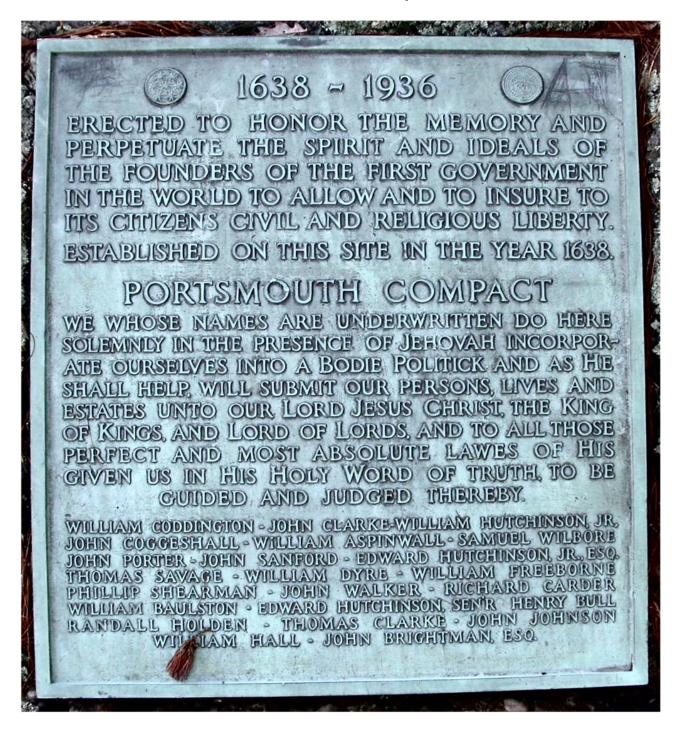
The Portsmouth Compact - 1638



Portsmouth Compact document established the settlement of Portsmouth, RI. It was written and signed March 7, 1638 in Boston by group of men desiring to set up a new colony. They had been disarmed by Puritan leaders of the Mass. Bay Colony. Its purpose was to set up a new, independent colony that was Christian in character but non-sectarian. William Freebone was one of 23 to sign this compact. Note that William Freeborne is listed as a signer (5th line from bottom, on right).

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