

Gossville Store, 17 Goboro Road, Epsom, NH

William Goss acquired the lands formerly owned by Daniel Cilley which makes up the area now known as Gossville. In 1858, according to the county map, there are no buildings standing on the familiar vshaped section of land between Dover Road and Goboro Road. William Goss began to develop the area by moving buildings to it from various parts of Epsom. In 1861 he aquired the Baptist meetinghouse that was built in 1834 and moved it to Gossville. It is unknown for sure what the first use of the building was, but Benjamin Towle in his writings says that the building was formerly a carriage or wheelwrights shop where a Jim McGuire worked, and was later made into a store. With the large sheds attached, it is likely this might have been the case, and this operation later moved to where the Huckins garage stood. By 1870 William and his son John are jointly operating a store, having taken out an advertisement in a local paper making the announcment. Within two years, Andrew Silver and Jacob Robinson are already operating out of the building which they buy in 1873. In the summer of 1883 the store is raised from its single story bay cape to a two and a half story structure, with the store in the newer bottom floor, the second floor being dedicated in September of 1883 as the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall. It was likely enlarged at the same time and it had a recessed entry. In November of the same year Jacob Robinson sold his half of the enterprise to Charles S. Hall. Later the recessed portion was enclosed and a new veranda added to the front along with an outside staircase leading to the second floor. The team of Silver and Hall sold to Andrew Silver's son Harry and his partner Burt D. Young, who operated the business until 1946. Somewhere during this time the second floor was made into a residence.

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; May 1861, old Baptist Church moved to Gossville; March 1870, William Goss & son John A. Goss open store; January 1873, Silver & Young from John A. Goss, the southerly half of the store now occupied by the said Silver & Robinson together with the land on which it stands; April 1873, Andrew Silver from William Goss, a certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, the same being the northerly half of the store occupied by Silver & Robinson in said Epsom and the horseshed connected therewith and the land running in a

straight line with the westerly side of the shed in a northerly direction, to the Post standing at the southside of the gate which is the entrance to land of James Batchelder on the west side of Goboro Road, so called; 1883, Charles S. Hall from Jacob & Emma S. Robinson, one undivided half of all the land and buildings belonging to and connected with the store heretofore occupied by Silver & Robinson situated in Epsom on the westerly side of the Goboro Road (so called) and bounded northerly and easterly by said road, westerly by land of J.A. Edmunds and southerly by land of Andrew J.Silver; 1914, Harry Silver and Burt D. Young from Andrew J.Silver and Charles S. Hall; 1946, Frederick A. & Grace Burnell of Barnstead from Harry & Burt D. Young, widower, a certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Epsom, the first tract described in deed of Andrew J. Silver and Charles S. Hall to Harry Silver & Burt D. Young dated August 10, 1914; 1950, Herbert R. and Annie Seldon from Frederick A. & Grace P. Burnell; 1959, Melvin & Rowena Severance from Herbert R. and Annie M. Seldon; 1971, Farrell & Linda Hahn of Rockville, CT from Melvin J. & Rowena P. Severance; 1979, Thomas P. and Elizabeth Hardy of Bridgewater, MA from Farrell R.(Bob) & Linda Hahn; 1988, Larry & Ellen Nickerson from Thomas P. & Elizabeth Hardy; 2003, Amel M. Badhdad & Renee K. Baghdad of Georgetown, MA from Larry R. & Ellen R. Nickerson.

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. He had for a family sons John Abbott, Nathan Jonathan and Noah William, and daughter Elizabeth J. Son John married Electa Ann Carpenter, daughter of Charles H. Carpenter and Joanna Maxfield.

Andrew J. Silver was the son of Joseph & Mary Silver of Deerfield, and he married Juliette James and had one son, Harry Silver. Harry married Alice Bertha Yeaton, no children.

Jacob Freeze Robinson married Emma Durgin and had children Edith and Charles.

Burt D. Young was born in Raymond and married Lottie Dempsey and had children: Mabel, who married Allie Bartlett; Laura Mae who married Harold Samuel Bickford; Lester B., and Hazel M. who married Milliard Yeaton.

