



Deinhardt Home, 194 Center Hill Road, Epsom, NH

This home lot was drawn by Simon Knowles in 1732. It is uncertain how the land passed to Thomas Berry, but there were some early connections between the Knowles and Berry families. Thomas Berry sold the land to William Blazo who was a surveyor of highways in Epsom in 1756. Historian John Mark Moses claims he bought the land in 1746. William married Catherine Berry and probably settled on Thomas Berry's lot and received a deed at a later date. William was one of Epsom's early settlers and is said to have been the first person buried in what is now the McClary Cemetery.

William Blazo also purchased land of Samuel Davis by deed in 1745, that lot being #118 in the fourth range, but there is no evidence that William ever lived there.

This house and thirteen acres, located on the south side of Center Hill Road, can be traced back into the 17 hundreds. It was originally a 60 acre lot and was divided in 1847. The latest owner, Reed Deinhardt, have added 35 plus acres to the original 13.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1758, William Blazo of Epsom from Thomas Berry of Greenland, 50 acre home lot #15 in Epsom, original right of Simon Knowles on the south side of East Street; 1759, Amos and John Blazo of Epsom from William Blazo (father), 1/2 of my land, house and barn, a home lot in Epsom where I know live; January 1767, Andrew McClary of Epsom from John Blazo of Chichester and Amos Blazo of Epsom, a home lot in Epsom on East Street, 50 acres more or less; Sept. 1767, William Wallis Jr. of Greenland from Andrew McClary of Epsom; May 1768 Ichabod Weeks of Greenland from William Wallace of Epsom; August 1768, William Wallis of Epsom from Icabod Weeks of Greenland; Dec. 1768, Ebenezer Tabor of Greenland from William Wallis of Epsom, land and buildings; 1769, Moses Locke of Kensington from Ebenezer Tabor of Greenland, 50 acres with buildings; 1793, Jonathan Locke (son) from Moses Locke, land and buildings (indenture) that he will care for Moses and Mary (parents) for the rest of their natural lives; 1831, Benjamin M. Heath from David Locke 3rd; Bef. 1834, Andrew M. Heath from Benjamin M. Heath; April 3, 1834, Thomas D. Merrill from Andrew M. Heath; April 18, 1834, William McMurphy from Thomas D. Merrill, 60 acres land and buildings; 1841, Abraham D. Swain from William McMurphy, mortgage deed and discharged, formerly homestead farm of Jonathan Locke deceased; 1847, John Morrill from Abraham D. Swain, 13 acres with buildings; 1849, George W. Swain from John Morrill; 1850, Frederick Sanborn from George W. Swain; 1850, Joseph W. Rand

from Frederick Sanborn, 13 acres with buildings; 1865, Alexander B. Forbes from Joseph W. Rand of Deerfield; 1889, Charles J. Brown from Alexander B. Forbes; 1899, Helen E.P. Steele from Charles J. Brown; Straw deeds were written with Vivian Pickard to give dual ownership with C.M. Steele and his wife Helen E.P. Steele; 1961, Hilda J. Turner from James M. Steele, administrator of Estate of Charles M. Steele; 1965, Regis Francis Deinhardt and wife Rita from Hilda J. Turner of Epsom.

GENEALOGY: William Blazo of Greenland married in 1726, Catherine Berry, probably daughter of Thomas Berry. They had children: William, Judith, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Amos, Sarah and Mehitable. Moses Locke, a Revolutionary War veteran, of Kensington married in 1755 a Mary Organ (last name uncertain) and had children: Mehitable, Ann, Jonathan, Anna, Mary, Elijah, Richard, Moses and James Monroe. Son Jonathan married Alice Pearson and had children: Naomi, Florinda, John, David, Rebecca and Mary. Son David married Elizabeth Chase and removed to Hopkinton, NH. William McMurphy was born 1793 and in 1816 married Sarah Critchett. They had children Mary Critchett, James and William. Son William McMurphy married Lucinda Maria Locke, daughter of Benjamin Lovering Locke and Hannah Moses. William and Lucinda had several children who died young, the family being: Emma, Mary, Anna, Minot, Hattie, Carrie and Willie. Charles J. Brown was the son of William Brown and Lucretia Billings Gray, she the daughter of James Gray and Susannah Parsons. Charles had a sister Susan Elizabeth Parsons Brown who married Alexander B. Forbes.

