



Dolbeer - Towle Homestead, 266 New Rye Road, Epsom, NH

John Mark Moses in his history of Epsom's Early Settlers has Nicholas Dolbeer settling in New Rye in 1792, settling on a lot bought by his father some 42 years earlier. Nicholas died leaving his oldest son age 23, still unmarried, and his youngest child barely 4 years old. His wife lived only 7 years longer, and the estate was left to all the children equally. Son John bought property nearby in 1807, and built there to raise his family. A later newspaper ad advertising the house, gives its construction as 1808. Like his father, he died leaving young children, who inherited the property on the death of his wife which was only 6 years later. Son Joseph S. remained on the property, and it passed to his son John H. Dolbeer, an esteemed citizen and writer of a history of the town. His wife and daughter sold the property to Ralph Towle, and it remained in their hands for several generations.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

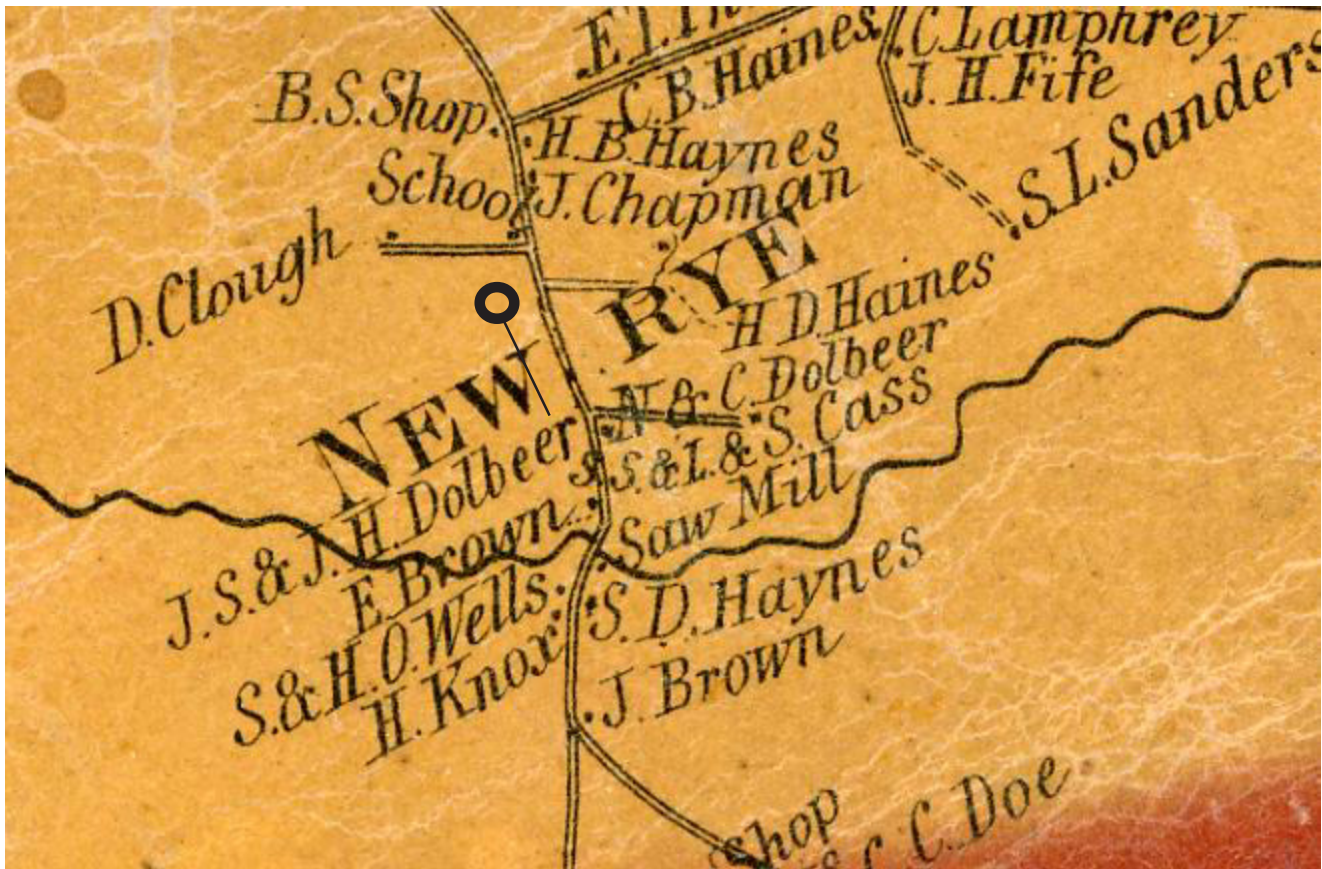
1732, Lot 75, Original Proprietor John Frost; 1778, Simeon Towle and Joseph Brown from John Frost; 1789, Samuel Towle from Simeon Towle, part of lot 75; About 1804, Samuel Towle to Ephraim Gould, part of lot 75; 1807, John Dolbeer from Ephraim Gould, all I own in lot 75, no buildings; 1819, Sally Dolbeer, wife of John Dolbeer, by will, to go to children upon her death; 1825, By will on death of Sally Dolbeer, wife of John Dolbeer, both deceased, to children who choose to reside on the property, which Joseph S. does; 1868, John H. Dolbeer from Joseph S. Dolbeer, an undivided half of the homestead farm of Joseph S. Dolbeer, one parcel with buildings, 80 acres; 1878, John H. Dolbeer from Alonzo Dolbeer of Pennsylvania, all my right to all the real estate owned by my father, Joseph S. Dolbeer; 1912, Ralph E. Towle from Kate E. Dolbeer, surviving widow of John H. Dolbeer and Mary Gile, sole issue of John H. Dolbeer, all the real estate owned by John H. Dolbeer, 80 acres; 1960, Walter W. Wallin from Ralph E. Towle Jr., all interest of land in Epsom with buildings under will of father Ralph E. Towle; 1974, Judith L. Looper from Walter W. Wallin Estate - Janis Wallin, single of Pleasantville, NY and Nancy Towle Johnson Jacobs of Scituate, MA; 1983, Laurence and Barbara Caraway Jr. of Epsom from William and Judith Cooper of Cucamonga, California; May 1995, Jody Keeler from Barbara Caraway, single person from Florida, 2 tracts, and additional from deed of Laurence Caraway, single person of Epsom, same date; July 1995, James and Deborah Griffin of Manchester from Jody and Sandra Keeler, part of tract 1 and all of tract 2.

GENEALOGY: John Dolbeer, son of Nicholas Dolbeer and Mary Randall, married in 1801, Sally Sherburne, daughter of Joseph Sherburne and Olive Pitman. They had for children: Lucy; Maria;

Nicholas who died age 20; Joseph Sherburne who married Polly Cate; John; William who married Caroline Smith; Jonathan who died young; Elvira who married Mark S. Moses; Alonzo and Benjamin. Joseph Sherburne who married Polly Cate, daughter of John and Mary (Towle) Cate, had for children: John W., who died young; John Henry who married first, Mary E. Sherburne and second Catherine E. Towle; Alonzo who moved to Pennsylvania.

John Henry and his first wife Mary E. Sherburne, daughter of Uriah Sherburne and Adaline Durgan, had a daughter Mary Elvira who married Charles A. Gile. John Henry and his second wife, Catherine E. Towle, daughter of Benjamin M. Towle and Hannah Sanborn, had no children.

Ralph Egbert Towle was the son of Charles Augustus Towle and Jennie Lay. He married in 1905, Emma Cash and had children: Ralph Egbert who married Francena Budd; and Maud Sanborn who married first Daniel Johnson and second Walter W. Wallin.



Residents - on the left, John H. Dolbeer, on the right, Ralph E. Towle.