



Harvey Harkness Home, 65 Baybutt Road, Epsom, NH

For nearly 140 years this property remained in the family and descendants of Levi Cass, who is buried in the cemetery in the field behind the property. The elder Levi deeded the homestead to his son Samuel, who in turn divided it among his two sons, Levi and Samuel Sherburne Cass, Levi with the eastern part of the house and Samuel S. with the west side. There was also a renewable bond for the care of the father during his lifetime. Samuel in 1872 deeded his portion to his brother Levi and moved to Pembroke where he died. The house and property was then passed to Levi's son George P. Cass until 1917 when he also moved to Pembroke.

There were several owners after 1917, including George and Alice Lombard. During the weekend of August 12, 1930, while they were away, the house was destroyed by fire and rebuilt.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1778, Eliphalet Sanborn of Epsom purchases from John Casey of Epsom, part of Lot 71, 2nd range, the original right of James Chadwick which was purchased for taxes June 23, 1778; Levi Cass begins buying property - May 26, 1779, Levi Cass from Benjamin Goodwin, collector of taxes for Epsom, 16 acres; May 28, 1779, Levi Cass of Epsom from Eliphalet Sanborn of Epsom, part of Lot 71, the original right of James Chadwick; Dec. 16, 1779, Levi Cass of Epsom from Benjamin Goodwin, collector of taxes, the last (easterly end) of Lot #71 in the 2nd range, the original right of James Chadwick; 1824, Samuel Cass of Epsom from Levi Cass of Epsom, about 100 acres in Lot #71 in 2nd range, bounded easterly by road from Epsom to Allenstown, southerly by Sam Green, Jonathan Dolbeer and Nicholas Dolbeer, northerly by John Haynes, Matthias Haynes, Hanover and John Dickey, all the land I now own in said lot; Oct. 21, 1847, Levi Cass of Epsom from Samuel Cass of Epsom, for bond for care for Samuel Cass and his wife for life, my 50 acre homestead farm excepting 1/2 of my house (westside), 2 acres land, shoeshop and land between the shop and the house; Oct. 21, 1847, Samuel S. Cass of Epsom from Samuel Cass (father) of Epsom, the west end of the house where I live, 2 acres land, shoeshop and land between shop and house; Feb. 4, 1857, renewal of 1847 bonds for both Samuel S. Cass and Levi Cass; 1872, Levi Cass of Epsom from Samuel S. Cass of Epsom, 1/2 of house where I now dwell, 2 acres of land and the shoe shop with land between the shop and the house; 1884, George P. Cass of Epsom from Levi Cass and Eliza (Elizabeth) B. Cass, the homestead farm of Levi and Eliza, about 80 acres, reserving the cemetery in the field and the right to cross to it, land and buildings; April 1917,

Warren M. Davis of Bow and Charles B. Rogers of Pembroke from George P. Cass of Pembroke, land and buildings; July 1917, George Skinner of Cornish, NH from Warren M. Davis of Bow and Charles B. Rogers of Pembroke, 50 acres, land and buildings with cemetery access; 1926, George E. and Alice S. Lombard as J.T. from George Skinner of Epsom; 1951, Richard and Gladys M. Baybutt of Wallaston, MA from Alice S. Lombard of Epsom; 1966, Harvey and Barbara E. Harkness of Whitefield, NH from Gladys Baybutt of Epsom, land and buildings, 50 acres, reserving right to the cemetery located in the field.

GENEALOGY: Levi Cass, born 1753 in Epping, New Hampshire, married in 1775, Mary Sherburne, and they had six children, 2 girls who died young plus Elizabeth who married William Sanborn, son of Eliphalet Sanborn and Margaret Wallace; Rachel, who married Jonathan Dolbeer; and two sons, Levi O. who married Mehitable Osgood and Samuel (who is said to have been a drunk) who married Mary Chesley.

Samuel and Mary had for children: Sally Blake, Rachel D. (who died young), Lucinda Moses, Elvira, Mary Sherburne, Hannah Randall, Susan C., Moses, Levi, Rachel Dolbeer, and Samuel Sherburne. Of the son, Levi married Elizabeth Philbrick, daughter of Simeon Philbrick and Olive W. Bickford and had for children: Eugene, Elva Azilla, Filmore, Albert S., William Wyman, Eliza, George P., Etta May, John Tennant, Hattie E., Eddie P., Clara Olive, and Fred T..

