



### **Gossville Hotel, 1782 Dover Road, Epsom, NH**

General Joseph Cilley of Nottingham bought Lot #94 from Jeremiah Prescott in 1783, and it is probable that his son Daniel Cilley had access to the property prior to it officially coming to him through his father's will in 1799. At about this time Daniel Cilley constructed his home and tavern which stand today, receiving permission from the town to run a tavern in May 1799. Within a few years the state began the turnpike from Concord to the coast, and the story goes that the enticement of rum was the deciding factor in its passing the front door of the tavern. The Cilley Tavern remained in operation until sold by the heirs of Daniel Cilley in 1855 to William Goss. The Goss family ran the tavern as the Suncook Valley House for almost 40 years, and as with the Cilley family, the heirs sold it 1894 to Chapin Osgood. On April 5, 1896, fire destroyed the barn and stable and did some partial damage to the dwelling. Barely recovering from that, lightning struck the stable on August 15th the next year and it was again totally destroyed and the hotel also received damage - owner of the stable at the time was listed in the fire report as C.J. Brown. Chapin could not survive the damage done to the barn and property and the Hotel became the property of Charles Sumner Hall. During this time the barn and stables were rebuilt and through leasing, rental or mortgages, the hotel, under the name of the Gossville Hotel, was run by Edgar F. White about 1903, and Ezra Bennett, proprietor in 1909. An ell section of the hotel was removed and moved towards Gossville and made into a residence and a new annex was added in 1916. At this point in time it did business as Hotel Sumner.

In October 1925, a newspaper reported that Helen L. Smith gave up their lease September 1, 1925, and the hotel closed. On the 20th of that same month and year, for whatever reason, Charles Sumner Hall murdered nearby resident Grace Snow and committed suicide in the vacant hotel.

In later years the hotel was run as the Pine Grove Inn "the ritz of the sticks" by Dorothy Hayes. Still later it was for many years the Sherwood Inn run by William and Helen Smith. Since 1963 it was used as a convalescent home operated by Frank and Barbara Anderson

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

Original lot of Shadrach Walton Lot #94 in the third range; 1761, purchased by Jeremiah Prescott; 1783, Joseph Cilley from Jeremiah Prescott, land that I bought of my honored father, Jeremiah Prescott; 1799, Daniel Cilley from father General Joseph Cilley by will, land I bought of Jeremiah Prescott; 1855, William Goss from William P. Cilley, heir of Daniel Cilley; 1894, Chapin Osgood from William Goss; 1898, Charles Sumner Hall from Chapin Osgood; 1903, sold/leased to Edgar F. White

from Charles Sumner Hall; 1909, Charles Sumner Hall regains the property; 1924, Helen L. Smith from Charles Sumner Hall, lease; Mar. 26, 1926, Ernest L. Bent from George M. Hall (nephew of Charles Sumner Hall) and L. Ashton Thorp of Manchester, Executors of the Will of Charles Sumner Hall; Dec. 20, 1926, Sarah G. Ford of said Epsom from George M. and Ethel M. Hall; 1927, J. Arthur Moore of New York from Agnes A. Bent of Boston, quitclaim; 1928, Beulah K. Doherty, formerly of Arlington, MA, now of Epsom, from Sarah G. Ford; 1931, Dorothy Frost Hayes from George W. Fowler, administrator of the estate of J. Arthur Moore, late of Epsom; 1957, William M. and Helen M. Smith of Salem, NH, from Dorothy Hayes Sink, formerly Dorothy Frost Hayes (mortgage); March 1963, Harold R. and Marie M. Whaley from Harvey E. Sink and Dorothy Hayes Sink of Epsom; April 1963, William W. Magwood and Dorothy L. Magwood of Plaistow from Harold and Marie Whaley; Frank and Barbara Anderson from Dorothy L. Magwood. Current owner 2005 Lynn Buckus.

**GENEALOGY:** Jeremiah Prescott married in 1741, Jane Sherburne and had children in Epsom including son Jeremiah Prescott. Jeremiah Prescott (Jr) married Molly Sanborn, daughter of Timothy Sanborn and Elizabeth Leach.

Daniel Cilley, son of General Joseph Cilley of Nottingham, married Hannah Plumer, daughter of Samuel Plumer and Mary Dole, in 1790. Their children were: Polly Dole, Bradbury, Samuel Plumer, Joseph died young, Daniel died young, Daniel Plumer, Hannah Plumer died young, Jonathan Longfellow, and twin William Plumer. William P. Cilley married Emeline Whitney.

William Goss was the son of Jonathan Goss and Sally Yeaton, born 1820 and married first, Maryetta Abbott, daughter of William Abbott and Esther Fowler. He married second, after the death of his first wife, Sally Rebecca Randall.

