



### **Echo Valley Farm, 49 Echo Valley Farm Road, Epsom, NH**

Echo Valley Farm is located on the Griffin Road between Center Hill and the Deerfield town line, on what was formerly called Wallace's Hill. The land in 1767 belonged to the town of Epsom and was sold by the committee of Andrew McClary, Eliphalet Sanborn, gentlemen, and Samuel Blake, yeoman, to Stephen Swett, the first Doctor in the town of Epsom. He moved here from Pembroke with his wife Sarah Adams. He is mentioned in the town history by Rev. Jonathan Curtis, so it is presumed he was in residence, though deeds do not indicate any structures on the land. He sold the land in 1768 to Andrew McClary, and in 1770 moved to Gorham, Maine. Andrew McClary sold the land in 1773 to Moses Osgood, who remained there until his death in 1823, surviving all but one of his son's and three of his four wives. Moses Osgood continued to expand his land holdings, and upon his death, a committee of Thomas D. Merrill, Simon A. Heath and Joseph Lawrence were appointed to set off the widow Lucy's dower rights including "the east end of the easterly barn to the first posts westerly of the barn floor - also a privilege in the sheep house behind the barn and a privilege in the Cider house sufficient to make her own cider - also the southeast front room in the house, and the middle kitchen with the chamber over them - a privilege in the cellar, also the right of passing and repassing through the front entry to the front door, and also through the back kitchen to the back doors for all necessary purposes - also the easterly half of the shed stand westerly of the house, the shoe makers shop, bark house, tanyard and chaise house."

The Osgoods remained on the property for 50 plus years, with the Eastman family owning the property longer from 1873 through 1959.

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

1767, Committee for the Town of Epsom sells what is either common land or land sold for unpaid taxes, to Stephen Swett; 1768, Andrew McClary from Stephen Swett; 1773, Moses Osgood from Andrew McClary, no buildings mentioned; 1833, Andrew M. Heath purchased from Thomas D. Merrill and the heirs of Moses Osgood (Widow Lucy, children & grandchildren) all rights to the homestead farm of Moses Osgood, deceased; 1855, Jonathan and Sarah Watson from Andrew M. & Jane Heath; 1865, William P. and Rebecca Babb of Epsom from Jonathan and Sarah Watson; 1873, Jacob Eastman Griffin from William P. and Rebecca Babb, 125 acres, land and buildings; 1903, Charles Francis Griffin, Boston, from Jacob Eastman Griffin, Epsom; 1947, Roger Griffin from Charles Francis Griffin, 125

acres, land and buildings; 1959, John & Evelyn Johnson from the Suncook Bank, mortgage of Roger & Margaret Griffin; 1964, Robert & Sarah Forrester from John and Evelyn Johnson; 1971, Frederic A., Francis and Joseph D. Elliott of Massachusetts from Robert and Sarah Forrester, 125 acres; Philip Braunschweig, developer from the Elliots; Devens H. Hamele & Charles Downer of Boston from Philip Braunschweig and ATASCO; 1985, DNR Reality from Devens H. Hamelen; 1985, Gardner Spenser from Donald A. Gazaille and Deven H. Hamelen; 2002, William and Mary Sanders from Gardner and Barbara Spencer.

**GENEALOGY:** Moses Osgood was born in 1749 in Salisbury, MA and married first in 1773, Mary Brown and had children: Rachel, John, Lydia, Deborah, Isaac, Elizabeth, Mary, and David who died young. He married second Rachel Sanborn, daughter of Eliphalet Sanborn and Margaret Wallace and had two children, David and Margaret. He married third Lydia Ham and fourth, Lucy Randall who outlived him. None of the family remained in Epsom.

Jacob Eastman Griffin was the son of John Griffin and Mary Maria McDaniel. They had for children: John W., Elsie, Charles Francis, Lily Evelyn, Mary Ann, Jacob Ellsworth, and Emma Frances. Son Charles Francis Griffin married Ada Clark and had children: Elsa, Ellsworth C. (died young), Roger, Alice and Ellsworth. Son Roger married Margaret Briggs and died in 1957 in Minnesota.



Left: Jacob Eastman Griffin, Right: Roger Griffin