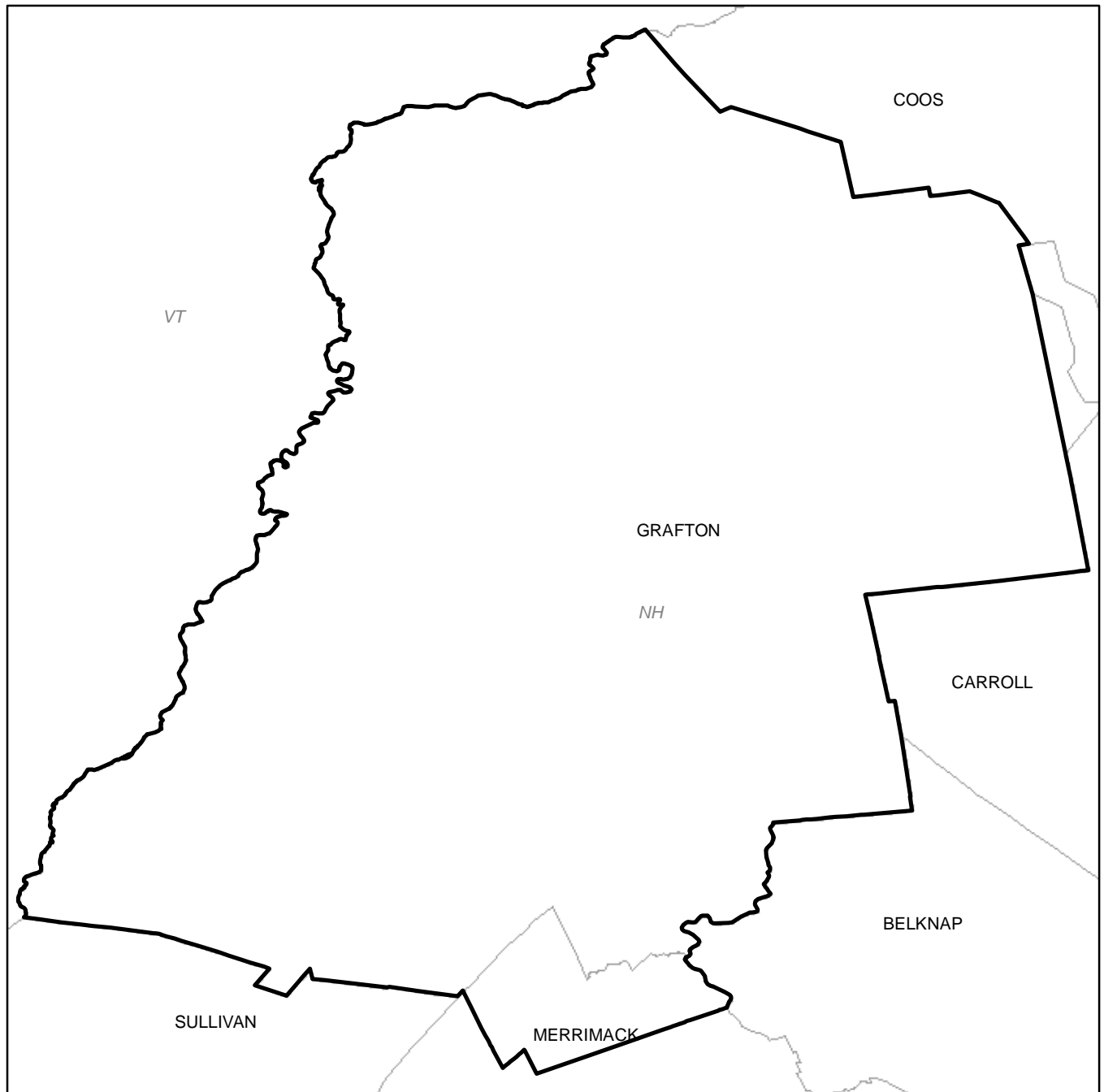
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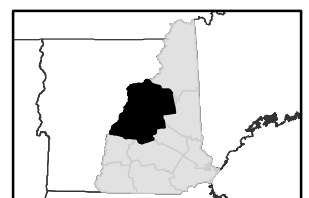
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GRAFTON gained from SULLIVAN when town of Enfield gained from town of Grantham.

1,804 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1836, ch. 290, sec. 1/pp. 257-258)





GRAFTON

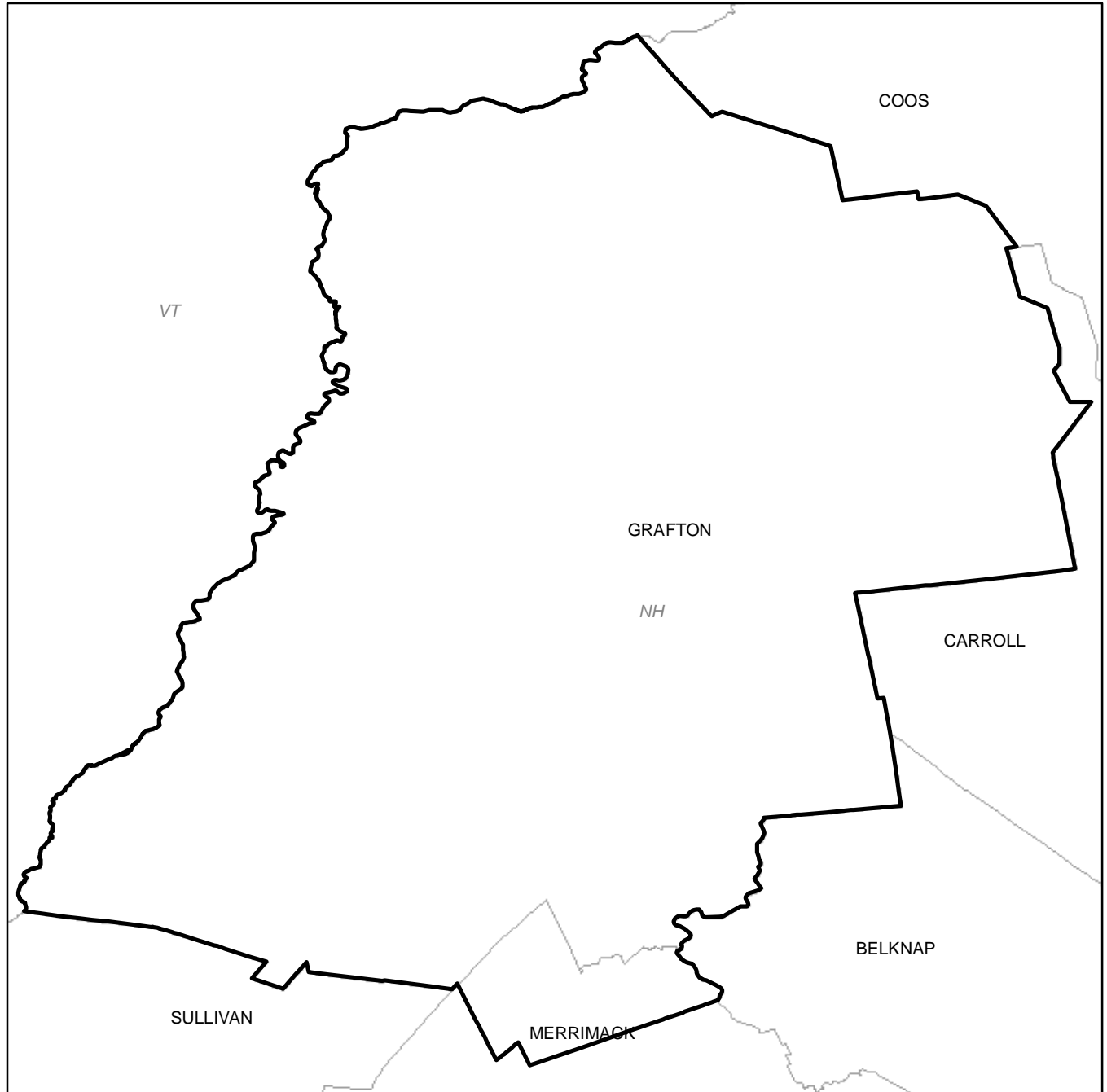
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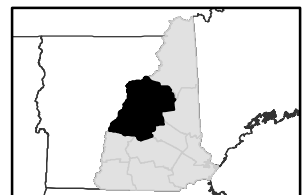
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GRAFTON gained from COOS.

1,815 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1853, ch. 1290, sec. 1/p. 1230)





GRAFTON

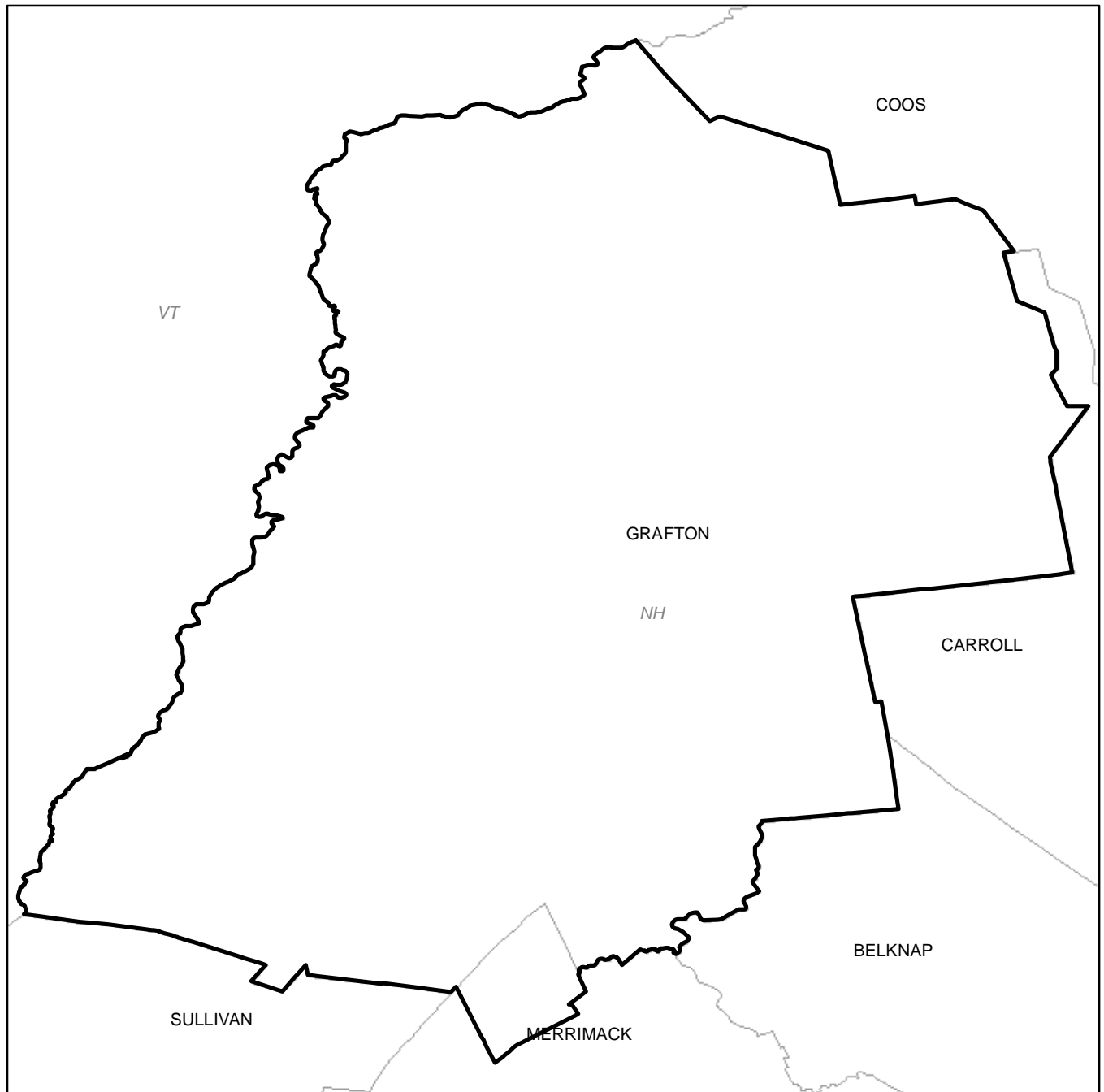
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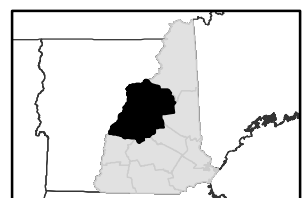
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GRAFTON lost town of Hill to MERRIMACK.

1,783 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1868, ch. 14, sec. 1/p. 148)





GRAFTON

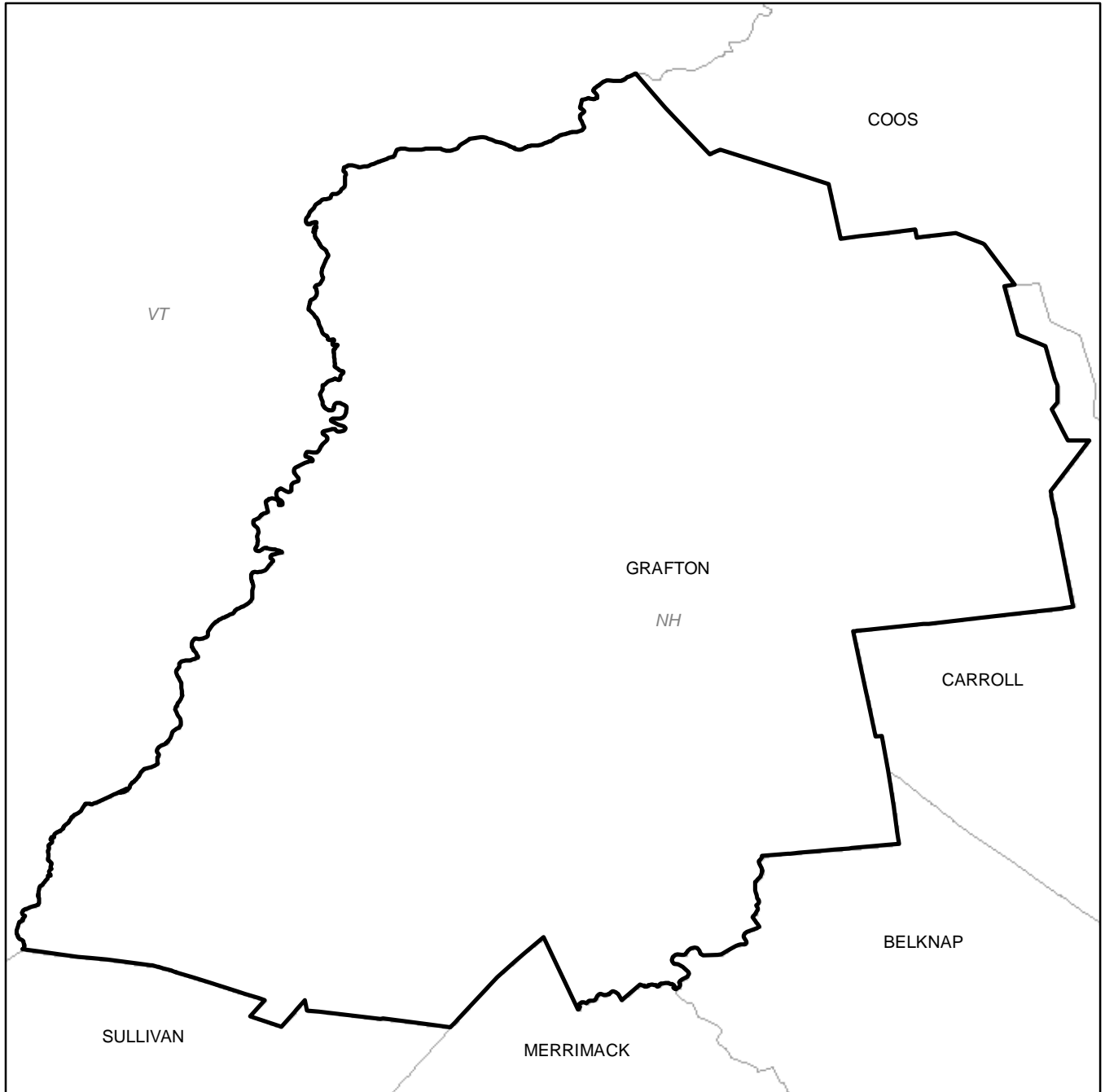
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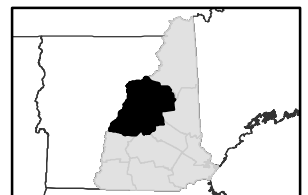
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GRAFTON lost town of Danbury to MERRIMACK.

1,750 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1874, ch. 96, sec. 1/p. 338)





HILLSBOROUGH

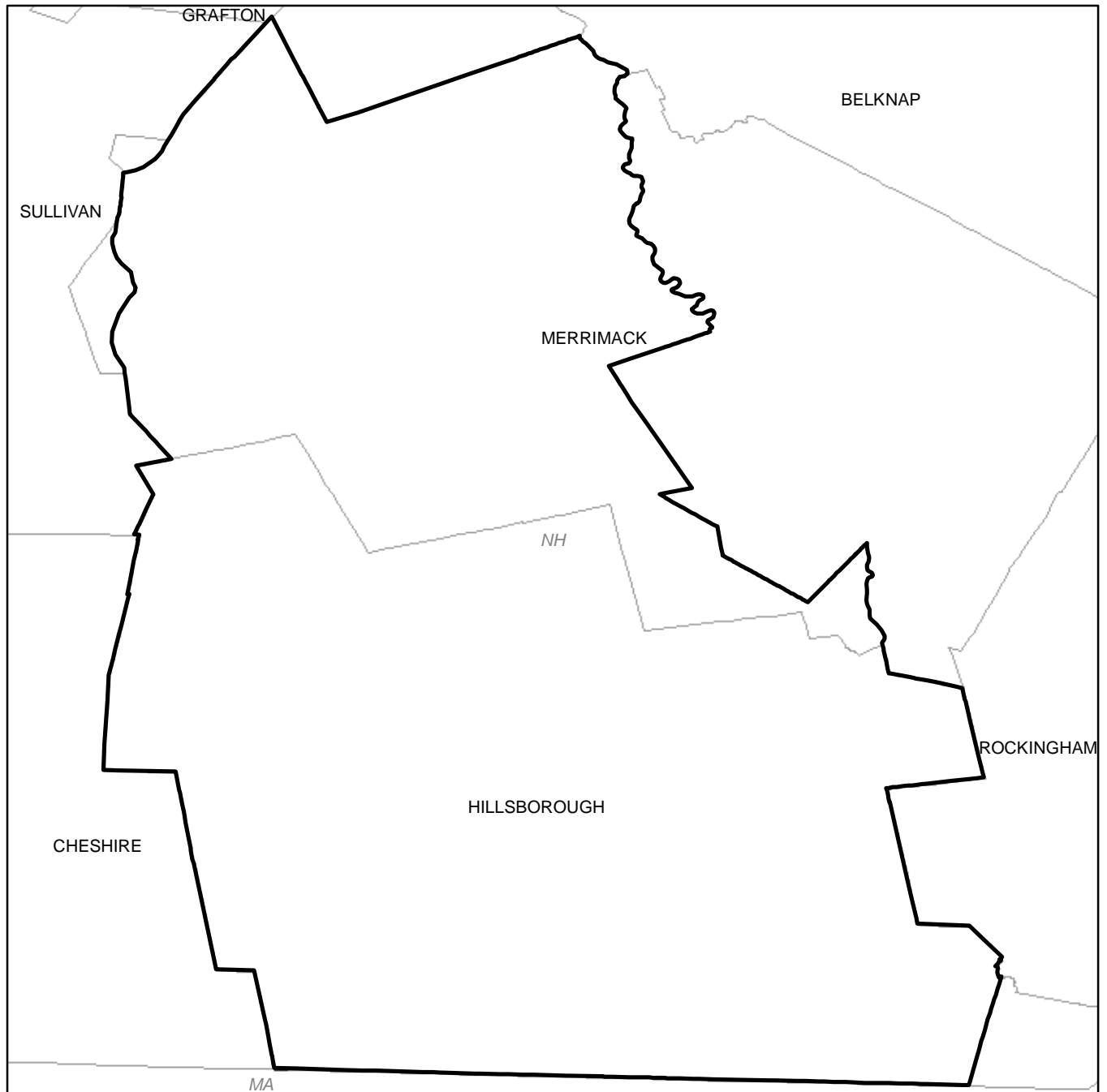
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4/29/1769 - 11/26/1778

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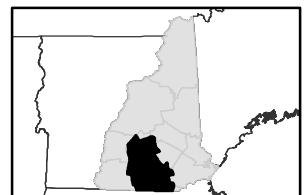
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HILLSBOROUGH created as one of five original counties.

1,365 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 3, ch. 9 [1769]/pp. 524-530)





HILLSBOROUGH

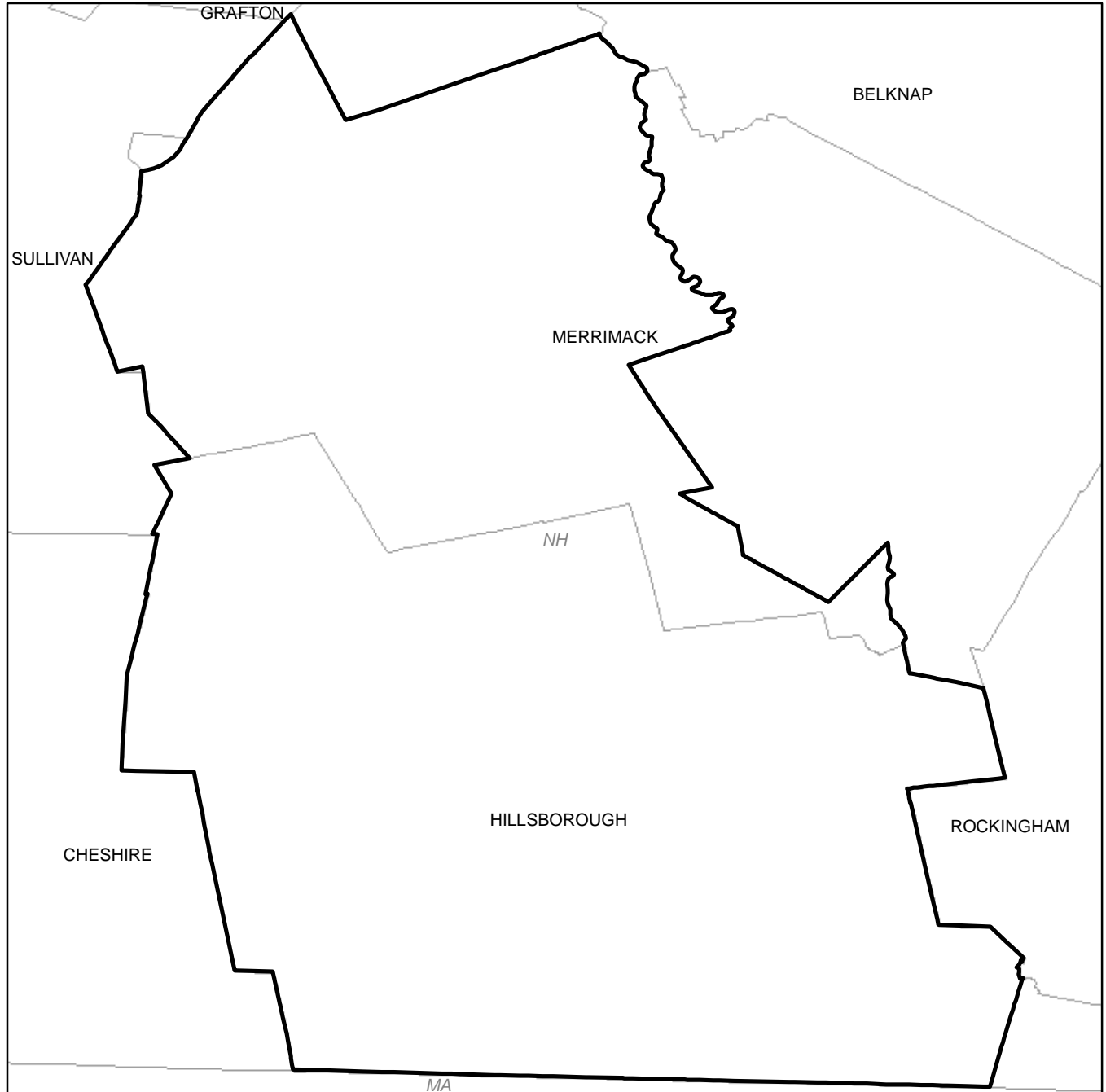
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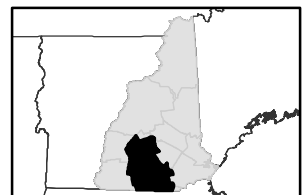
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HILLSBOROUGH gained from CHESHIRE when town of Fishersfield (now Newbury) created from unincorporated lands.

1,376 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 4, ch. 17 [1778]/pp. 189-190)





HILLSBOROUGH

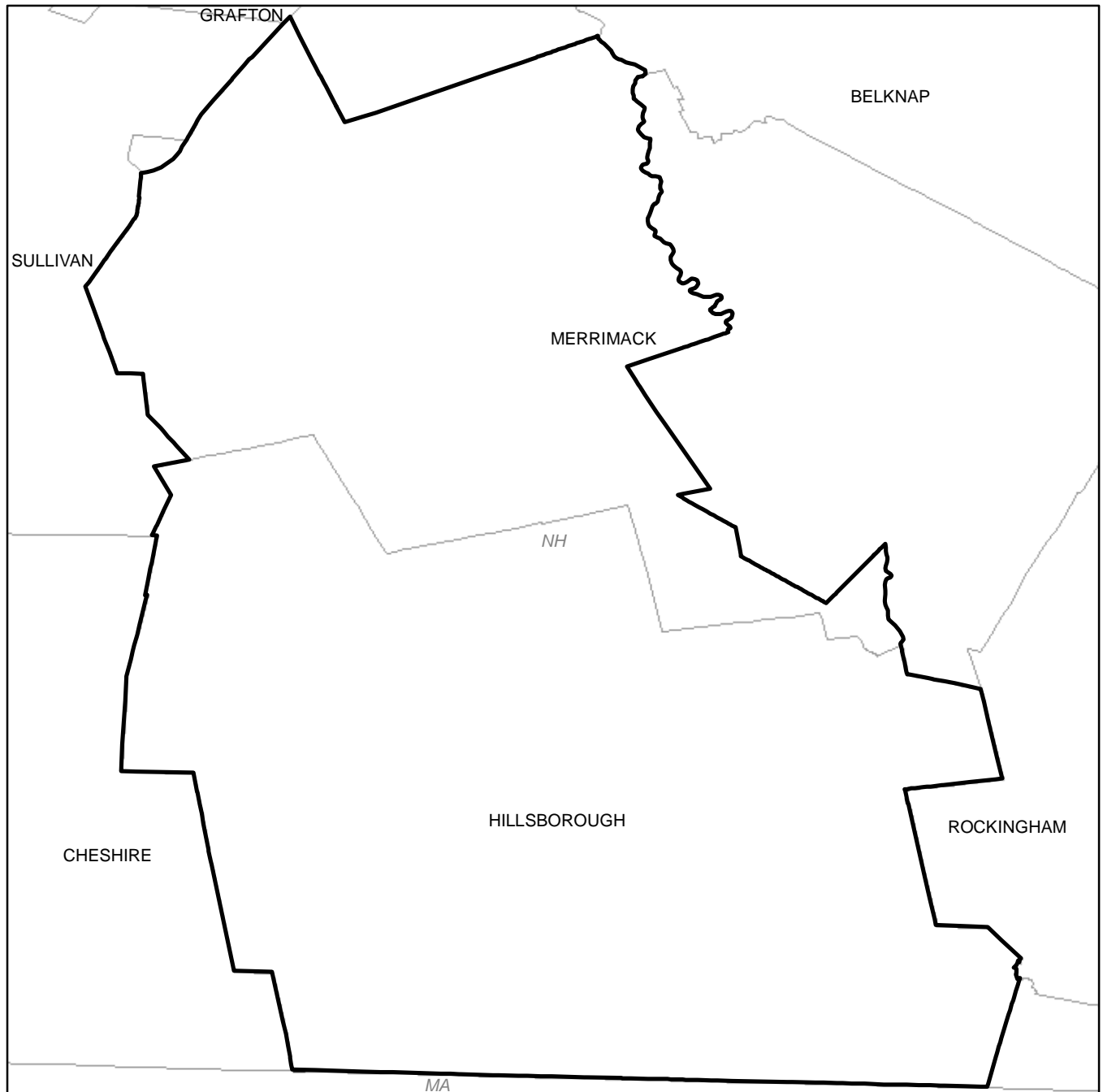
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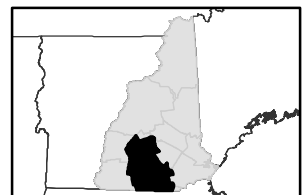
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HILLSBOROUGH gained small area from CHESHIRE when town of Bradford created from Washington Gore and the towns of New Bradford, and Washington.

1,376 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 5, ch. 6 [1787]/pp. 280-281)





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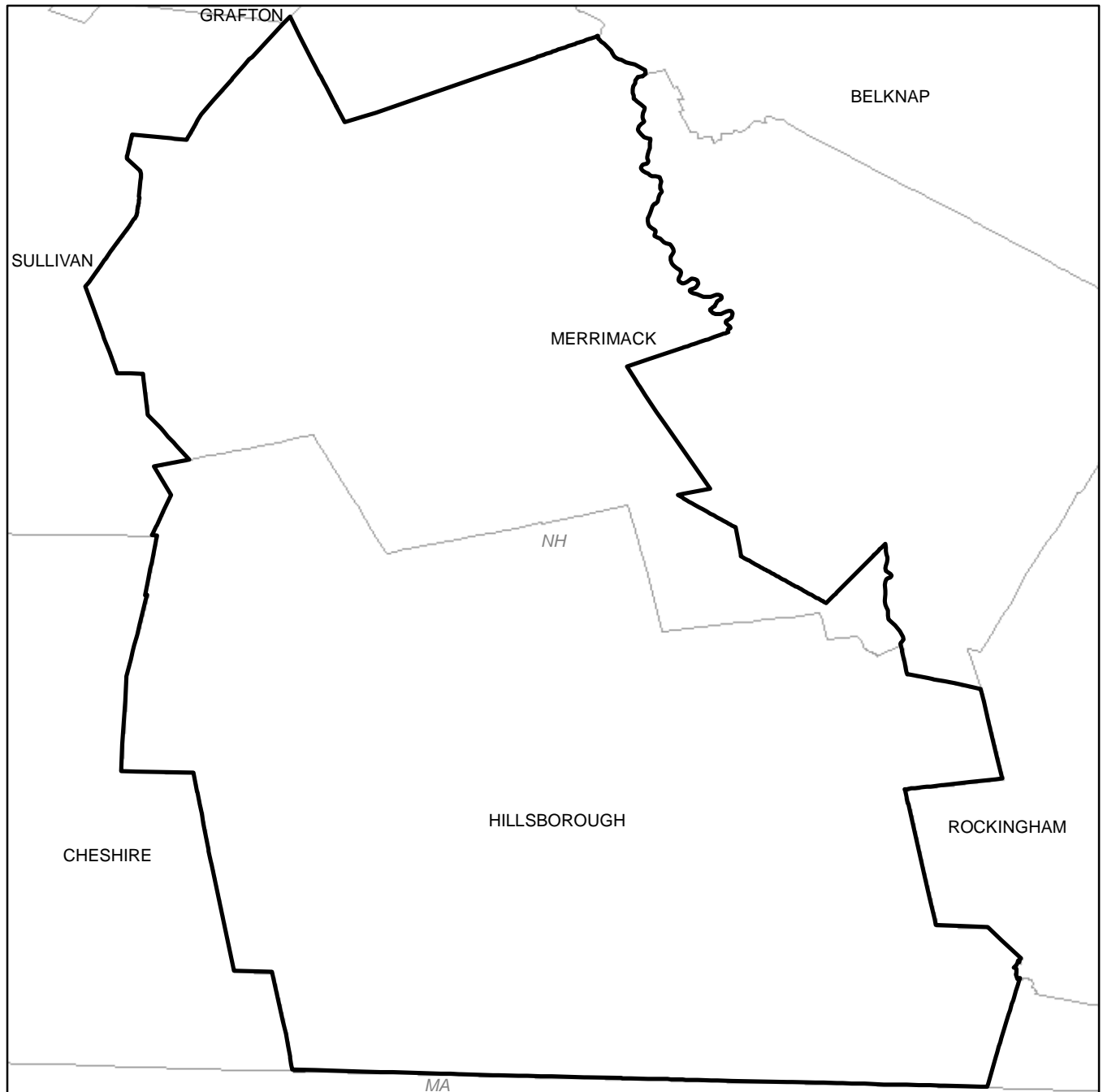
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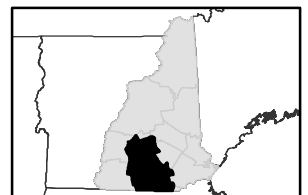
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HILLSBOROUGH gained from CHESHIRE when town of New London gained from town of Wendell (now Sunapee).

1,379 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 8, ch. 11 [1817]/pp. 607-608)





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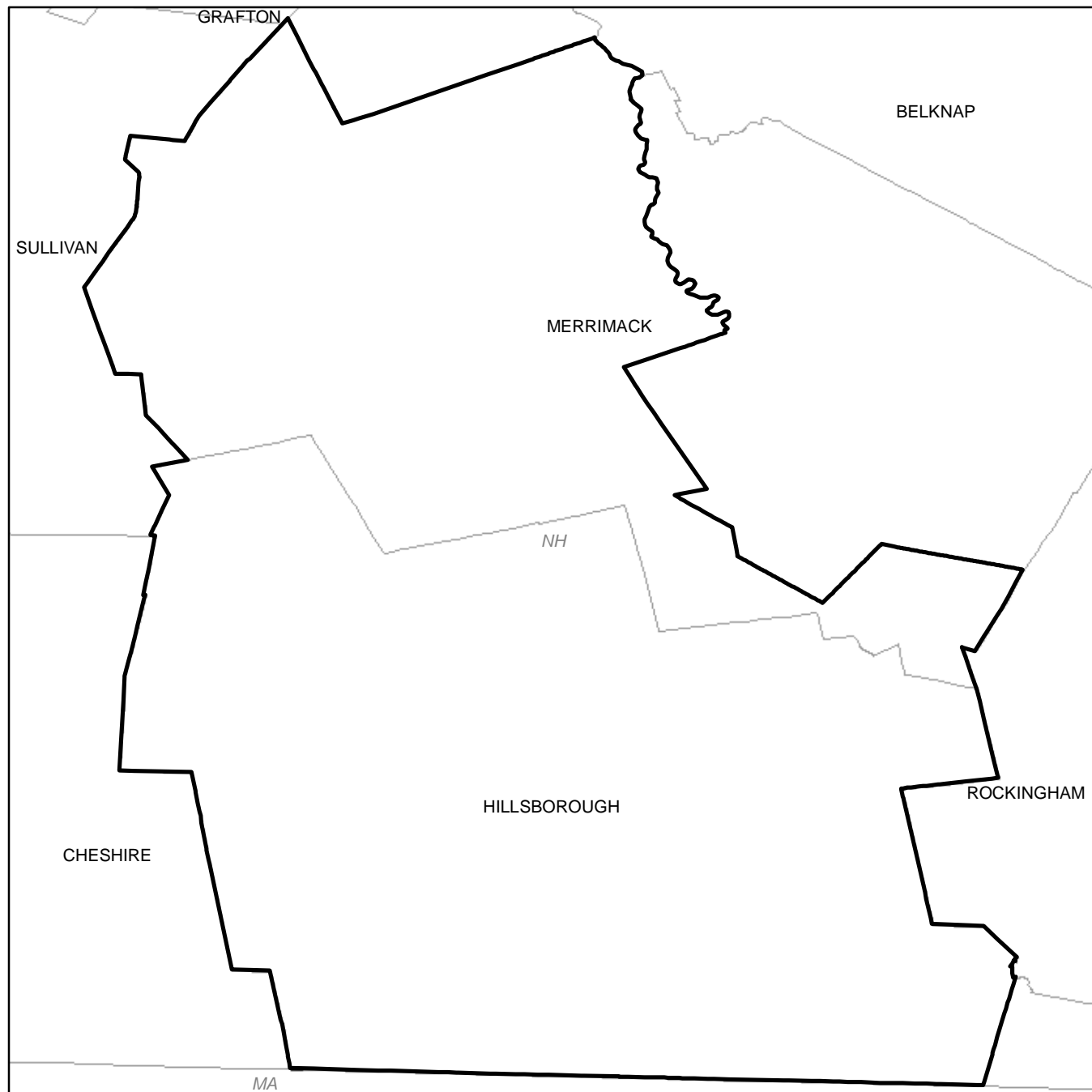
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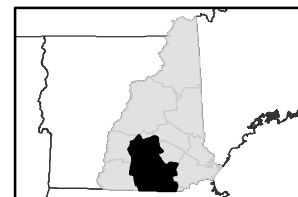
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HILLSBOROUGH gained from ROCKINGHAM when town of Hookset created from towns of Chester, Dunbarton, and Goffstown.

1,407 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 42 [1822], secs. 1,4/pp. 141-143)





HILLSBOROUGH

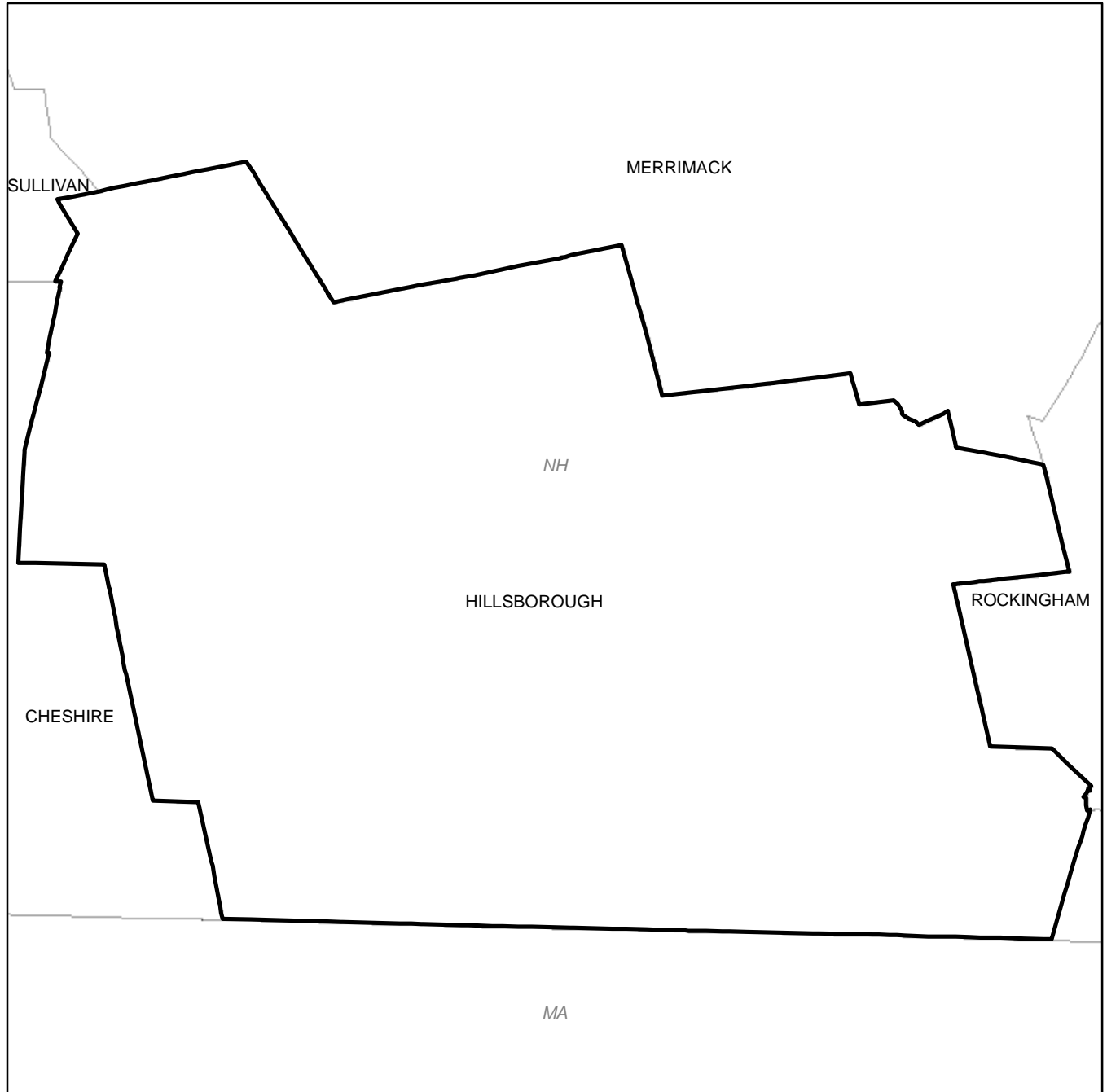
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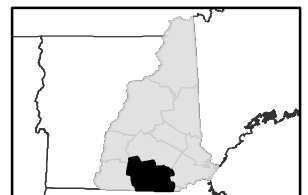
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HILLSBOROUGH lost to creation of MERRIMACK.

865 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 38 [1823], secs. 2, 12/pp. 221, 224)





HILLSBOROUGH

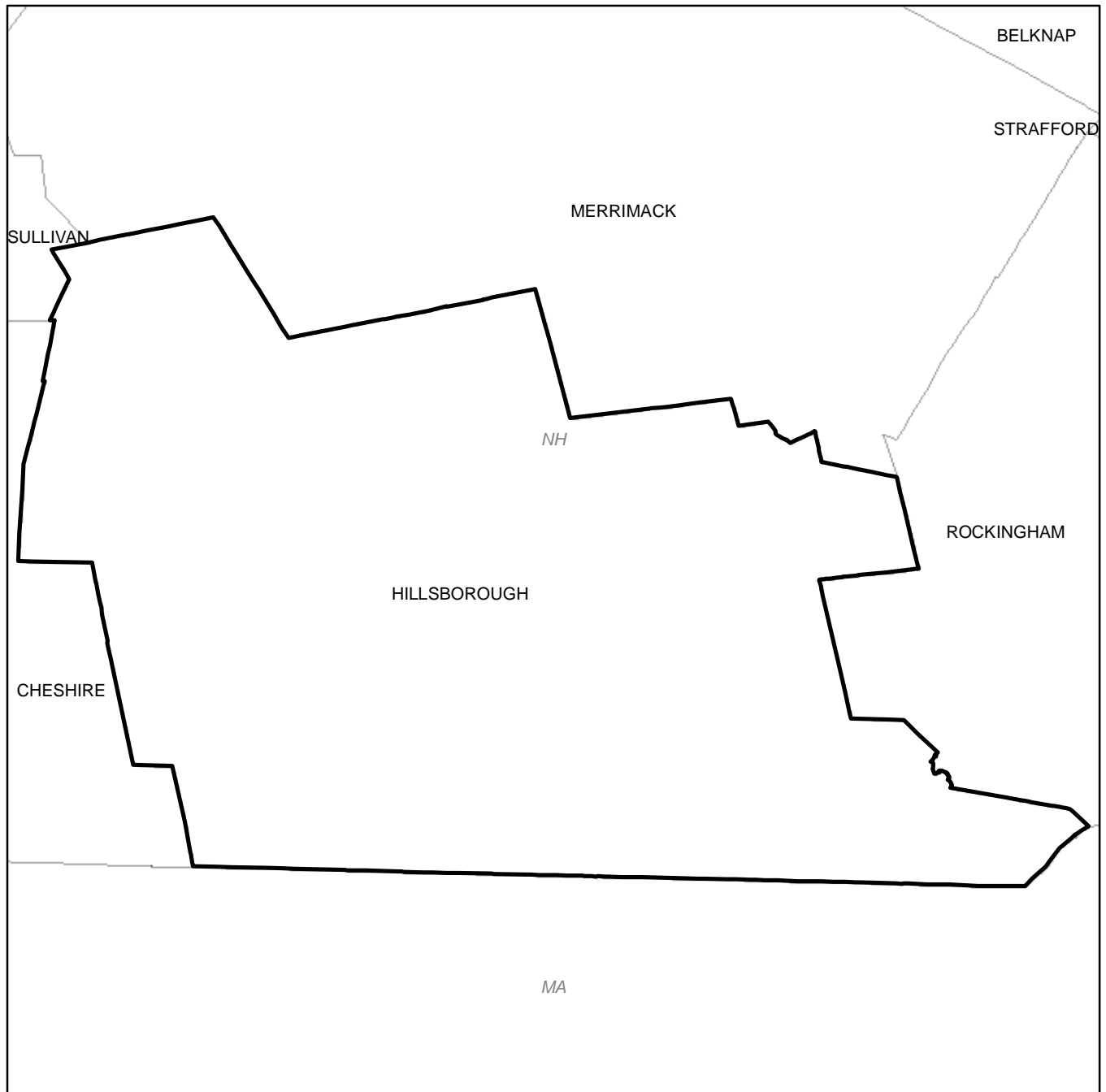
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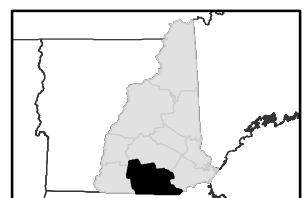
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HILLSBOROUGH gained town of Pelham from ROCKINGHAM.

892 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 10 [1824]/pp. 301-302)





MERRIMACK

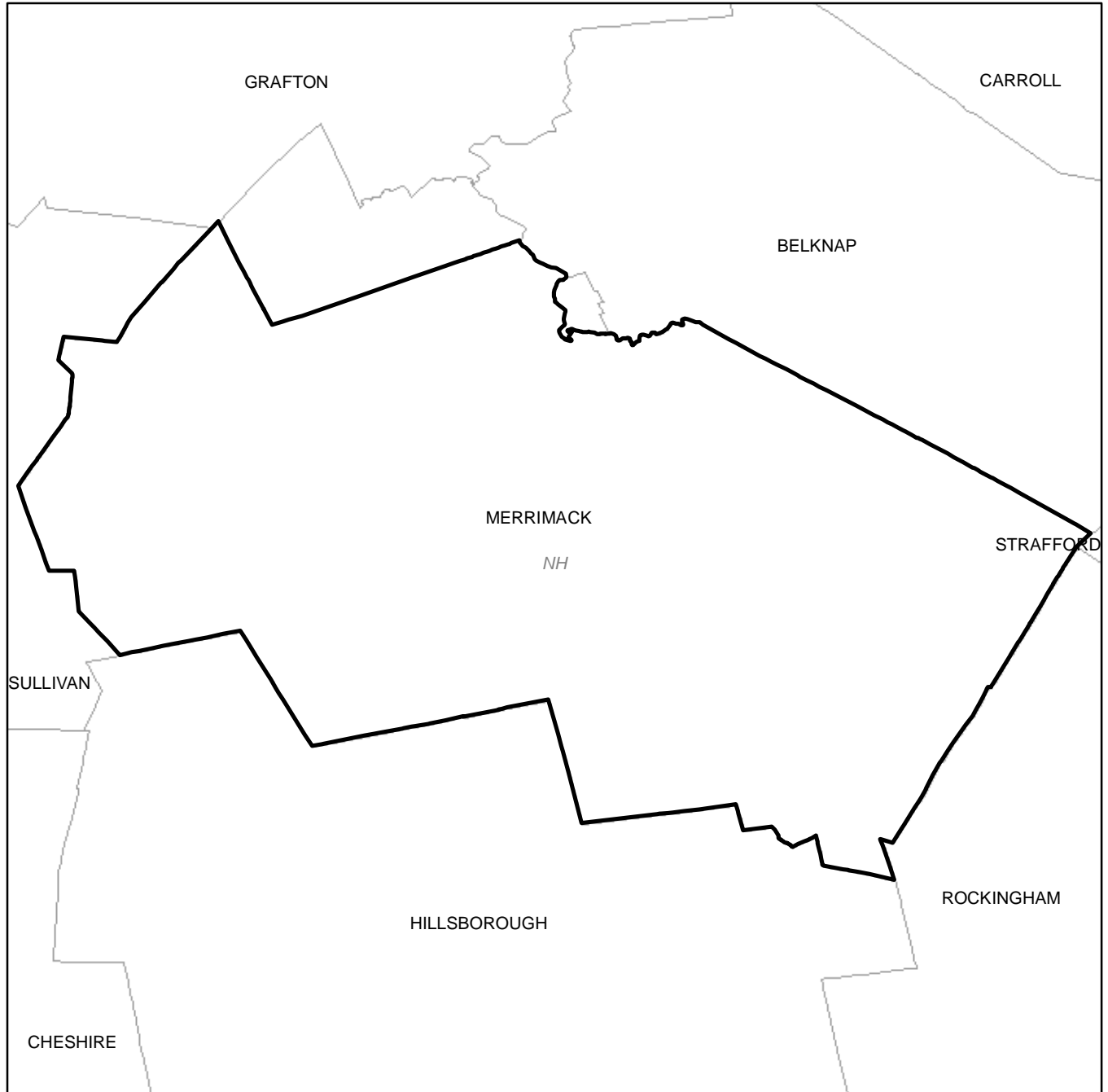
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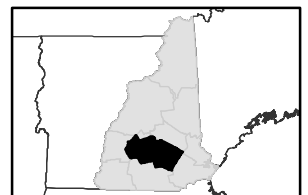
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MERRIMACK created from HILLSBOROUGH and ROCKINGHAM.

885 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 38 [1823], secs. 2, 12/pp. 221, 224)





MERRIMACK

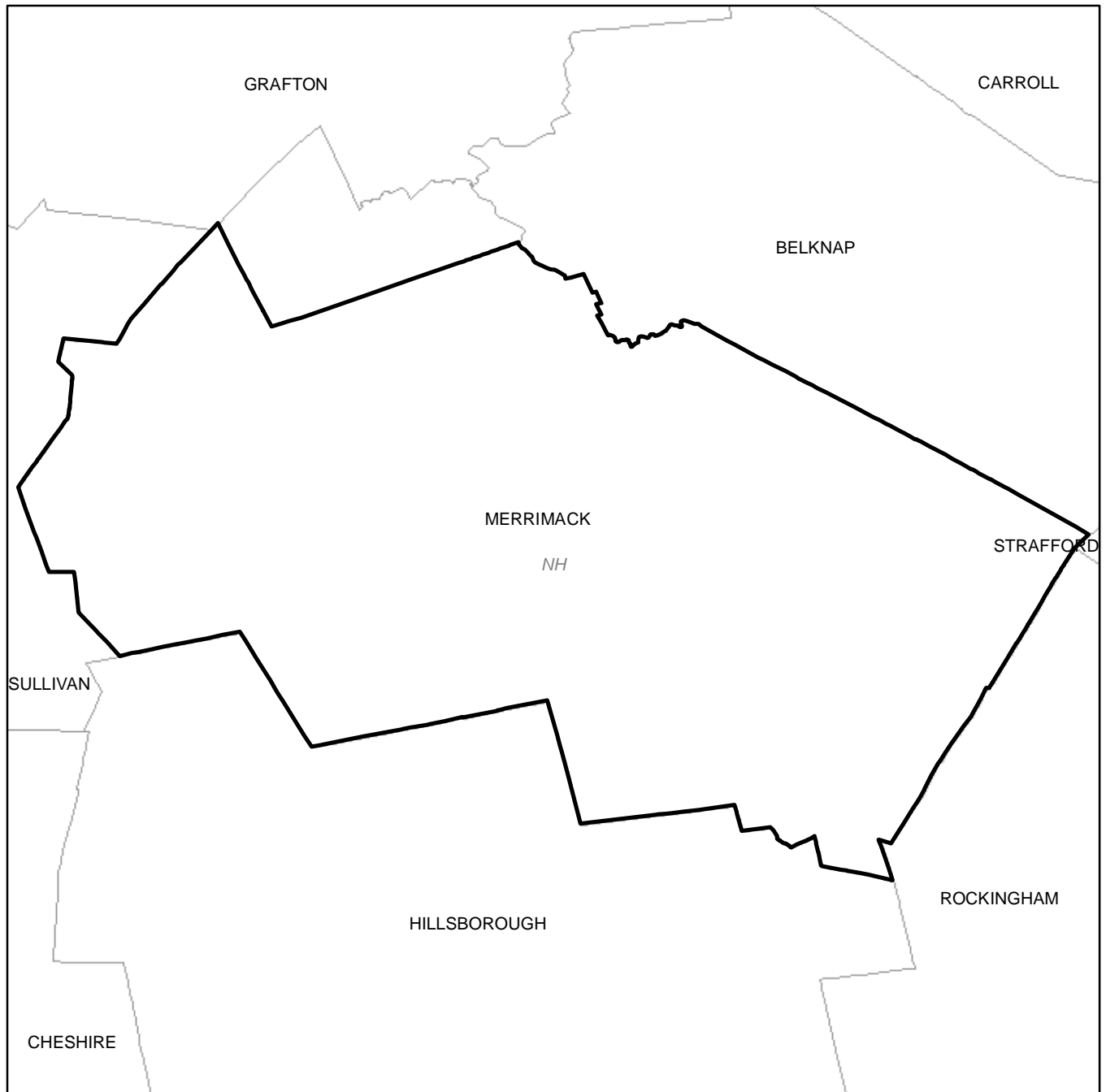
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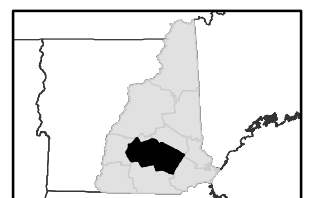
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MERRIMACK gained from STRAFFORD when town of Franklin created from towns of Andover, Northfield, Salisbury, and Sandbornton.

890 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 62 [1828], sec. 1/pp. 784-786)





MERRIMACK

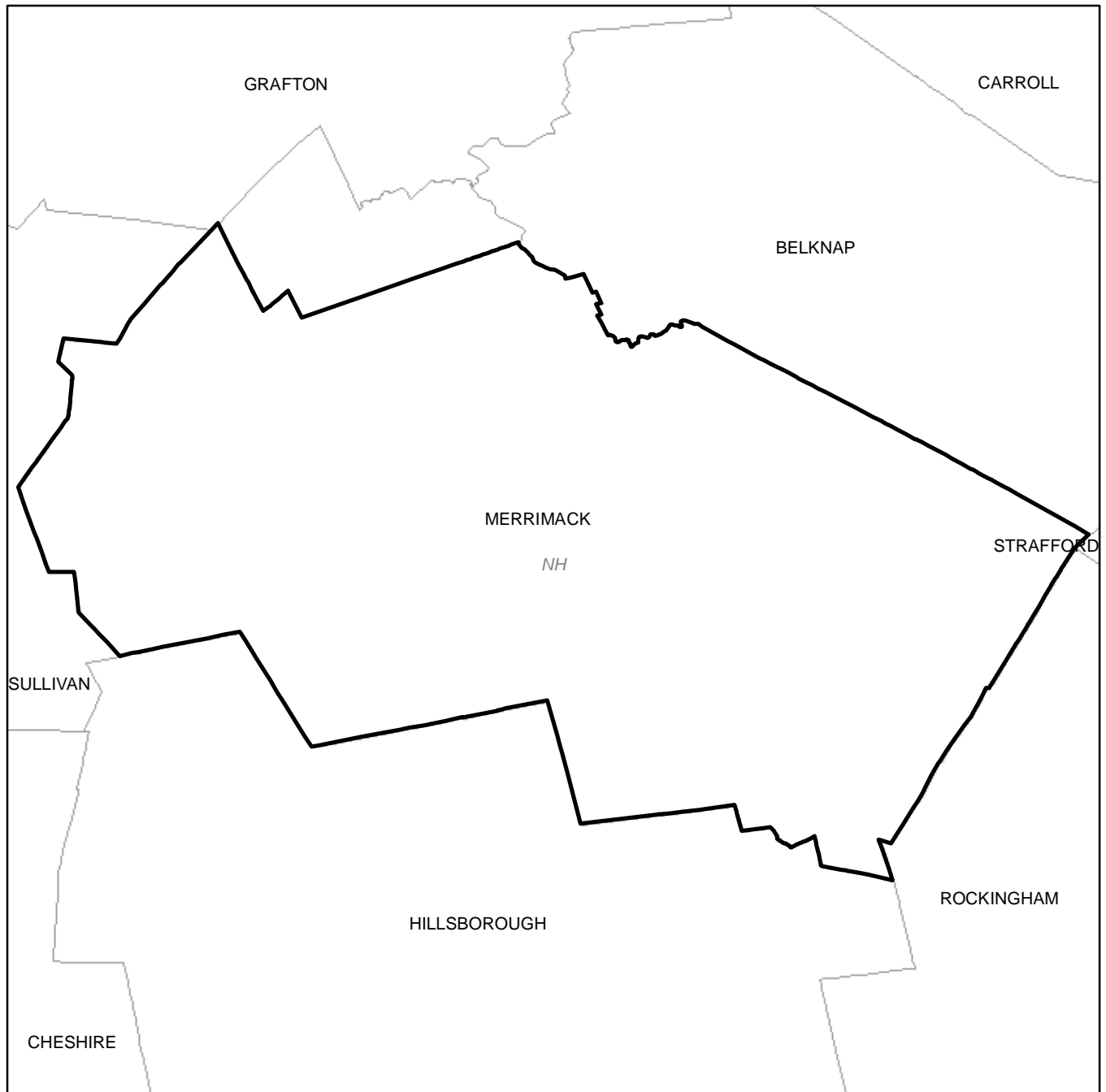
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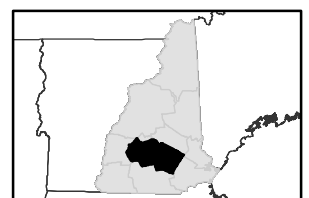
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MERRIMACK gained from GRAFTON when town of Wilmot gained from town of New Chester (now Hill).

891 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 10, ch. 19 [1832], secs. 1-2/pp. 365-366)





MERRIMACK

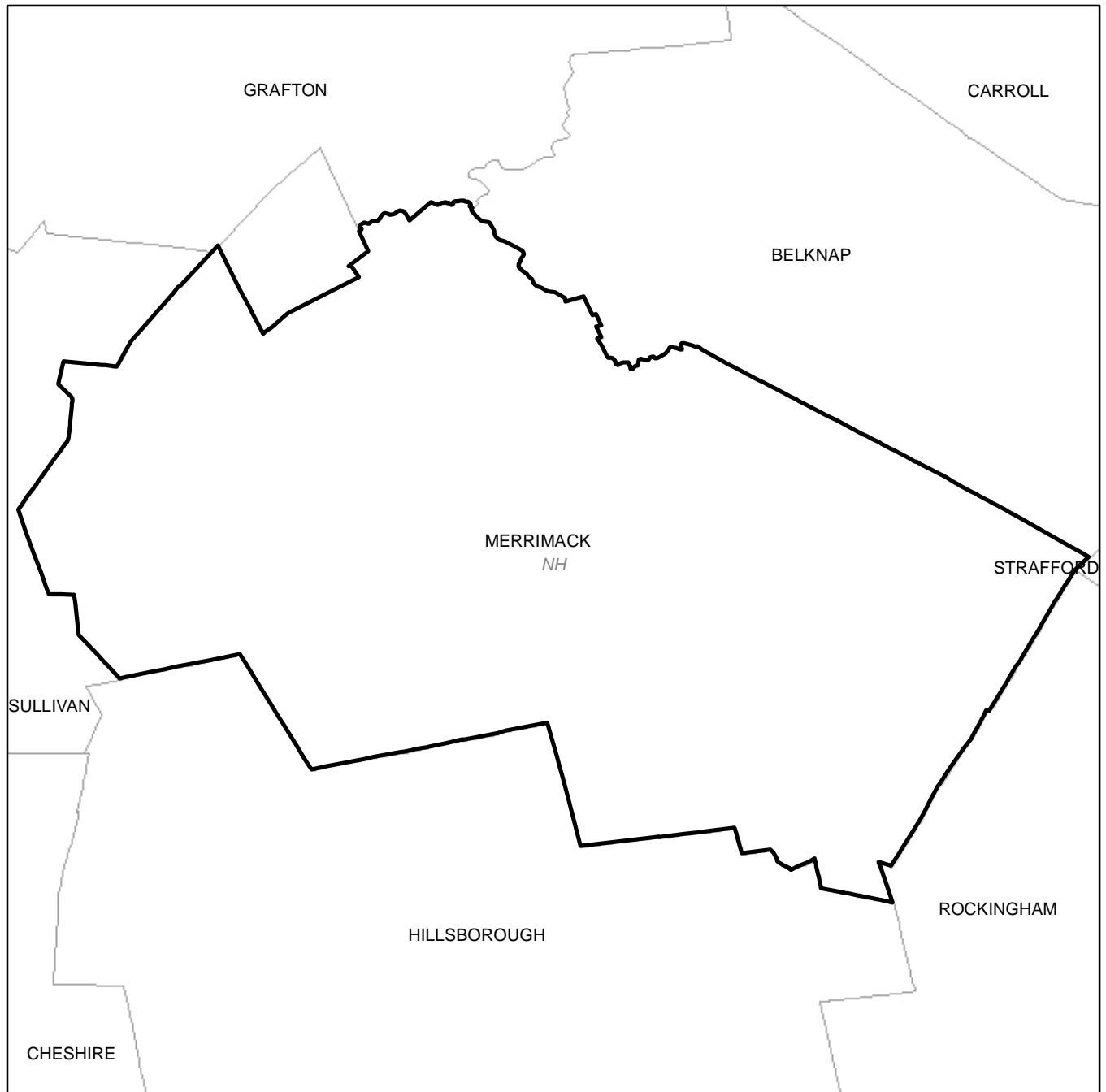
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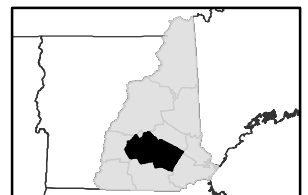
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MERRIMACK gained town of Hill from GRAFTON.

923 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1868, ch. 14, sec. 1/p. 148)





MERRIMACK

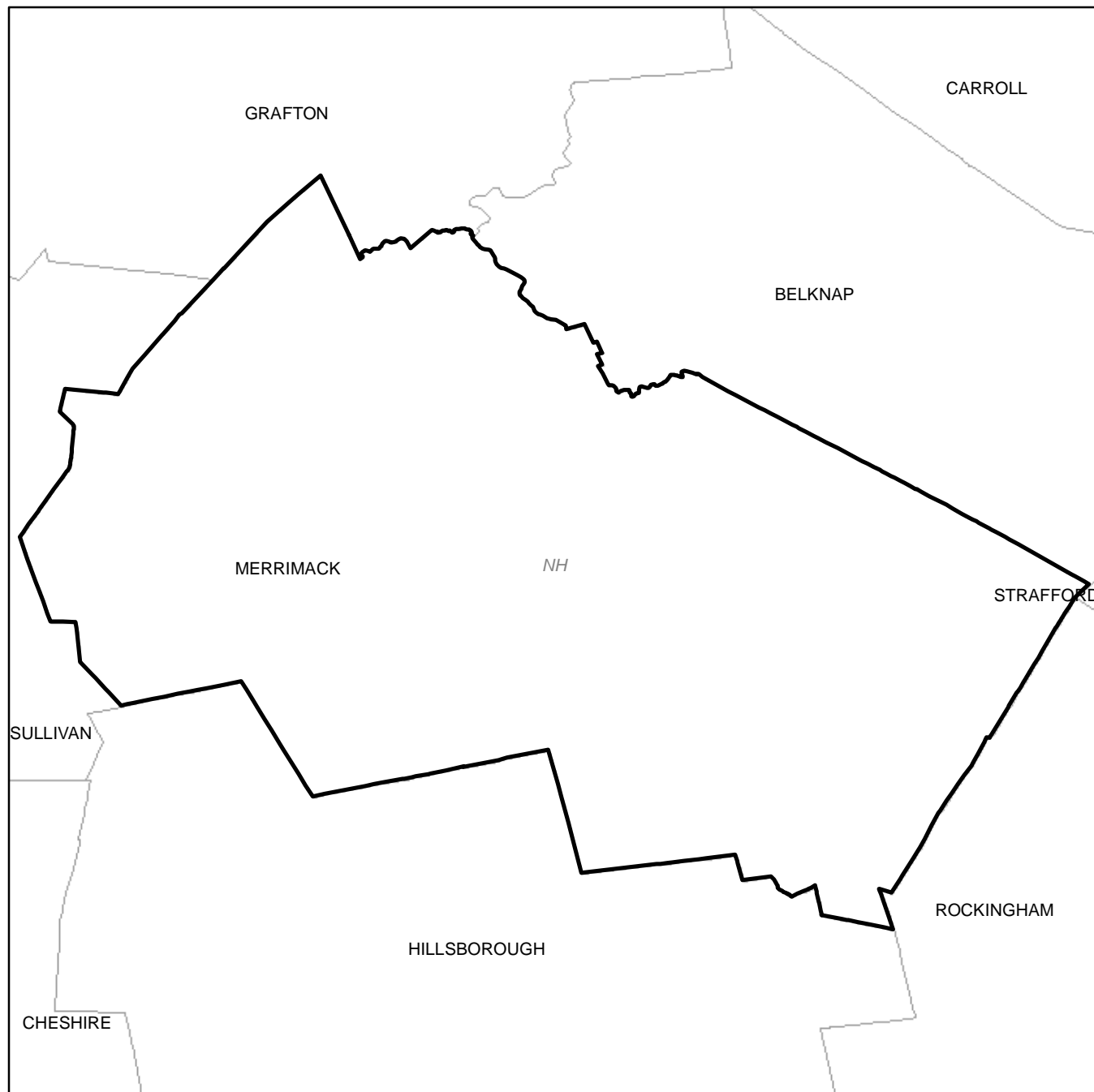
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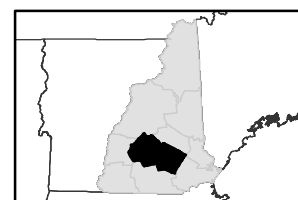
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MERRIMACK gained town of Danbury from GRAFTON.

956 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1874, ch. 96, sec. 1/p. 338)





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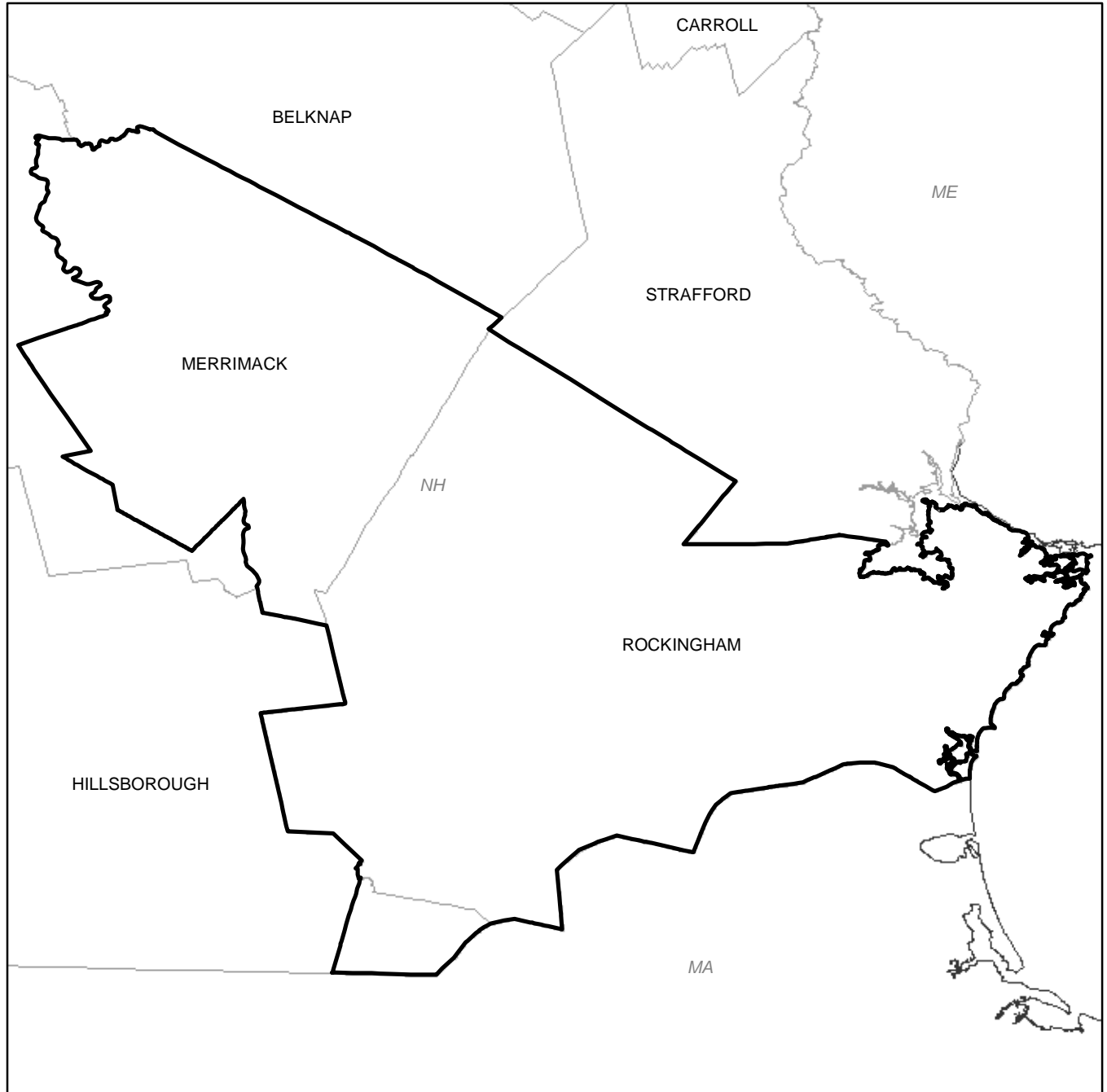
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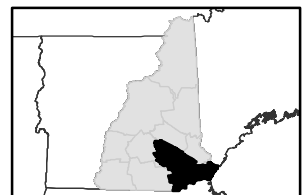
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ROCKINGHAM created as one of five original counties.

1,111 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 3, ch. 9 [1769]/pp. 524-530)





ROCKINGHAM

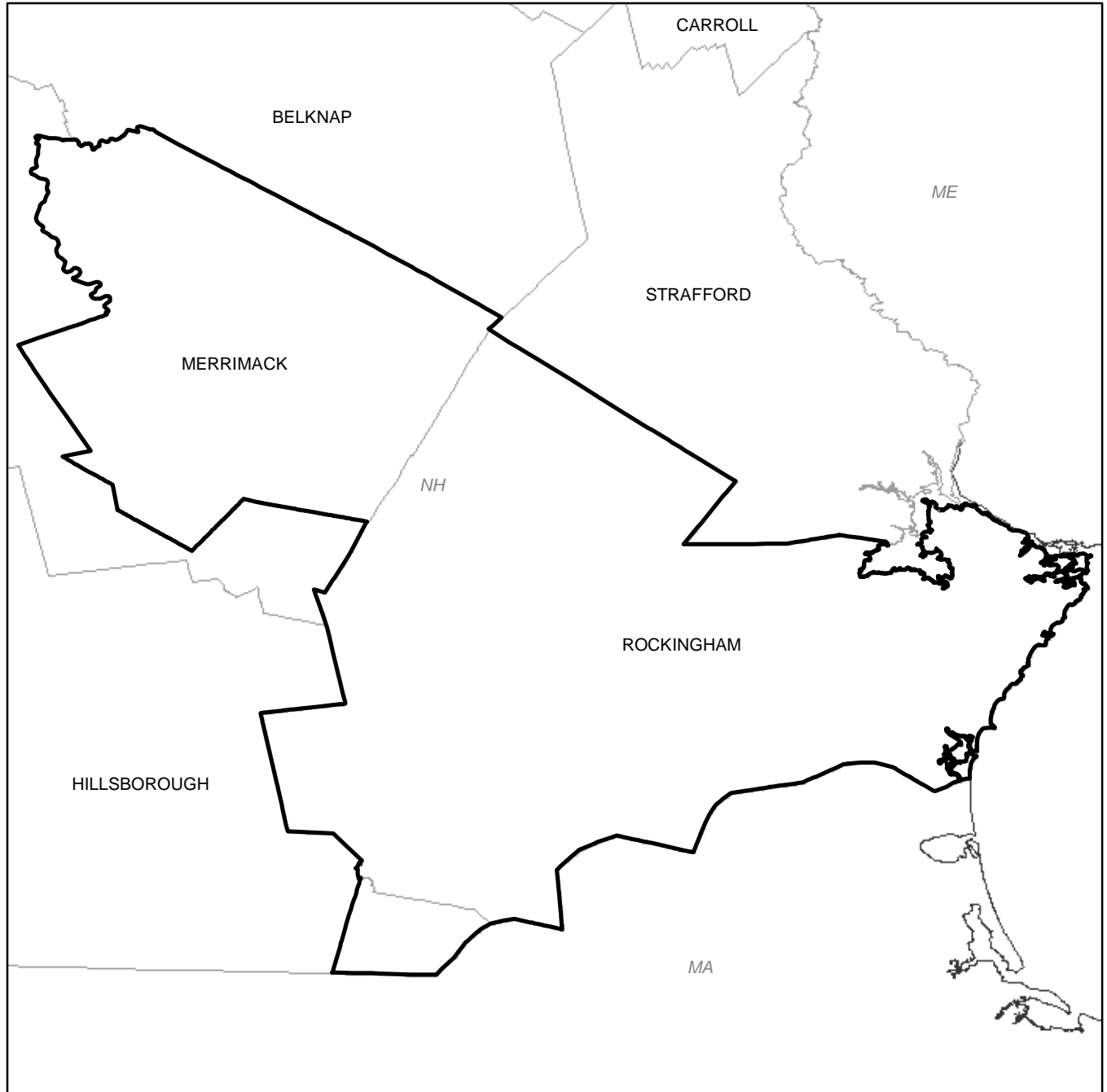
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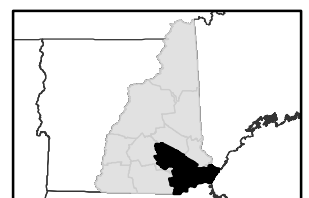
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ROCKINGHAM lost to HILLSBOROUGH when town of Hookset created from towns of Chester, Dunbarton, and Goffstown.

1,084 sq. mi.

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ROCKINGHAM

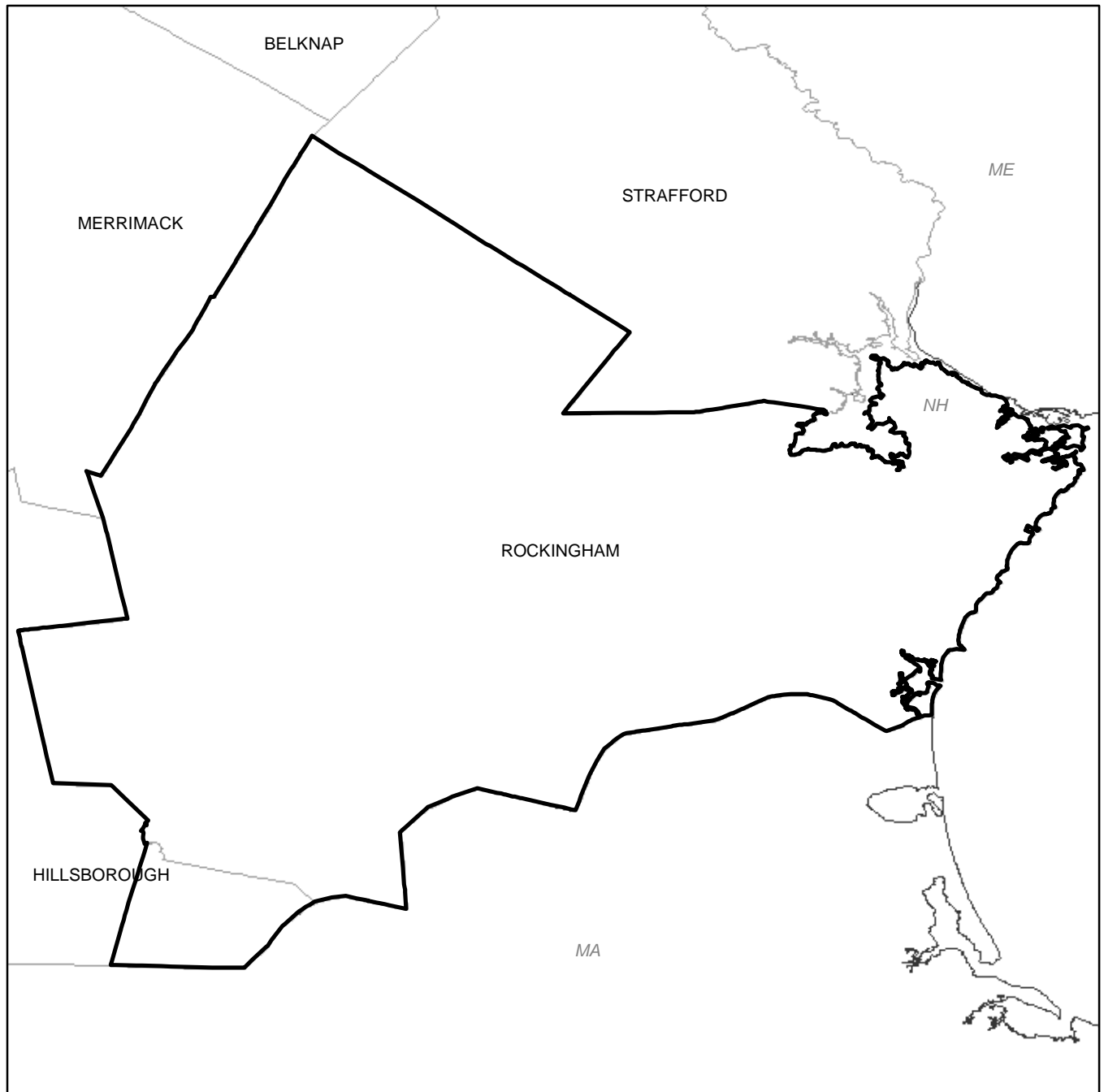
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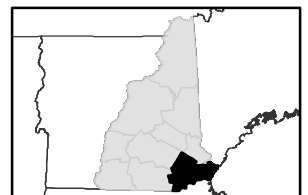
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ROCKINGHAM lost to creation of MERRIMACK.

740 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 38 [1823], secs. 2, 12/pp. 221, 224)





ROCKINGHAM

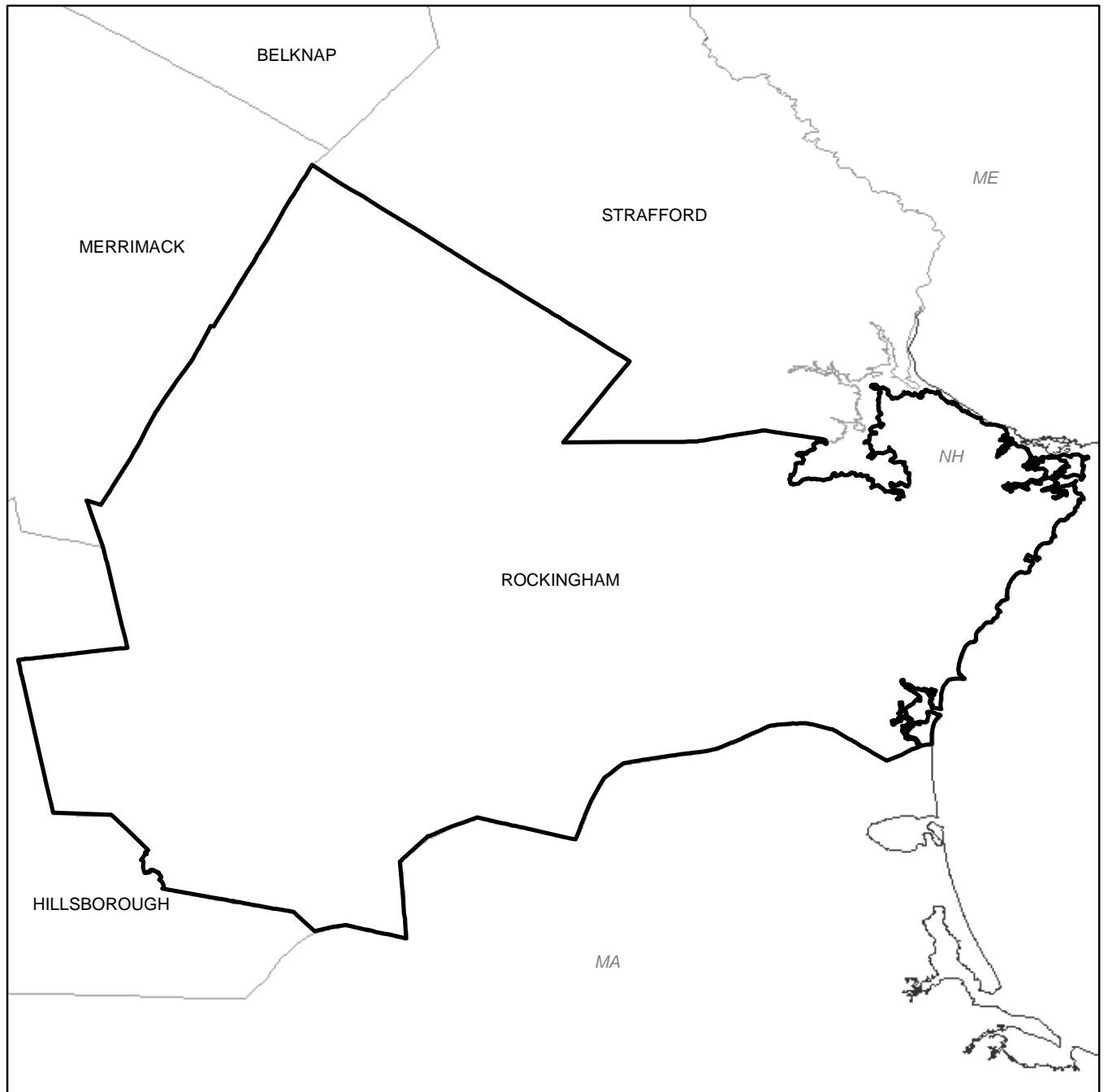
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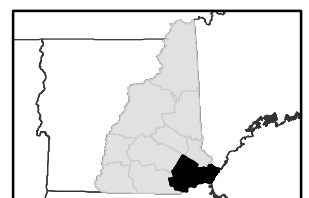
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ROCKINGHAM lost town of Pelham to HILLSBOROUGH.

714 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 10 [1824]/pp. 301-302)





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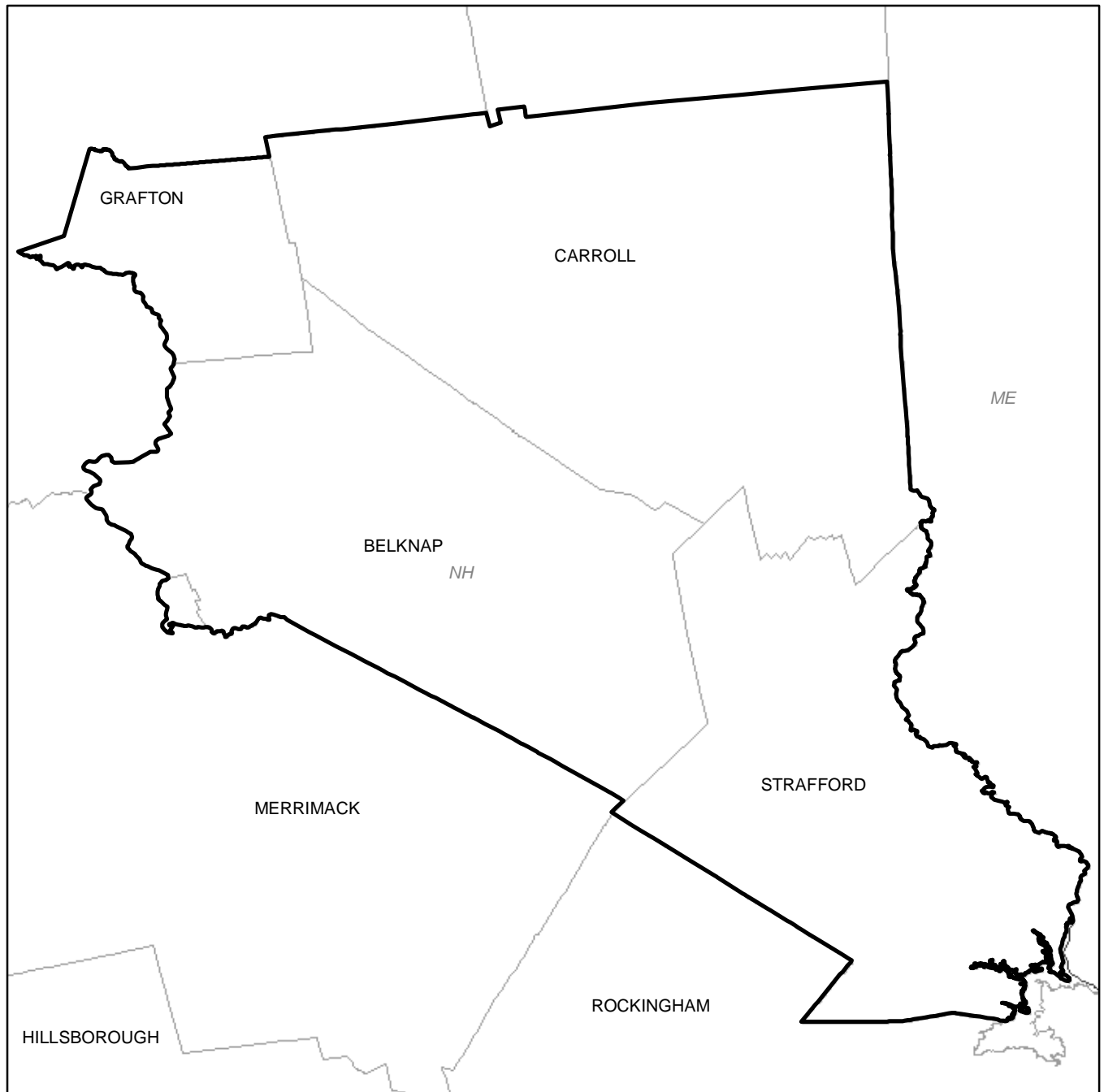
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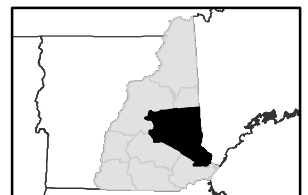
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STRAFFORD created as one of five original counties.

1,579 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 3, ch. 9 [1769]/pp. 524-530)





STRAFFORD

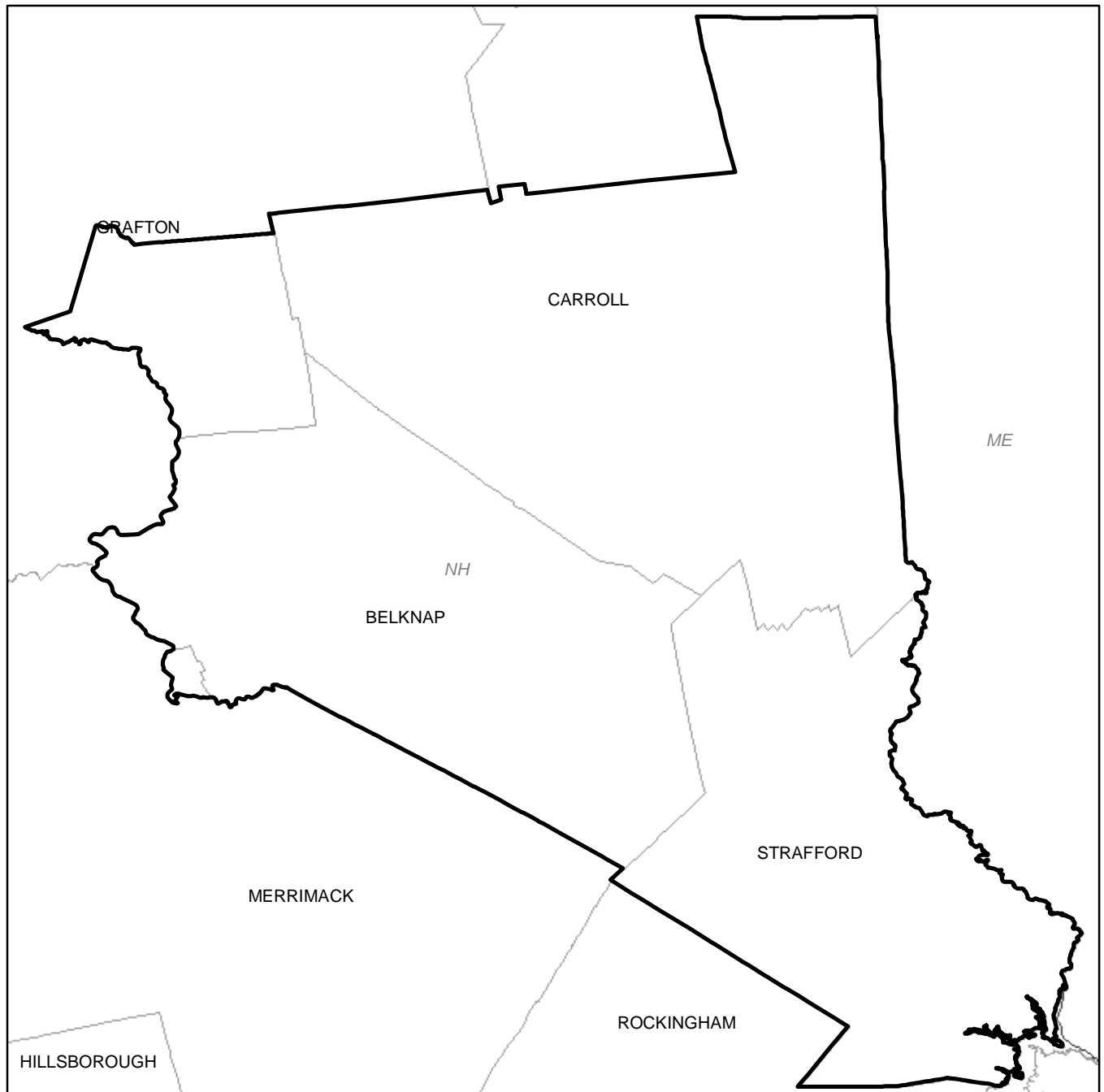
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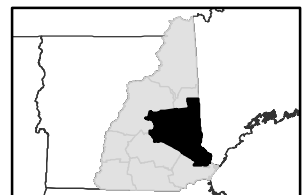
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STRAFFORD gained town of Conway from GRAFTON.

1,652 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 4, ch. 3 [1778]/p. 170)





STRAFFORD

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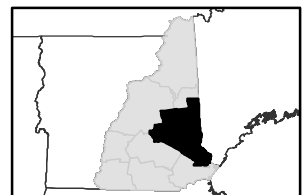
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STAFFORD lost towns of Campton and New Holderness (now Holderness) to GRAFTON.

1,544 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 4, ch. 2 [1782]/p. 479)





STRAFFORD

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11/27/1800 - 6/25/1823

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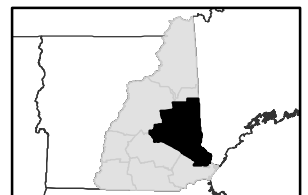
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STRAFFORD gained town of Burton (now Albany) from GRAFTON.

1,626 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 6, ch. 4 [1800]/p. 647)





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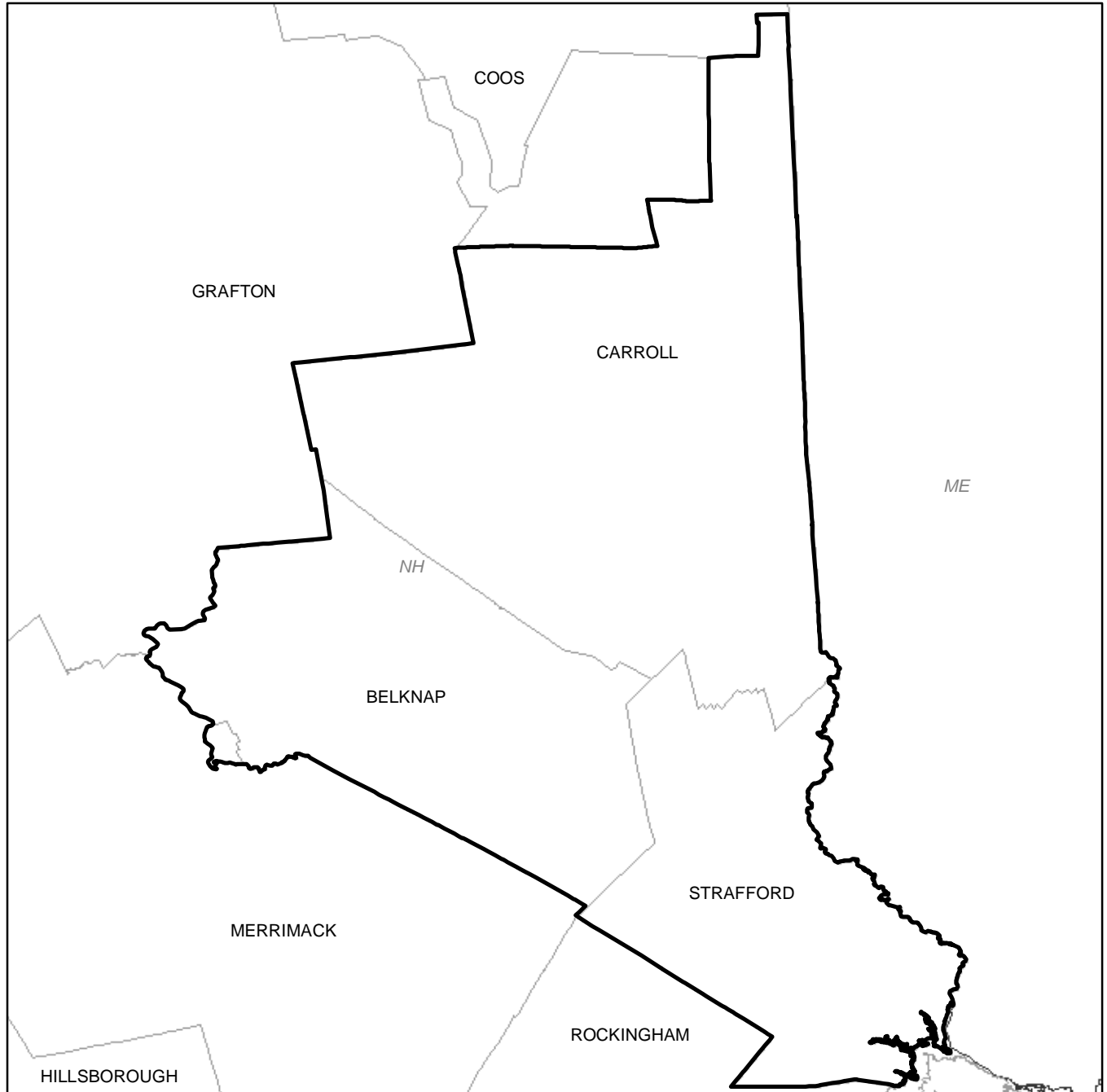
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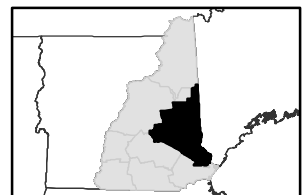
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STRAFFORD gained town of Chatham from COOS.

1,683 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 30 [1823], sec. 1/p. 210)





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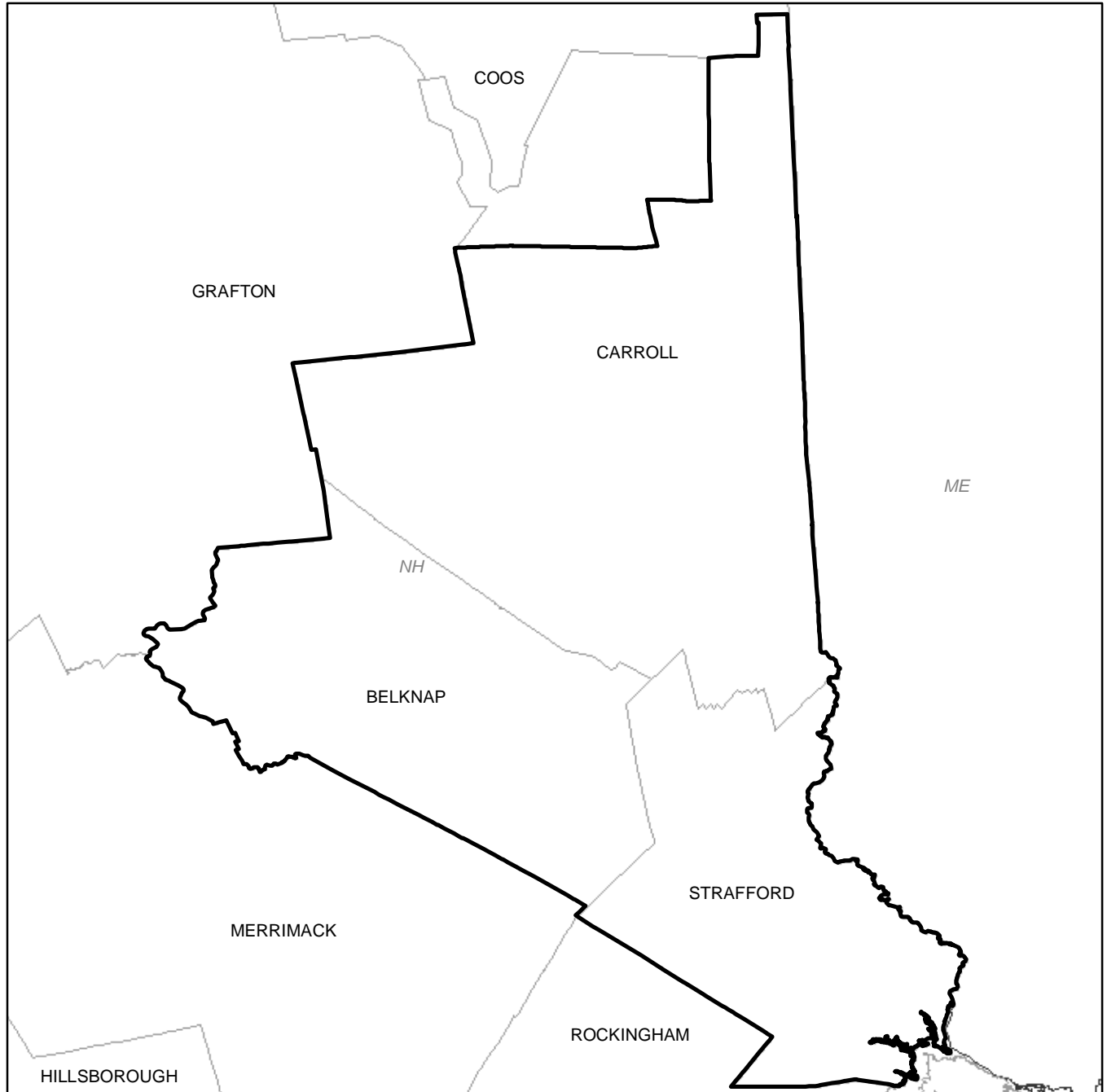
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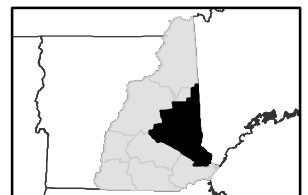
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STRAFFORD lost to MERRIMACK when town of Franklin created from towns of Andover, Northfield, Salisbury, and Sandbornton.

1,678 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 62 [1828], sec. 1/pp. 784-786)





STRAFFORD

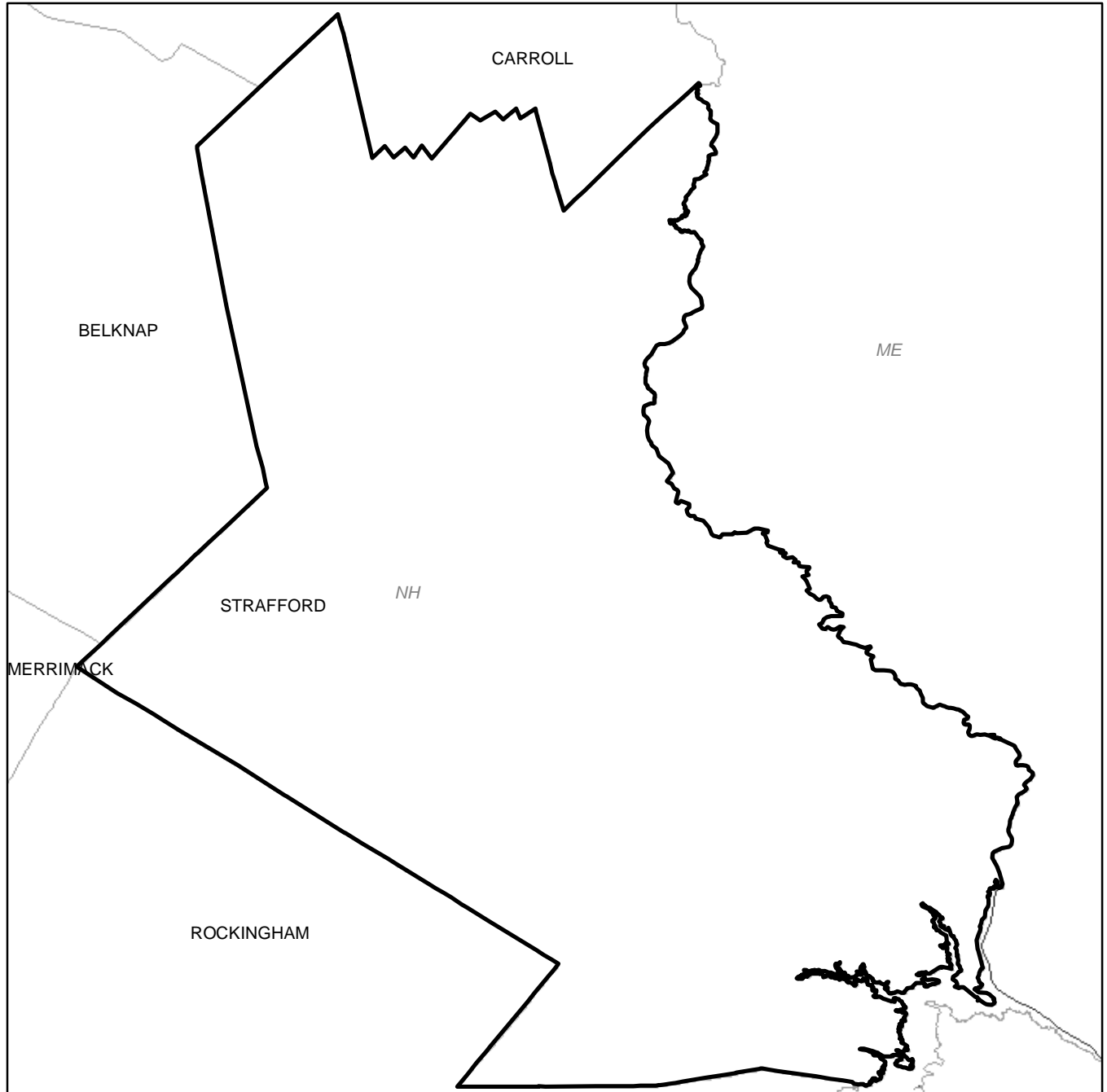
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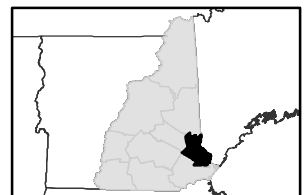
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STRAFFORD lost to creation of BELKNAP and CARROLL.

380 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1840, ch. 539, secs. 1-2, 16/pp. 455-456, 462)





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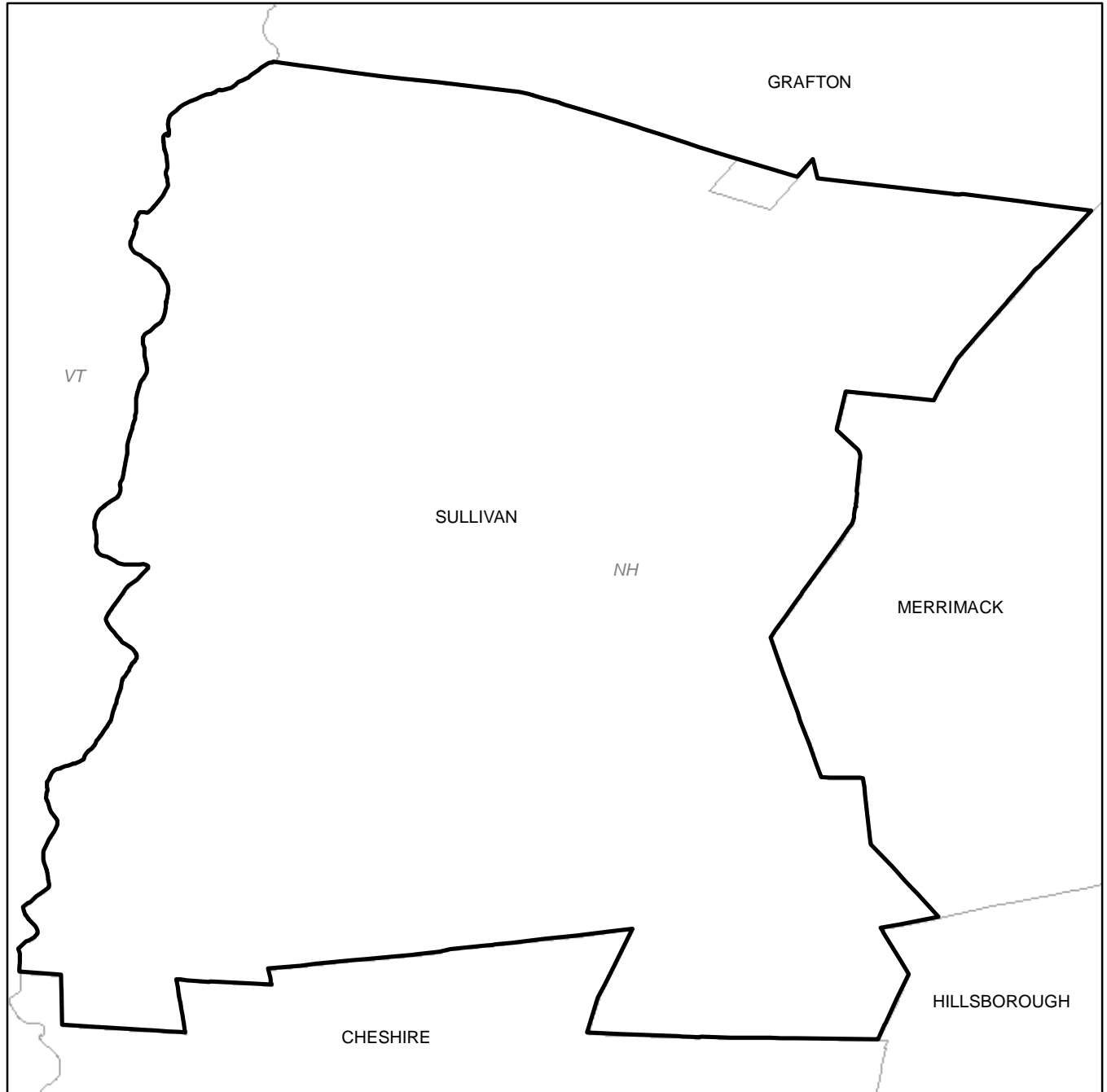
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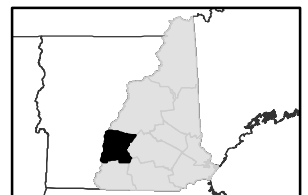
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SULLIVAN created from CHESHIRE.

554 sq. mi.

(N.H. Early Laws, vol. 9, ch. 48 [1827], secs. 2, 13/pp. 649-650, 653)





SULLIVAN

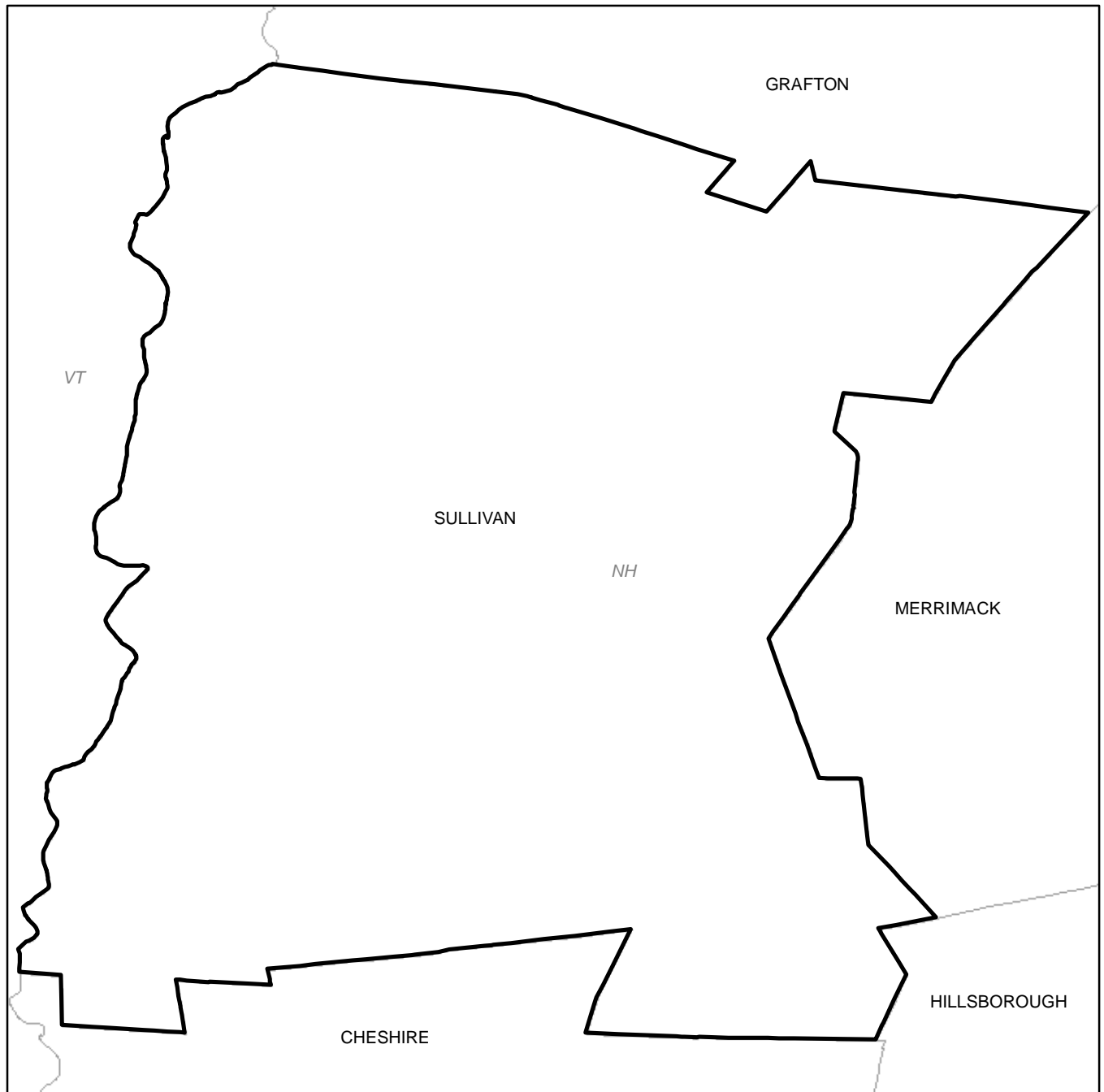
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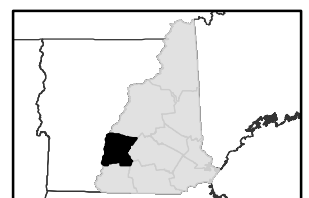
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SULLIVAN lost to GRAFTON when town of Enfield gained from town of Grantham.

552 sq. mi.

(N.H. Laws 1836, ch. 290, sec. 1/pp. 257-258)





East Union

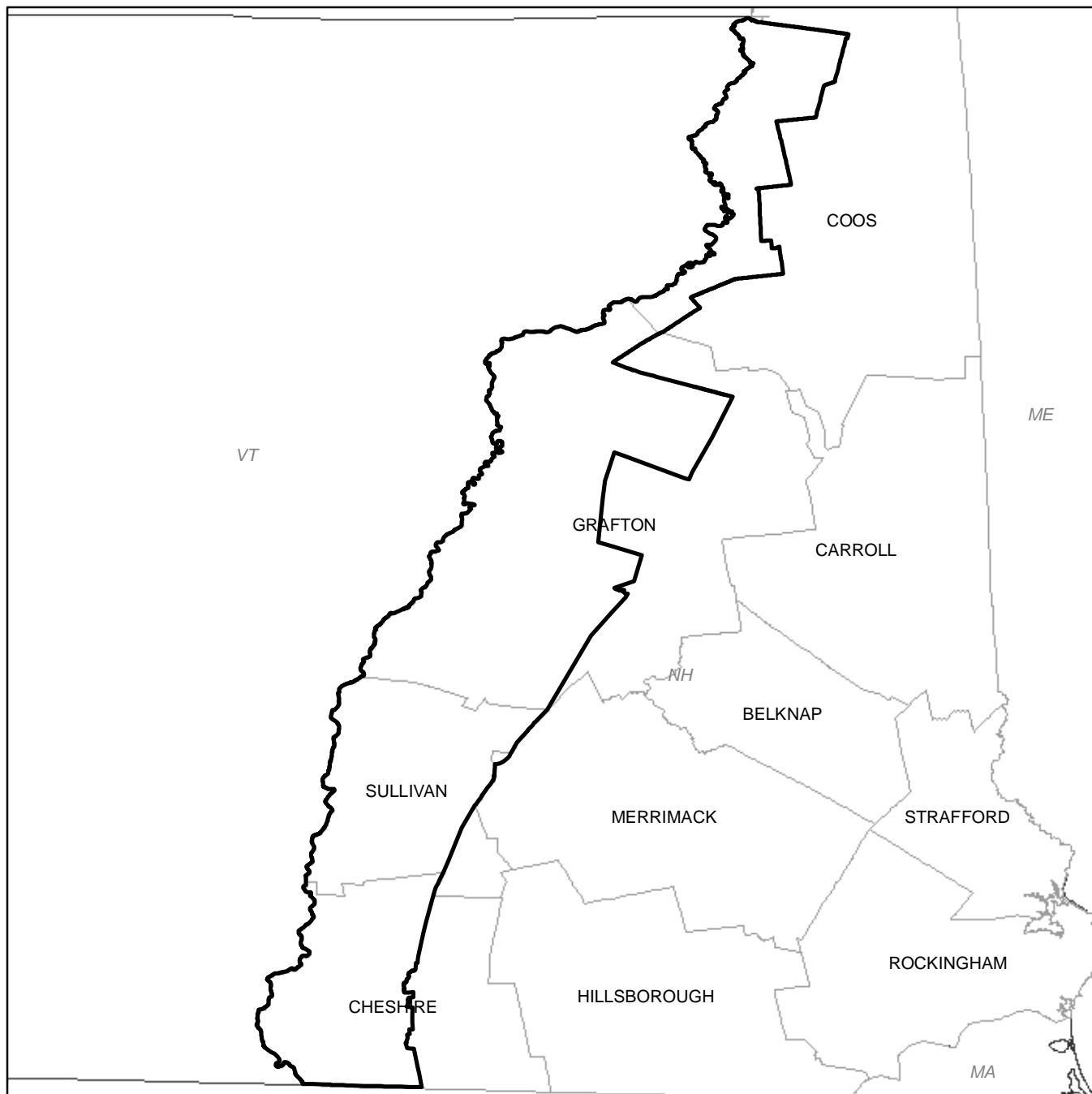
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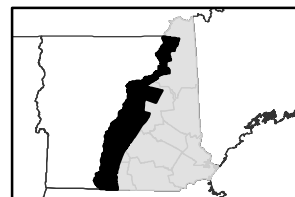
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Vermont made a second attempt to annex part of New Hampshire (the so called East Union); New Hampshire did not lose control of the area. East Union included parts of CHESHIRE and GRAFTON.

2,356 sq. mi.

(Vt. State Papers, 13:17-18, 55-56; Vt. Recs. Gov., 2:294-296)





ORANGE (Vt.)

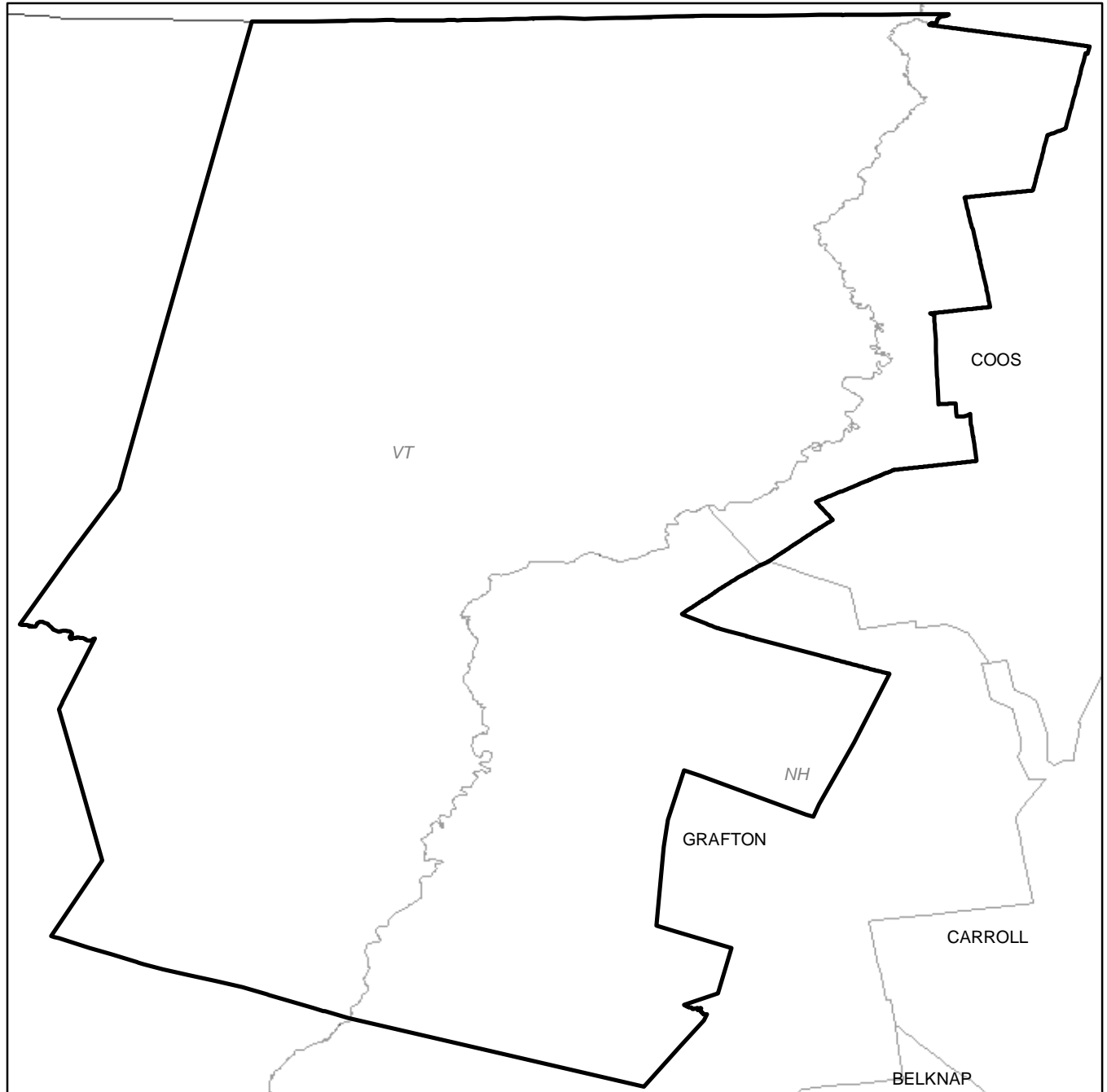
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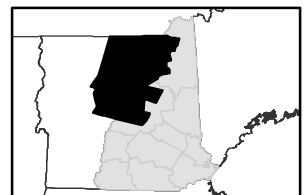
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ORANGE (Vt.) overlapped GRAFTON when Vermont attempted to annex part of New Hampshire, but New Hampshire did not lose control.

3,872 sq. mi.

(Vt. State Papers, 13:17-18, 55-56; Vt. Recs. Gov., 2:294-296)





WASHINGTON (Vt., original, extinct)

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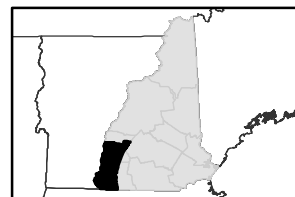
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WASHINGTON (Vt., original, extinct) created when Vermont attempted to annex part of New Hampshire. WASHINGTON was located entirely in N.H. and overlapped part of CHESHIRE; New Hampshire did not lose control of the area.

719 sq. mi.

(Vt. State Papers, 13:17-18, 55-56; Vt. Recs. Gov., 2:294-296)





WINDSOR (Vt.)

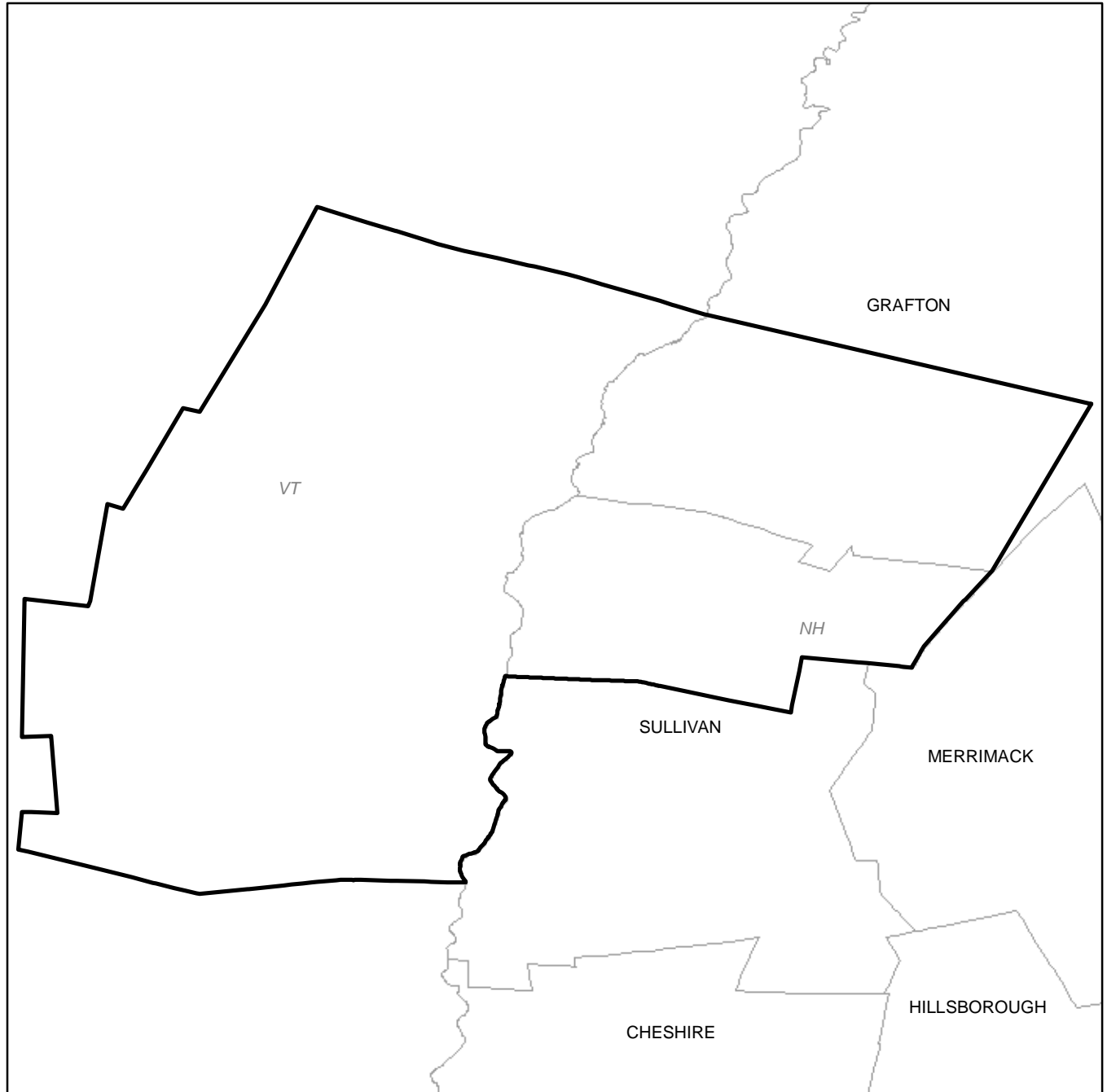
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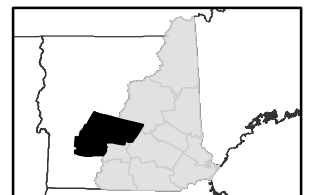
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WINDSOR (Vt.) overlapped CHESHIRE and GRAFTON when Vermont attempted to annex part of New Hampshire, but New Hampshire did not lose control.

1,320 sq. mi.

(Vt. State Papers, 13:17-18, 55-56; Vt. Recs. Gov., 2:294-296)





WINDSOR (Vt.)

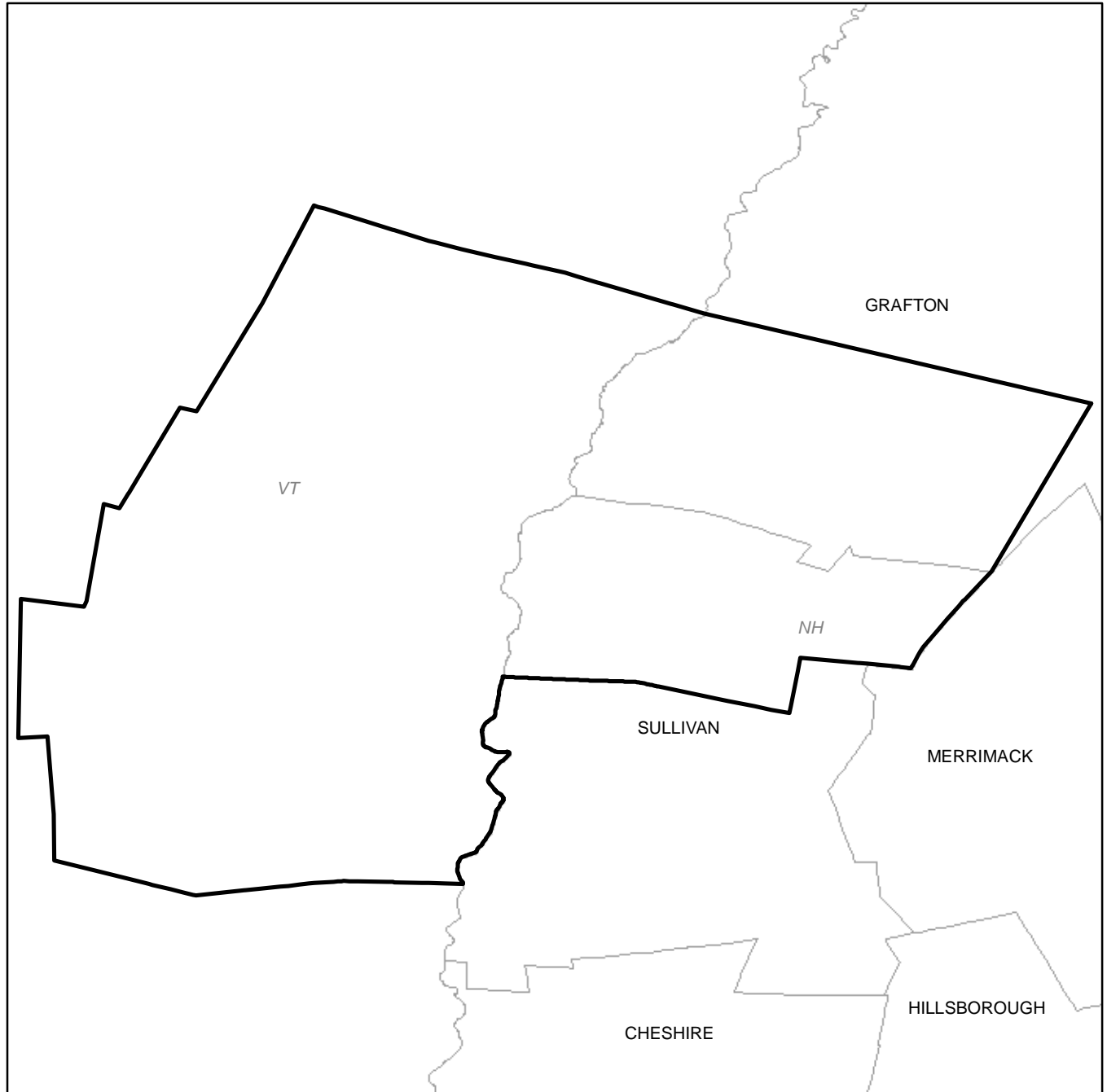
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WINDSOR (Vt.) lost its part of gore east of town of Bromley to BENNINGTON (Vt.); area within New Hampshire was unchanged.

1,315 sq. mi.

(Vt. State Papers, 13:19)

