



### **Bell House, 1583 Dover Road, Epsom, NH**

When Epsom was first laid out there was a lot set aside upon which a school was to be built, along with a lot, called the school out lot. From this land materials, such as lumber, were to be supplied for the use of the school. The Lockes acquired land adjoining this lot, and the lot was later sold.

This house was built by Edward Goodhue, along with a blacksmith shop, between 1840 when the land was bought from Abel Brown by his father John Goodhue, and 1843. The Goodhues were from Deerfield, and the elder John Goodhue died in 1844, his wife earlier in 1838. Edward Hilton Goodhue raised a large family in Epsom, of which at least six barely attained 10 years of age. Lowell Eastman, who lived nearby, bought the property in 1866 and sold it Andrew S. Evans of Allenstown. Evans died in 1886, and his wife in 1917. Andrew wrote the following note to the Selectmen in 1876: 'June 16, To the Selectmen of Epsom. I hereby notify you that the pound in this town had been and is now out of repair. I therefore hereby request you to put it in repair in accordance with the law of the State. If this request is not complied with I intend to bring suit against the town. Andrew S. Evans.'

#### **CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):**

1765, Ephraim Locke from Town of Epsom, public land next to (or part of) the School Out lot; 1816, Samuel Locke, son of Ephraim, 8 acres between the little river and turnpike; 1819, Abel Brown, Gilford, from Daniel Evans Locke of Epsom, 100 acres, both sides of turnpike plus the Locke Grist Mill; 1833, John Goodhue from Abel Brown, land that John bought of Brown 2 times, small lot; 1840, Thomas D. Merrill from John Goodhue (mortgage); January 1843, John & Edward Goodhue from Thomas D. Merrill, house and shop; June 1843, Edward H. Goodhue from John Goodhue (house); June 1845, Edward H. Goodhue from John Goodhue (blacksmith shop); 1866, Lowell Eastman of Deerfield from Edward & Mary Goodhue of Epsom; 1870, Andrew S. and Mary Evans of Allenstown from Lowell Eastman; before 1917, Gamelia I. Grant from Will of Mary A. Evans; 1917, David Barton from Gamelia I Grant; 1920, Olin Davis from David Barton; March 1929, Harrison Hadley from Olin and Ruth Davis; April 1929, Leona A. Tobine from Harrison C. and Ellen Hadley; 1933, George P. Foss from Leona A. Tobine; aft. 1933, Stella A. Foss from George P. Foss; 1938, James and Viola Frost from Stella & George P. Foss; 1963, Ruth I. Sheppard from James W. Frost; 1964, Mary R. Bell et al from Ruth I. Sheppard; 1981, Michael Grandmont Sr., from Mary R. Bell; 2000, Leon Sargent et al from Charlotte Grandmont.

**GENEALOGY:** Ephraim Locke married Comfort Dowst and had children: Orsam, Prudence, Francis, Ephraim who died young, Samuel, Ephraim who died age 10, Asa, Comfort, Hannah, Elizabeth, Olive and Betsey. Son Samuel married Mary Evans and had children: Ruhama, Irene, Hannah, Comfort, Betsey, Eleanor, Samuel, Daniel Evans, Polly and Charlotte. Son Daniel Evans Locke married Ann Coleman of Dover and had children: Samuel W., Mary A., John C. and Eliza B..

Abel Brown married in 1807, Betsey Locke, daughter of Samuel Locke and Mary Evans, they had two sons who died young and children: Clarissa, Benjamin F. and John McClary.

John Goodhue married Betsey Goodwin and had children: Martha Ann who married Levi Ham; Caroline L who married Luther Tibbetts; Charles Henry; Edward Hilton who married Mary Ham; and Elizabeth O. who married first Lewis Brown, son of Enoch and Eleanor Rand, and second Ambrose D. Haynes. Andrew Sidney Evans married Mary Ann Brown, daughter of James Brown and Nancy B. Robinson. Mary Ann had first married William S. Morrill who died in 1867.

Lowell Eastman was the son of John Eastman and Mary Worthen and married three times.

Andrew O. Evans was the son of George Evans and Louise Williams of Allenstown. He married first Charlotte Gleason and had children Hosea Ballou and Andrew Sidney. He married second Mary A. Morrill.

Olin L. Davis was the son of Charles W. Davis and Sarah F. Ordway of Pittsfield and he married in 1913, Ruth D. Kimball, daughter of Rufus and Annette Hartford Kimball.

