



**Eldon Howard House, 34 Howard's Lane, Epsom, NH**

Many an Epsom resident traveled the hill every summer to buy fresh produce from the Eldon Howard Farm. The first resident of the hill came from Rye, Dowst Rand, and raised his family here selling the farm to Bickford Lang. Bickford Lang raised his family there passing the farm to his son David. The family remained on the hill until they removed to Huntington, Ohio in 1833. James Wiggin owned the property next and sold it to Daniel S. Clough who moved there in the spring of 1840. Previously the Clough family resided at the home of his father William in Epsom until 1832 when he bought a farm near his father's living there until 1836 when he went to Northwood Narrows where, according to his daughter Rosilla, "were better opportunities for schooling." He resided in New Rye for 29 years, then with health failing, sold and bought a small home at Epsom Center.

Eben S. Dutton for a time ran the store at Short Falls.

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

1770, Dowst Rand from Solomon Dowst, 60 acres, my original right; 1798, Bickford Lang Jr. from Dowst Rand, original right 60 acres where Dowst Rand now resides; 1820, David Lang (son of Bickford) of Epsom, David and family moving to Ohio; circa 1833, Land and buildings sold to James Wiggin; 1839, Daniel Clough from James Wiggin, land and buildings, Lang farm; 1869, Eben S. Dutton from Daniel Clough, 150 acres; 1885, Walter L. Pickard of Epsom from Eben S. Dutton of Epsom, 75 acres with buildings; 1890, Albert Pickard, Epsom from Walter L. Pickard of Epsom, 75 acres, land and buildings; 1892, Charles S. Hall from Albert Pickard of Epsom; 1906, George W. Goodhue of Lynn, MA from Charles S. Hall of Epsom, 75 acres, land and buildings; Aft. 1902, Alice daughter of George W. Goodhue, married John H. Howard and acquired the property where they lived and farmed the property; 1984, Eldon Howard from John H. Howard, Marjorie, Alice Howard and Eleanor Brown; 1990, Jeffrey Eames from Evelyn Weed, 3.72 acres, house and barn, estate of Eldon Howard; 2003, Lawrence S. Cohen and Janet I. Schank of 34 Howard Lane from Jeffrey C. and Rachel D. Eames, land and buildings.

**GENEALOGY:** Dowst Rand was the son of Samuel Rand and Sarah Dowst of Rye, NH.

Bickford Lang was born in Rye in 1774 son of Bickford Lang and Martha Locke, and married in 1797, Abigail Locke of Rye, daughter of David Locke and Hannah Lovering. They had for children: William,

David Locke, Ruel, John Locke, Sarah Martha, Anna Maria, Lorenda, Bickford, Abigail L., Benjamin Locke (died young), Benjamin Locke, and Josiah Crosby. Son David Locke Lang married Lydia Ann Babb, daughter of John and Hannah (Holmes) Babb. David and Lydia Ann had for surviving children, Lydia Ann, James, John, Elizabeth and Philip. The family, along with parents, moved to Huntington, Ohio.

James Wiggin married first a Mary Unknown who died May 1835, and second Rosilla Winslow, who had previously married Eben Harvey by whom she had six children. No known children of James Wiggin.

Daniel S. Clough was the son of William Clough and Sarah Swain. He married in 1762, Mehitable Brown Watson, daughter of Stephen Watson and Mehitable Dow. Daniel and Mehitable had for children (last two born Epsom): Rosilla Winslow, Sarah Elizabeth, Cynthia Jennie and Daniel Ansel.

Eben Sawyer Dutton, born Hooksett, married Betey R. Bickford, born Epsom, they had four children born in Maine and their last child, Mary Etta born 1870 in Epsom.

Walter L. Pickard and Albert Pickard were sons of Charles Pickard and Alvira Ann Towle.

George W. Goodhue was born in Epsom, in 1843, son of Edward Hilton Goodhue and his wife Mary Ham. George W. married a Margaret Ham who died in 1871 and second, Melissa Gordon. George and Melissa had two daughters, Dora and Alice. Alice married in 1902 John Henry Howard.

