



Charles Butler House, 83 Mill House Road, Epsom, NH

The house was the homestead of Jeremiah Gordon and his wife Susannah Marden. They had no children and his wife's sister Lydia lived with them. In Jeremiah's will he left the house to the two sisters, and on their marrying or passing on, the house to go to Jeremiah G. Marden, which it did. Jeremiah G. Marden and his wife were dismissed from the Epsom Church and moved on to Wisconsin by 1858.

Thomas Cotterell and his wife Jane Tripp had their family in New York before they appear in Epsom in the 1850 census where he is listed as William with their three children. In 1860 he is seen as Thomas with wife Jane and the same three children. The only son, John, from Civil War documents was born in Watervliet, New York, and his service was credited to Sunapee, NH.. He was a member of the Eleventh Regiment, Company E and was sent to a hospital at Hampton, VA., where he died of disease March 26, 1863.

No connection could be found to the John T. Cotterell who lived at Short Falls.

Lucien Heath lived at this location until he died in 1911, and the property was sold by his son Ernest in 1918.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original right of John McGaffey, part of the town common land auctioned off in 1783; 1797/1800, Jeremiah Gordon from Edward (1800) and Thomas (1797) Smith, all of lot 8, 2nd range, 2nd division, the original right of John McGaffey who purchased it at public auction; 1855, Jeremiah G. & Nancy Marden from Jeremiah Gordon, by will left in 1840 to his wife and her sister Lydia to be past to the Mardens; 1857, Thomas Cotterell from Jeremiah G. & Nancy Gordon, land and buildings; about 1870, Warren Tripp from Thomas Cotterell; 1887, Lucien Heath from Warren Tripp, Tract #1; 1910, Ernest Heath from Lucien Heath, Tract #1 land and buildings; 1918, Albin C. Brown from Ernest Heath, 3 tracts (Tract #1); 1920, Helen M. Hurd from Albin C. Brown and Harland L. Bell, land in Epsom; 1946, Gregory M. Hurd from Helen M. Hurd, 3 tracts of land which I purchased of Albin C. Brown and Harland L. Bell 3 tracts of land *also* Frank E. and Helen M. Hurd of Epsom from Gregory M. Hurd, Tract #1 only; 1948, Wilfred & Marjorie Watkins from Frank E. and Helen Hurd; 1952, Jordan & Josephine Bacon of Laconia from Wilfred and Marjorie Watkins; 1957, Charles L. Hildreth from Josephine L.B. Bacon; 1962, Claire J. Butler from Deborah W. Hildreth et al.

GENEALOGY: James Marden married Sarah Worth and had children: Mary, Susannah, John, Nathan, Sarah, James, Judith, Lydia and William. Daughter Susannah married Jeremiah Gordon. Jeremiah Gordon was the son of Alexander Gordon and his wife Sarah Dolloff.

Jeremiah G. Marden married Nancy W. Marden and lived in Epsom until 1858.

John Tripp married Sally Gordon and had children: Jane, who married first George Robinson, who died in 1827, she married second Thomas Cotterell; Jeremiah, who married Chloe Prescott; Susan, Nancy, John, Andrew, James, Richard and Sally. Daughter Jane and Thomas Cotterell had for children: Sarah Jane, John F. and Martha A. Martha married Horace Holden.

Jeremiah and Chloe had for children: Harriet who died young, Chloe, Harriet, William, Ann and Warren.

Lucien Heath married Mary Hoyt and had twins Ernest L. and Ernestine L. Heath.

