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**Chamberlin Ferry Crossing
1772-1796**

To the east at the riverbank of the Little Oxbow was the site of the first ferry between Newbury, VT, and Haverhill, NH. This ferry boat was operated by Richard Chamberlin (1714-1784), who was granted a 1772 charter from the NH Legislature and by 1773 vote from the Town of Newbury. Chamberlin, one of the first Newbury grantees, received three coppers for ferrying a man and his horse and one copper for a man alone. He also made a profit for the use of his boat on the Sabbath for the public worship of God. Chamberlin's sons kept a ferry in operation until the bridge was built in 1796. Richard Chamberlin served in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars. He was married to Abigail Wright, and they had 13 children.

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