



Bill Yeaton Farm, 316 New Rye Road, Epsom, NH

John Mark Moses in his Epsom history tells that Joseph Brown and his wife Abigail Dolbeer settled in Epsom before 1790, and indeed they owned property in lot 75 as early as 1778. One of the early settlers in New Rye, and it appears their children were born in Epsom. For 130 years three generations occupied the farm in the valley, and Joseph and his wife Abigail are buried in a small family cemetery on the property. The most well known was Capt. Eleck Brown, and along with his brothers and sisters, became mixed with other New Rye families such as Marden, Dowst and Wells. On the 1858 map it is Eleck Brown, and 1892, under his son Oliver Brown. The surviving unmarried daughter of Eleck, Elvira, was the last of the Brown family to own the property.

The farm was later owned from 1912 until 1964 by the Yeaton family, first Edwin R. Yeaton, then his son William E. Yeaton. The property was later sold and the farm burned about 1984.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1732, Lot 75, original proprietor John Frost; 1778, Joseph Brown and Simeon Towle from John Frost and Joseph Brown from Simeon Towle, 100 acres, part of lot 75; After 1808, Joseph Brown dies and Eleck Brown owns the farm; After 1872, Elvira Brown after death of her father Eleck Brown; 1908, John H. Dolbeer appointed Power of Attorney for heirs of Elvira Brown; May 1909, Bailey Lumber Company from heirs of Elvira Brown, the Brown farm, 100 acres with buildings, reserving the old burying ground, owned by the late Capt. Eleck Brown and more recently Elvira Brown (daughter of Eleck Brown); June 1909, Edwin L. Bunker from Charles A. Bailey of Hooksett and Hall S. Bailey of Allenstown, Bailey Lumber Company, the Brown farm, 100 acres, reserving cemetery and lumber rights; 1912, Edwin R. Yeaton from Edwin L. Bunker, the Elvira Brown farm, about 100 acres, land and buildings; 1930, William E. Yeaton from Edwin R. Yeaton, 100 acres land and buildings; 1964, John and Evelyn Johnson from Margery C. Yeaton, widow of William E. Yeaton; 1965, Walter C. and Dorothy Harrison Jr. of New Haven, CT, from John and Evelyn Johnson, certain tract of 100 acres reserving 15 acres; 1973, Keith W. and Ellen F. Kolbe from Walter C. and Dorothy L. Harrison, portion of premises with buildings conveyed by John and Evelyn Johnson (new description); 1984, Leon and Mary Shank from Keith and Ellen Kolbe; 1994, Brian K. and Sherry Pattillo of Hooksett from Leon and Mary Shank.

GENEALOGY: Joseph Brown, son of Joseph Brown and Abigail Goss married in 1780, Abigail Dolbeer, daughter of Jonathan Dolbeer and Hannah Marden. Joseph Brown and Abigail Dolbeer had for children: Hannah, who married Samuel Wells; Abigail who married Henry Dowst; Joseph who married

Betsey B. Mardin; Eleck who married Mary E. Dalton; Stephen who married a Caroline Unknown; and Jonathan.

Eleck Brown and Mary Dalton had for children: Joseph T. who married Susan Danforth; Abigail who married Joseph Brown Dalton; Michael D. Brown who did not marry; Oliver, who did not marry; Mary who died young; Jonathan; Mary Ann who died young; Stephen F. who married Fidelia Poor; Emily who did not marry; Elvira who did not marry; and Elmira who did not marry.

Edwin R. Yeaton was the son of James A. Yeaton and his first wife Martha A. Randall, and he married in 1886 Ella M. Eastman, daughter of Lowell Eastman and Lydia Newhall. Edwin and Ella had for children: Albert James Yeaton who married Flora F. Lane; and William "Bill" Eastman Yeaton who married Margery C. Emery.

