



### **Burnston House, 78 Center Hill Road, Epsom, NH**

Amos Morrill is on the Revolutionary Wars rolls as from Epsom, NH., and while in town became one of the largest buyers and sellers of Epsom real estate. He was a blacksmith by trade, as can be seen in this excerpt from the New Hampshire State papers in 1791 "This may certify that Amos Morrill has within twelve months past wrought in his own blacksmith shop in Epsom one hundred thousand of ten penny nails, and that he is entitled to a bounty agreeable to a law of this State." He and his family removed to St. Alban's, Vermont in 1793, though appears to have made some regular visits back to Epsom for business affairs.

The Weeks family occupied the house from 1824 through 1892. The following note appears in the Epsom vital record books, "those trees on the common and by the Cemetery Wall were all set out in 1857 except the Chestnut at the East end of the Cemetery Wall that was set out by John C. Hall, the elm that was set there in 1857 died. There were originally 28 of them. They were all dug up and set out by Simon A.H. Weeks, Eben B. Hoyt, Edwin and Joel L. Sanborn and Charles Jeffrey Brown. Some of them came from the Range Road near the Pettengill House, some from the roadside near Joe Eastmans (Byron Ambrose) and the rest from the roadside near Deacon John Eastmans (Manson Griffins) They dug them and brought them on their shoulders and set them out and took care of them." Josiah D. Langley lived across the street from this house where his son Josiah T. resided.

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

Before 1789, Original right of Samuel Blake; 1789, Amos Morrill of Epsom from Samuel Blake, 3 acres on main road, northwesterly corner of the home lot where Samuel Blake lives; 1798, Theophilus Morrill of St. Albans, Vermont from Amos Morrill of Epsom, 3 acres on main road; 1802, Amos Morrill of Epsom from Theophilus Morrill of St. Albans, Vermont *and* Jonathan Locke from Amos Morrill of Epsom and Vermont; Dec. 1802, James Marden of Epsom from Jonathan Locke of Epsom, 3 acres on main road, lot that Samuel Blake now lives on; 1811, Caleb Haynes from James Marden, no mention of buildings; 1815, Jeremiah Prescott of Epsom from Caleb Haynes of Epsom, 3 acres, home lot of Samuel Blake, and 1/2 of all buildings, undivided 1/2 of 3 acre lot; 1817, Jeremiah Prescott from Thomas D. Merrill and James Marden, 3 acres on south side of main road, land and buildings (undivided 1/2 of property) land and buildings, land he purchased of Caleb Haynes; 1824, James and Samuel Weeks from Jeremiah Prescott, meaning to convey the whole of the land deeded by Caleb Haynes, Thomas D.

Merrill and James Marden; 1825, Samuel Weeks from James Weeks, 1/2 interest in property on the main road in Epsom; 1882, Susan A. Weeks, widow of Simon Ames Weeks, son of Samuel, from the estate of Samuel Weeks, Simon Weeks administrator of Samuel's estate but died before it was settled, the homestead property passed to Susan by deed; March 1892, Josiah D. Langley from Susan A. Weeks, 8 acres land and buildings west of Chesley Road - another 10 acres east of Chesley road, formerly owned by Samuel Weeks; April 1892, Josiah T. Langley of Manchester from Josiah D. Langley of Epsom, 8 acres, land and buildings; 1916, Timothy B. Langley from Kate T. Langley, estate of Josiah T. Langley; 1930, N. William St. Jean of Lynn, MA, mortgage deed, from Timothy B. Langley, 8 acres land and buildings, discharged May 27, 1932; 1933, Welsy C. Couch from Lille Belle and N. William St. Jean and Wesley C. Couch and wife Mildred mortgage deed to Mrs. G.C. Couch; 1941, Bertram D. Whitaker and Robert and Elizabeth Whitaker from Wesley Couch; 1979, James Wells from Robert Whitaker aux; 1995, Robert A. Murray from James O. Wells aux.

**GENEALOGY:** Amos Morrill married Margaret Day and had for children: Mary, Hannah, Theophilus, Amos, William and Jeremiah. Theophilus married twice, the first spouse unknown, the second Sally Nason.

Caleb Haynes married twice, by his first wife Sally he had for children: William, Elisha, Parsons, Samuel, John, Newell and Ambrose. By his second wife, Hannah Sanborn they had the following children: Abraham, Ambrose, Caleb, Hiram, Mary, Ann, Frances, Olive and Hannah.

John Weeks married Susannah Abbott, and amongst them were brothers James and Samuel. Samuel in 1824, married Betsey Heath, daughter of Simon Ames Heath and Elizabeth McClary. Their children: Simon Ames H. who married Susan A. Goss, daughter of Nathan Goss and Dolly Grant; Elizabeth Ann, Mary Jane, John M., Harriet Abigail, George E., William Henry, Rachel and Andrew McClary Weeks. Josiah D. Langley married in 1852 Alma J. Locke, daughter of Thomas D. Merrill Locke and Eliza J. Cass. They had for children: Charles A., Josiah T., Eliza J., Emma B., Maurice L., Hettie E., Timothy Bryant, and Nellie G. Son Timothy Bryant Langley married first Bertha Cotterell and second Laura Abbie Haynes.

