

A school was taught by Josiah Forsaith, from 1807 to 1809, inclusive. He then went to Newport, N. H., and the school closed and the land was not leased.

MELVILLE ACADEMY.

In 1832 the academy known by the above name was incorporated. The grantees were Asa Parker, Luke Howe, and John Fox. It was named in honor of Jonas M. Melville, who made a very liberal donation in aid of the enterprise. In 1833 a suitable building was erected, which is now (1873) used for a school-house in District No. 7.

The school was opened in the fall of 1833, under the instruction of Horace Herrick, principal, and Miss Aurelia Townsend, assistant. He remained till 1836.

The following individuals were afterwards employed as teachers: Roswell D. Hitchcock, William Eaton, Harry Brickett, Charles Cutter, David C. Chamberlin, Sarah French. The academy continued in operation till the establishment of the Conant High School.

In 1868, John Conant, Esq., of Jaffrey, gave the town the sum of \$7,000, the interest of which is to be used for the support of a high school in said town. The town-house in the centre of the town was altered and repaired to meet the wants of the town. The lower story is used for the school, and the upper one for a town hall. In 1872 the school was opened for instruction. It has two terms in a year,—one at East Jaffrey, and one at the middle of the town.