



James Eugene Marden House, 575 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom, NH

The early ancestry of the Worth family is a little sketchy, but it is known that a John Worth and his wife Hannah from Hampton joined the first church in Epsom in 1766, followed by a John Worth and wife Anna from Danville in 1770. A wife of the first John died in 1755, and the Hannah who joined the church in 1766 may have been an unknown second wife. This John would be the father of Joseph of Epsom. This Joseph married as a second wife Sarah Tripp, and had ties to the Fowler and Critchett families of Epsom.

Samuel M. Green also had ties to these families through his sister Sally who married James Critchett. Likewise, William McMurphy's father married Sarah Critchett, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Wallace) Critchett. Not until the property came into the hands of James Eugene Marden did the ties to these early families end.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Lot 9 original right of Andrew McClary and after his death was sold for taxes; 1779, James Gray purchases the lot; 1801, Joseph Worth of Epsom from James Gray of Epsom all the land in Lot #9, 2nd Division, 1st range, all the land that I own in said lot less 8 acres claimed by John Tripp by deed 1798; 1838, James and Samuel Worth from Rachel Worth, widow of Joseph Worth, all estate of Joseph Worth of Epsom, deceased; April 11, 1842, William Fowler of Epsom from Eliza Ann Worth, Concord, admin. of James Worth, deceased, 1 undivided half of land total of about 100 acres where Samuel Worth now lives; April 13, 1842, William Fowler of Epsom from Samuel Worth, part of the farm of Joseph Worth, deceased - west end of lot behind the next lot where the house is located, about 60 acres; 1845, William Fowler of Lowell, MA from Samuel and Sarah (Sally) Worth of Epsom, 30 acres more or less with buildings, the remainder of the Worth farm of Joseph Worth; 1853, Samuel M. Green from William Fowler, both of Epsom, parcel #1, 66 acres, corner of road Chichester to Epsom and the Pembroke to Pittsfield Road, all the land in Epsom owned by William and Salome Fowler; 1877, E. Smith Tenney from Samuel Green, parcel #1, 66 acres; 1886, Thomas F. Cofran of Pembroke from E. Smith Tenney of Concord; Mar 18, 1890, J.B. Tennant, Warren Tripp & James Fellows from Thomas M. Cofran of Epsom, 66 acres land and buildings; April 22, 1890, William McMurphy of Lynn, MA from J.B. Tennant, Warren Tripp and James Fellows; 1903, Irene H. Bickford from Lucinda McMurphy; 1903, Hans Hanson from Irene H. Bickford, 66 acres; 1913, James Eugene Marden from Hans Hanson; Feb. 26, 1941, Howard and Christine D. Demerse of Concord from Grace Evelyn Marden by will of James;

Mar. 29, 1941, Louis P. & Jessie Marsh from Howard and Christine Demerse; Sept. 17, 1954 Walter F. Rowland from Louis P. & Jessie Marsh and Edmund R. Boyd of Northwood from Walter F. and Mildred Rowland of Epsom, 66 acres; 1963, John P. and Edith L. Wade, Manchester from Edmund R. and Margaret Boyd of New York; 2000, M. Vaughn Williams from Housing & Urban Development; 2001, Bankers Trust Co., CA, from M. Vaughn Williams, foreclosure; 2001, Donald R. Reddington from Bankers Trust Co.; 2003, Allan J. Salera from Donald R. Reddington, Lot 6.

GENEALOGY: Joseph Worth married in 1794, Mehitable Critchett and had one daughter, Sarah, and Mehitable died shortly after; He married second, Hannah Tripp in 1799 and had children: John, Joseph, Richard Tripp, James, Samuel and an unknown child. Hannah died in 1820 and he married third Rachel Haines. Son James married an unknown Eliza Ann who died in 1841; and son Samuel married in 1837 Sarah Fife, and had children: James, Abby J., Sarah V., Samuel Mark and Gorham Rumsey.

Samuel M. Green was born in 1805, the son of Jabez Green and Anna Smith and married Mary Tenney, the daughter of Ebenezer Tenney and Mehitable Garland. Ebenezer Tenney and Mehitable also had a son Jacob Perley Tenney, father of E. Smith Tenney.

James Eugene Marden was born in 1865, the son of James W. Marden and his wife Emily C. Chapman. James Eugene Marden married in 1899, Grace Evelyn Rollins of Rochester and had children: Earle Rollins, Ina M. and Lucille E. Marden.

William McMurphy was the son of William McMurphy and Sarah Critchett. He married in 1850, Lucinda Maria Locke, daughter of Benjamin Lovering Locke and Hannah Parker Moses.

