



Grover Stevens House, 127 Jug City Road, Epsom, NH

The Clark family was raised in Epsom, and sons of James Clark and his second wife Hannah Robinson removed to Lowell, MA, and David from there to California. There were strong ties between the Clark and Robinson's through two generations - James marrying Hannah Robinson, and his son Dustin married Hannah M. Robinson. The family is buried in the Short Falls Cemetery. The Clarks probably built the house sometime after 1816.

As close as the Robinson's and Clark's were, similar family ties connect the Baker's, Worth and Steven's families. Stephen Baker had a large family, and brothers James, Rufus and sister Mary Ann all had ties to the property. The house remained in family hands from 1864 to 1983 with the exception of the years 1912-1923 when it was owned by Edwin Bunker.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original purchase of common land by Nathan Marden and passed to William Carlton; 1788, Samuel Goss of Epsom from William Carlton of Pembroke, 50 acres, southerly side of Lot 5 second range, second division, land purchased of Samuel Webster; 1816, James Clark of Epsom from Samuel Goss of Epsom - part of lot #4, second division, second range in Epsom, 10 acres, west end; 1836, David Clark of Epsom from James Clark of Epsom, land and buildings where I now live, west end of lot on road from Epsom to Pembroke; 1843, John Clark of Lowell, MA from David Clark of Lowell, MA, western end of lot, 10 acres with buildings, land purchased of Samuel Goss; 1857, Hannah M. Clark, wife of Dustin Clark, all of Lowell, MA, from Winthrop Fowler, administrator of the estate of John Clark, 125 acres in Epsom; 1863, David Robinson of Epsom from Dustin Clark of Lowell, MA, land and buildings, 37 acres, part of the John Clark place so called, by attorney, the estate of John Clark, total estate 125 acres; 1864, Rufus Baker, brother of James Baker, from David Robinson of Epsom; 1872, Hiram C. Worth of Concord from James Baker & Abbie his wife, on the road heading from the District 8 school house to James Fowler's home; 1895, Alma O.M. Stevens from Lizzie Worth of Epsom, all the rights, title and interest in the real estate of my late husband, Hiram C. Worth, reserving the house and 2 acres now occupied by me *and* Lizzie Worth of Epsom from Alma O. M. Stevens 2 acres more or less with the buildings standing thereon; 1912, Tract 1 Edwin L. Bunker from Lizzie Worth of Epsom, 2 acres more or less with buildings; 1923, Grover T. Stevens from Edwin L. Bunker of Epsom, 4 tracts of

land - tract 1 with buildings, 17 acres more or less in all tracts; 1971, Hilda M. Stevens, Irma Allen, Ivan Stevens from Grover Stevens; 1983, Irma Allen and Ivan Stevens from Hilda M. Stevens (Hilda died Dec. 1983); 1984, Ernest W. & Mildreth Cheevers from Ivan T. Stevens & Irma M. Allen, 3 tracts with buildings; 1995, Joyce A. & Dan G. Pearson from Ernest W. & Mildreth Cheever, land and buildings, Jug City Road.

GENEALOGY: James Clark married first Anna Cochran of Pembroke and they had two sons, Hazen K. and James M.. His wife died and he married second Hannah Robinson, daughter of Levi Robinson and Elizabeth Fifield. With his second wife he had children: Ann, Dustin B., John, Elizabeth and David. Dustin married Hannah M. Robinson, daughter of Benjamin Robinson and Betsey Poor and John married Rebecca Withee. David married Harriet Wilson. Ann married Samuel Tower. David Robinson was the son of Levi Robinson and Lucy Critchett. Stephen Baker married Hepzibah Kelley and had children: Adeline, Elsie, Rufus, Hannah, Rachel, James, Mary Ann, Emily Jane. Rufus married Lavina Heath; James married Abbie Hansom. Grover T. Stevens was the son of Charles S. Stevens and Alma Orvilla Merriam Worth, and he married Hilda Frances Meloon. Alma Orvilla Merriam Worth was the daughter of Hiram C. Worth and Mary Ann Baker, daughter of Stephen Baker and Hepzibah Baker, sister of Rufus and James Baker. Grover T. and Hilda had for children Ivan and Irma. Irma married Howard Allen.

