

Thomas McDonough (c.1740-1805)

On July 2, 1772, Governor John Wentworth granted 1,829 acres to his private secretary, Thomas McDonough. McDonough cleared 12 acres by a brook near Chatham Center in 1773. At that time, the only other settlement in Chatham was beside the brook into Lower Kimball Pond where Nathan Ames had a log house for his family and a saw and grist mill for the benefit of Fryeburg.

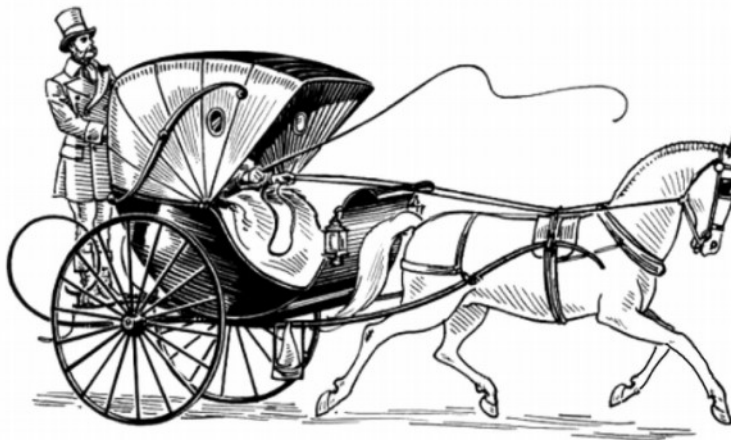
During the American Revolution, McDonough, who was loyal to the British government, left his land and fled to Canada. His land was confiscated and other people settled on his grant.

After the war, McDonough was sent as British consul for the New England states. It was finally arranged that he could have his grant again by satisfying the people who now lived there. This he did by giving them the lots where they had settled.

McDonough's smart young nephew, Hagan, managed his crew of Irishmen with much judgment. He finally left Chatham and became rich in Boston.

When Thomas McDonough last came to Chatham, he was in a two-wheeled carriage and had an Irishman at each wheel to steady it over the logs and rocks in the path.

UNSCRAMBLE PUZZLE



Thomas McDonough was granted land at Chatham Center in 1772 and later came there in a

Unscramble the following letters to complete the above sentence.

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