



John C. Hall House, formerly Center Hill Road, Epsom, NH

When the town was set up, a lot was set aside for a parsonage, and another for a school. When the first minister arrived, John Tucke, he bought the parsonage lot. When the town's second minister, Rev. Hazeltine was hired, the town elected to build a parsonage on the school lot. Not long after, to raise money, a small part of the parsonage lot with frontage on East Street, was sold at auction to James Harvey McClary. He turned the property over to his brother William, who constructed a house and buildings on the property. This small, roughly half acre was again divided, and the half with William's house was sold to Michael McClary when William and wife went to Canada. The land changed hands several times and was bought in 1842 by John C. Hall. John C. Hall was responsible for the very picturesque home seen in several old photographs. When he died in 1885, rights to part of the house went to his daughter Amanda, and the rest and residue of the estate to his son Charles Sumner Hall. On August 16, 1916, Old Home Day, the barn was struck by lightning and all the buildings were lost. The property ended up in the hands of John C. Hall's son Luther, who in 1927, sold it to Bernice Piper, who owned the old parsonage, re-uniting the property.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original School House Lot; 1795, James Harvey McClary from vendue Town of Epsom, and given to William McClary; 1799, William McClary to Michael McClary with house, barn and all other buildings, 1/4 acre, from David L. Morrill's easterly corner easterly along East Street; Before 1824, Samuel Peabody from Michael McClary (Peabody in Agricultural Census 1825, McClary passes away 1824); 1838, John Folsom and Samuel Chapman, both of Tamworth from Samuel Peabody of Tamworth, with house, barn and woodhouse, 1/2 acre, bounded north by East street, west of land lately owned by T.D. Merrill, southwesterly by land lately owned by Jonathan Curtis; 1842, John C. Hall of Epsom from John Folsom and Samuel Chapman of Carroll County; 1926, Luther Hall from George M. Hall of Epsom, land where J.C. Hall's house stood (George received all of the C.S. Hall property, which included the John C. Hall home); 1927, Bernice Piper from Luther T. Hall, land where J.C. Hall's house stood.

GENEALOGY: Andrew McClary married Elizabeth McCrillis and had children: James Harvey who married Elizabeth Dearborn; Margaret who married Rev. Ebenezer Hazeltine; Andrew who married Polly Allen; John who married Abigail Pearson; William who married Isabel Dickey; Elizabeth who

married Simon Ames Heath; and Nancy who married John Stevens.

John Clark Hall married Martha E. Rand, daughter of Richard Rand and Anna Lake Rand. They had for children: Sarah Ann who married James Kendall Taylor; Martha Ellen who married Joseph Morrill Emery; James Wheelock who married Sarah E. Emery, no children; Amanda, who did not marry; John Hamilton who married Nellie Farnham; Deborah Jane who married Frank Gilbert Stebbins and second a man named Raymore; Georgie Ann who married first William J. Desiletts, and second Charles S. Chapin; Luther Taylor who did not marry; and Charles Sumner Hall who married Ellen Dolbeer, no children.

John Hamilton and his wife Nellie had for children: Alice, Howard, John H. and George M.

