



### **Burnham-Ward House, 77 Black Hall Road, Epsom, NH**

The original lot 93 included the house of Abraham Wallace which included a house, barn, porch, hogs pen, shed, joiners shop, cider mill and small burial plot. The other part of the lot of 36 acres first included a coopers shop prior to 1839. William Ham purchased the lot in 1839 and built the house that still remains on the property today. Known as Squire Ham, he was very well respected and active in town affairs. The Burnhams remained on the property from about the civil war until 1954. A Stanley Miller was living there about 1951.

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

1732, Lot 93, original right of Foster Trefethen; 1748, Samuel Wallace of Greenland from Foster Trefethen of New Castle, 88 acres more or less, lot #93 with all the timber trees wood or underwood stones or streams of water; abt 1764, Abraham Wallace, son of Samuel Wallace of Barrington (1754), land in Epsom along with brother Nathaniel; 1804, James Marden from Abraham Wallace of Epsom, part of lot #93 in the third range, 36 acres; February 18, 1824, Thomas D. Merrill from James Marden being part of lot #93 in the 3rd range, all the land conveyed to me by last will and testament of Abraham Wallace, deceased *and* Jonathan Yeaton from Thomas D. Merrill, being part of lot #93 in the third range, 36 acres; 1825, Josiah Brown from Jonathan Yeaton part of lot #93 in the 3rd range which I purchased from Thomas D. Merrill; 1828, Thomas D. Merrill from Josiah Brown, being part of lot #93 in the third range, all the land I purchased from Jonathan Yeaton; 1833, William Ham from Thomas D. Merrill, all the land conveyed to me by Josiah Brown of said Epsom and the coopers shop now standing thereon; 1851, Benjamin M. Towle from William Ham, one undivided half of a certain tract of land with undivided half of the buildings thereon; 1855, Benjamin M. Towle from William Ham, the other undivided half of a certain tract of land with undivided half of the buildings thereon; after 1857, James McCutcheon Burnham from Benjamin M. Towle, B.M. Towle having lived in the house marrying the daughter of William Ham, Eliza, who died in 1861, moving to his late father's house to care for his mother sometime after the death of his father in 1857; circa 1907, William C. Burnham from James M. Burnham by inheritance; 1941, Hattie Pike Burnham on death of her husband William C. Burnham; 1954, Fred Ward and Dorris T. Ward of Mason, Ohio, from Hattie Burnham, widow, land acquired by William C. Burnham under the will of his father James M. Burnham and by Hattie A. Burnham under will of William C. Burnham; 1971, Fred Ward, Dorris T. Ward and Mildred W. Mattice from Fred Ward and Dorris T. Ward excepting tract of land to Lawrence T. Ward; 1976, Allan C. Cole from Dorris Ward and Mildred W. Donovan (formerly Mattice), Fred Ward having died June 16, 1972, grantor title

derived as the surviving joint tenants; 1978, Ray and Roberta Brooks from Allan C. Cole; 1983, Gene and Veronica Specyalski of Portland, CT, from Raymond and Roberta M. Brooks.

**GENEALOGY:** Samuel Wallace of Greenland married Phebe Libbey, daughter of Abraham Libbey Sabina Philbrick and had for children: Joseph, Abraham and Nathaniel. Abraham married Hepzibah Blake, daughter of Samuel Blake and Sarah Libbey. They had for children: Samuel, Abraham, Ruth, Phebe, Mehitable, Sarah, Hannah, James, Hepzibah, Rachel Blake, Anna and Rhoda. Daughter Rachel Blake married in 1802, James Marden, son of James Marden and Sarah Worth, they moved to Illinois. William Ham, son of George Wallace Ham and Margaret Dickey, married in 1818, Nancy Hopkinson. They had children: Eliza, George W. and Nancy F., he married second Mary Cochran and had a daughter Nettie C.. Daughter Eliza married Benjamin Marden Towle in 1850 and had children George Benjamin, Harry Freeman and Annie Eliza. His wife died in 1861 and he married second, Harriet Edgerly and had children Benjamin M. and Harriet Sanborn.

James McCutheon Burnham married Mary Jane Wells, daughter of Theophilus Wells and Lucy Critchett and they had for children: Alice Louise, Eliza Almeda, Emma Jane, Walter James, Edgar Levi, Otis Theophilus, Moses Quimby, William Clarence and Alfred Wells. William Clarence married in 1894, Hattie A. Pike, daughter of George Augustus Pike and Augusta E. Bowen, they had for surviving children: Maude Augusta who married Robert M. Brown, and Doris Emma who married Henry Stevens.

