



### **Herbert Yeaton Home, Route 107, Epsom, NH**

The Yeaton farm is the last house in Epsom as you travel south on Route 107 towards Deerfield. Part of this farm extends over the town line into Deerfield. This farm is located on one of the parcels of land called 'common' land that was not laid out to anyone at the incorporation of the town. It was 'common' or town owned land. About 1765 the town got permission from the provincial government to sell the land at auction to raise money for the town. Benson Ham purchased this land by deed dated August 29, 1767 from the committee appointed by the town to sell the common land.

In 1798 the farm passed to his son John Ham, and became known as the John Ham farm and the homestead farm of Benson Ham. It is hard to tell if any of the buildings there now have any part of the buildings built by either Benson or John Ham. John sold the homestead farm to Bradbury Cilley of Nottingham, the son of General Joseph Cilley of Revolutionary War fame.

It passed through the Cilley family to Samuel P. Cilley and contained about 150 acres between the two towns. The 1858 map shows Frost Meserve in residence there, but it is possible he was renting the property as the owner at the time was Joseph Veasey who lived in Deerfield.

In 1890 it was purchased by John B. Demers from a David A. Parker of Goffstown. John was the father of Louis and Edward Demers who were long time Epsom residents.

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

1767, Benson Ham from the Town of Epsom along with 15 acres of land from Stephen Swett of Epsom, northeast side of the road from Epsom to Deerfield; 1798, John Ham from Benson Ham "my homestead farm in Epsom and all the land I own in Epsom, about 50 acres adjoining in Deerfield, northside of the road leading from Epsom to Deerfield next to Joseph Ham; 1811, Bradbury Cilley of Nottingham from John Ham of Epsom, all the land that I own in said Epsom in the 1st range and my homestead farm - also land adjoining in Deerfield; about 1831, upon the death of Bradbury Cilley, by will, to Daniel Cilley of Epsom; 1838, Samuel P. Cilley of Epsom from Daniel Cilley, a tract of land partly in Epsom and Deerfield - it being known as the John Ham farm and is the same farm that my brother Bradbury Cilley gave me by his will to contain 150 acres more or less; 1856, Joseph Veasey of Greenland from Samuel P. Cilley; 1864, Daniel Reynolds of Northwood from Joseph Veasey of Deerfield, 135 acres; 1867, Reuben Heath of Pembroke from Daniel Reynolds of Epsom; 1868, Lucian Heath of Epsom from Reuben Heath of Epsom; 1887, John M. and David A. Parker of Goffstown from Lucian Heath; 1890,

John B. Demers from John M. and David A. Parker, 3 tracts of land to make up 130 acres; 1931, Herbert D. Yeaton from Rose D. Demers; 1968, Joyce A. and Etta E. Yeaton from Herbert D. and Nellie B. Yeaton.

**GENEALOGY:** Benson Ham married in 1759 Martha Wallace, daughter of George Wallace and Margaret McClary, and had for children Agnes, John, George, William, Margaret, Anna, Jane, Martha and Elizabeth. Son John Ham married in 1787 Lucy Libbey, daughter of Isaac Libbey and Margaret Kalderwood, and in 1801 married Olive Towl. There were 6 children between the two marriages. General Joseph Cilley of Nottingham and his wife Sarah Longfellow had 10 children, among them Bradbury Cilley, born 1760, married Martha Poor, no children; and Daniel Cilley, born 1769, married Hannah Plumer. Col. Daniel and Hannah had for children: Polly Dole Cilley who married Robert Knox; Bradbury Cilley, who married twice; Samuel P. Cilley who married Hannah Critchett; Joseph Cilley; Rev. Daniel P. Cilley who married Adelaide Haynes; Hannah; Jonathan Longfellow Cilley who married Harriet Whitney; and William Plumer Cilley who married Emeline Whitney.

