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John Nash

The lands comprised within the limits of the township of Amherst were a part of those acquired by John Pynchon of Springfield, by purchase from the Nonotuck or Norwottuck tribe of Indians in 1658.

One of the original proprietors of lands in Amherst, Massachusetts, John Nash resided in the settlement there in 1731. He was the first precinct clerk and was among the early tavern-keepers. During the Revolutionary War, the residents of Amherst who were loyal to the Continental cause were troubled by the Toryism of some of their neighbors. Apparently, there was skepticism regarding certain individuals and their continued loyalty to the Crown, of whom John Nash was mentioned as one “unfriendly to his country”. It was resolved by the “Committee of Safety” and Militia officers of the town of Amherst, that these individuals be confined to the house of John Fields under a sufficient guard, but they would be allowed to attend public worship services and funerals within their town limits.

In 1785 John Nash kept a tavern near where the house of Mrs. Edward Tuckerman now stands. Some of these taverns or inns had more than a local celebrity and were closely connected with public events of great importance.

—Adapted from *History of the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts, 1896.*

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