



John L. Brackett Farm, 44 Mountain Road Spur, Epsom, NH

John Mark Moses tells us in his Epsom History that Ebenezer Brackett settled at the Mountain in 1772. He was a Revolutionary War Veteran, and his wife was the first to be buried in the Brackett-Libbey Cemetery. He passed the family farm to his son Greenleaf, who in turn passed it to his son, John L. Brackett in his 1872 will. The 1858 county map shows two houses at that time, one belongs to Greenleaf, and the other his son John L., who probably built his about the time of his marriage in 1841. The 1892 map shows only the John L. Brackett house. John L. Brackett's first son died young and his second son, Walter, died of disease in route home from the Civil War. His wife died shortly after the birth of Walter, and he remarried in 1849, having one daughter who died age ten, leaving him no surviving children. The Stone family bought the farm in 1904, and it was destroyed by fire in 1906. They evidently rebuilt on the location and sold the property in 1926. Photo is of the John L. Brackett house.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1732, Original right of Joshua Brackett; 1770, Ebenezer Brackett from Benjamin Goodman, Epsom Tax Collector; 1778, Ebenezer Brackett from John Casey, land purchased from public vendue at Epsom this past June, part of the lot No. 8 in the first range, original right of Joshua Brackett; 1779, Ebenezer Brackett from Benjamin Goodwin from tax sale, 129 acres in lot No. 8; 1807, Greenleaf Brackett from Ebenezer Brackett, part of lot No. 8 in the first range, to contain all the land that I own in said lot, 60 acres more or less, the same land where I now live with all the buildings thereon; 1878, John L. Brackett from Greenleaf Brackett, by will 1872, the homestead farm on which I now reside containing about 40 acres more or less; 1901, Lottie Wells from will of John L. Brackett; 1904, Fred Stone (also known as Fred Rocheford) from Lottie Wells, land and buildings formerly owned by John L. Brackett, deceased, reserving three years lumber rights to Davis and Rogers; 1926, George H. Brown from Fred Stone, land and buildings formerly owned by John L. Brackett; 1937, Percy Hall from Suncook Bank, 80 acres, earlier conveyed to the Suncook Bank by Georgianna Brown, widow and legatee of George H. Brown; 1969, Kathleen H. Smith of Houston, Texas from Percy Hall; 1987, Kathleen N. Smith, daughter from father Thomas D. Smith, 1/3 interest in premises conveyed to Katherine H. Smith, his late mother, by Percy Hall - estate of Katherine H. Smith for details; 2000, Joan Smith Ottinger of Nantucket, and Geraldine Smith Priest of Texas, from Kathleen N. Smith, her 1/3 interest of the estate of Katherine H. Smith.

GENEALOGY: Ebenezer Brackett was the son of James Brackett and Martha Cate. He married in 1770, Abigail Clark of Stratham and had for children: James who married Hannah Morrill, daughter of Amos and Margaret Morrill, and moved to Vermont with the Morrills; Hannah who married Gilman Goodwin, son of Benjamin and Lydia (Worth) Goodwin; Eliza, who married William Morrill, son of Amos and Margaret Morrill; Deborah, who probably died young; Greenleaf Clark who married Naomi B. Locke, daughter of Jonathan and Alice (Pearson) Locke; Hanover Dickey who married Dorothy Goodwin.

Greenleaf C. Brackett, married 1807, and wife Naomi had for children: James, who apparently did not marry; Jonathan who died young; William who married Betsy Morey; John Locke who married first Miriam Louise Lane and second Phebe Heald; Jonathan who died young; Abigail who married Benjamin Smith; Alice who married Jacob E. Prescott; Naomi who married George Merriam; and Elizabeth who died young.

John L. Brackett and his first wife Miriam, married 1841, had for children: Edward Greenleaf, who died young and Walter Greenleaf who died returning home from the Civil War. His first wife died in 1845, and John L. Brackett and his second wife, Phebe Heald, married 1849 and had Louisa Augusta Brackett who died at age 10. John L. Brackett had no surviving children.

Fred Stone and his wife Paulina, had for children (1910 census); Edward, George, Ida, Arthur, Wilfred, Willey, Laura and Lena.



Above: John L. Brackett and his farm as seen from the Brackett Libbey Cemetery. Left: The Stone family in the house replacing the Brackett farm which burned in 1906.