

Fowler House, 5 New Rye Road, Epsom, NH

The orignal house on this part of lot #83 was built shortly after 1824 and lived in by a Samuel Whitney who ran a store at Short Falls. The house passed through many families until it was torn down in 1919 and a Fowler house from the Fowler Road moved to this location. The old barn and ell were saved and connected to the rear of the moved house. The exterior was kept about the same but the interior had several changes made to it. The old house was referred to as the Munsey house, as Ella (Philbrick) Munsey was the last owner prior to the current house being moved to this location after being sold to Alice Tripp.

Alice Tripp was the daughter of Benjamin Fowler and Sarah Brown who lived in this house on the Fowler Road. She married Walter H. Tripp who ran the Short Falls store before selling it to Oliver Lombard.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original right of Nathaniel Rand, lot 83; 1778/79, Capt. James Gray of Epsom, by tax sale, 3 parcels from lot 83, 83 acres; 1791, John Dolloff of Epsom from James Gray of Epsom land in lot #83; 1798, John Tripp of Epsom from John Dolloff, Epsom; 1799, Richard Tripp of Epsom from John Tripp; May 1824, James McCutcheon of Epsom from Richard Tripp of Epsom, part of lot #83 on road from Epsom to Allenstown, 1/3 of an acre and Samuel Whitney of Concord and John Goss of Epsom from James McCutcheon; 1828, John Goss of Wilmot to Sam Whitney, where he now lives, 1/3 acre; 1836, Daniel Cilley of Epsom from Samuel Whitney of Epsom; 1836, John Smith of Epsom from Daniel Cilley; 1839, Issac Smith of Hampstead from John Smith of Penobscot, ME, cordwainer; 1840, Levi T. Yeaton of Epsom from Isaac Smith of Hampstead, land and buildings lot 83; March 1848, James Tripp of Epsom from John Yeaton 3rd, guardian 4/5 of the estate of Levi T. Yeaton and James Tripp from Nathan Bickford, guardian for John A. Yeaton, the estate of Levi T. Yeaton of Epsom, 1/2 acre land and buildings, 1/5 of the estate; June 1848, Richard Tripp of Chicopee, MA from James and Isabel Tripp of Epsom, 1/2 acre with the buildings thereon reserving 1/2 part of the barn, commonly called the Whitney place; 1849, Jeremiah Burnham of Epsom from T.D. Merrill (guardian for Marzett Tripp and Nancy Tripp, widow of Richard Tripp) of Chicopee, MA, 1/2 acre with buildings except 1 undivided half of the barn, commonly called the Whitney place; 1864, David Robinson of Epsom from Jeremiah Burnham of Epsom, a certain tract of land situated in Epsom, corner of New Rye Road and Black Hall Road; 1865, James W. Marden from David and Clara P. Robinson, 1/2 acre with the buildings thereon, corner of

Black Hall and New Rye Road; 1872, Paran Philbrick of Epsom from James W. Marden of Epsom; 1887, Susan A. Straw of Epsom from Paran Philbrick of Concord, all his right, title and personal property within lately occupied by me as a homestead; 1919, Alice Tripp from Ella B. Munsey of Nashua (Ella B. Philbrick, only living heir, daughter of Paran Philbrick and Susan A. Straw, home passed to her upon the death of her mother in 1914) - in 1919 original house torn down and the present home from the Fowler Road moved to this location; 1968, Richard and Joan Fowler from the Alice Tripp Estate, 1/2 acre, corner of Black Hall Road and New Rye Road.

GENEALOGY: Samuel Whitney married Abigail Goss in 1807 and their daughter Emeline married William Plumer Cilley, daughter of Daniel Cilley and Hannah Plumer.

Levi T. Yeaton was the son of William Yeaton and Hannah Towle and married in 1830, Mary Mathes, they had the following children: John Augustus, Horace, Levi who died young, George W. and Angie. James and Richard Tripp were sons of John Tripp and his wife Sally Gordon. James Tripp married Isabella D. Prescott; Richard married a Nancy unknown and had a daughter Marzett N. Tripp, he died suddenly in 1848 about age 32.

Paran Philbrick was the son of Simeon Philbrick and Olive W. Bickford. He married in 1869 Susan A. Straw, daughter of Moses Straw and Susan K. Brown. They had as an only surviving child, Ella Beatrice who married Henry Munsey.

Benjamin Fowler and Sarah M. Brown married in 1864 and had children: Vesta Grace, Sarah Edith, Annie Lucinda and Alice Maud. Alice Maud in 1898 married Walter H. Tripp and they had for children: Harold James, Russell Fowler and Robert Moses Tripp.





Left, the original house on the lot; right the Benjamin Fowler house on Fowler Road before being moved.