

Charles Leighton/Quimby House, 1659 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

There is no structure on this lot in 1858, but there is at least a building present when the land is bought by Thomas J. Ames from Horace Bickford in 1876. It is not known whether the building at the time of the sale is the current house, but its style is of the period. The lot it is on was part of the estate of Capt. James Gray, and upon the death of his surviving heir, Moses P. Gray, there was some dispute as to its division, which was resolved by Probate Court relinquishing some of the property to Lucretia Billings Gray Brown, a daughter of Capt. James Gray.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original lot of Shadrach Walton Lot #94 in the third range; 1735, William Frost of New Castle from Shadrach Walton of New Castle; 1753, Josiah Clark of Greenland from William Frost; 1759, Josiah Clark Jr from father Josiah Clark, 1/3 interest in land; 1761, Jeremiah Prescott from Josiah and Josiah Clark Jr.; 1764, John Cass from Jeremiah Prescott, six acres more than half of the lot number 94; 1789, Theophilus Parsons of Massachusetts from John Cass; 1810, William Parsons from Theophilus Parsons; 1831, Moses Parsons Gray and Catherine (Gray) Proctor, wife of Physician John Proctor, from William Parsons of Boston, merchant, all right, title, interest and estate to all lands, houses, mills and mill sites, as children of the late James Gray who occupied and was in possession as tenant at will, late of Epsom, deceased - and upon the death of Moses P. and Catherine and their heirs, to pass to heirs of Judith Rand; 1858, Gorham Parsons Rand from estate of Moses P. and Catherine Proctor as heir to Judith (Parsons Gray) Rand; 1859, Horace Bickford from Susan E.P. Brown, land set off by committee from Probate Court to Lucretia Gray Brown and accepted by Susan E.P. Brown, her portion of the Estate of the late Capt. James Gray; 1876, Thomas J. Ames from Horace Bickford, both of Epsom, certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon; 1900, Charles W. Leighton from Orin Shaw and Annie Aiken (niece and nephew) of Barnstead, heirs at law to estate of Thomas J. Ames and Charles W. Leighton of Epsom from Henry C. Ames, nephew and heir at law of estate of Thomas J. Ames; 1910, Ella A. Leighton from Charles W. Leighton; 1927, Walter H. Quimby from Flora B. Barton, Addie E. Green & Lura E. True, of Pittsfield, heirs of Ella A. Leighton, including one horse shed at west side of Free Will Baptist Church, occupied and used by the late Charles W. Leighton, and one pew in said church; 1936, Philip

H. Tilden from Walter H. Quimby; 1946, Raymond S. Dower Jr of Exeter from Philip H. Tilden of Lebanon, NH; 1953, Earl F. and H. Isabella Luckenbach from Raymond S. Dower Jr. & Sr., portion of premises of Philip H. Tilden; 1962, Frank A. and Ruth E. Quimby from Earl F. and H. Isabella Luckenbach; 1984, Farrell R. and Linda S. Hahn from Frank A. and Ruth E. Quimby.

GENEALOGY: Thomas J. Ames was the son of Amos Ames and Susannah Moses. He married in 1858, Martha Jane Bickford, daughter of William Bickford and Polly Rand. They had a daughter Helen who died young and a son George Sumner who died age 20.

Charles W. Leighton was born in Newmarket, and in 1862 he married Eliza Jane Bickford, daughter of Daniel C. Bickford and Jane Staples. He had for children Ida M., who married Nathan Goss, and a daughter Ella of whom nothing is known. After the death of his wife he married Ella A. Nutter, daughter of Samuel D. Nutter and Ruth Morrill Knowles, and widow of Charles Roberts. Charles Roberts and Ella had for children: Flora B. who married George Barton; Addie E. who married Ernest Greene; and Lura E. who married Frank W. True.

Walter H. Quimby was the son of Sylvester Quimby and Georgie Ann Bickford, she the daughter of Daniel C. Bickford and Jane Staples. He married first Effie Bryant and had two children, neither seemed to be surviving. He married second Jennie R. Moore.

Frank A. Quimby is the son of Frank Albert Quimby and Doris F. Jones, and he married Ruth E. Mason, daughter of Clayton Mason and Esther Louise Waterhouse.

