



### **Leonard Batchelder House, 449 Black Hall Road, Epsom, NH**

There was no house on this site until the property was purchased by John Spurlin in 1855. Being a carpenter he constructed the home and raised his family of three sons there. One son, Elbridge, lived just a couple houses down the road, son Jeremy removed to Pembroke, and the family home passed to son Lewis B. Spurlin. He was single, and the house, part of his estate, after his death was sold to Chester Y. Batchelder. Chester's mother was a Stewart, and his grandmother Mary Stewart, owned adjoining property. A circa 1951 postcard identifies the house as "Batchelder's Guest House - Short Falls, N.H.". The house remained in the Batchelder family until 1979.

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

Original right of Benjamin Parker lot 84; 1799, Nathaniel Sanders from Rufus Amory who probably bought the property through tax sale; 1804/05, William Yeaton, in two transactions, from Nathaniel Sanders of Epsom, all of lot 84; 1808/09, Joseph Yeaton from William Yeaton, part of lot 84, 60 plus acres in 2 deeds, at some point a small portion went to brother Jonathan Yeaton; 1837, William Jenness from James Hersey, administrator of the estate of Jonathan Yeaton, same Jonathan deeded to his two daughters Mary G. & Susan G., guardian for Charles, James, Jonathan and Susan G. Yeaton; 1841, Benjamin Bickford from William Jenness, 3/4 of an acre, that which I purchased of James Hersey. 1852, Benjamin Bickford from Elizabeth P. Bickford of Massachusetts, 3/4 of an acre, no buildings; 1855, John Spurlin, Epsom, carpenter from Benjamin and Sarah L. Bickford, 3/4 of an acre, east side of Black Hall Road; June 1923, Chester Y. Batchelder from Oliver C. Lombard, administrator of Lewis B. Spurlin, the Bickford Lot so called; 1930, Leonard S. Batchelder from Harriet L. Batchelder, admx of the estate of Chester Y. Batchelder, 3 parcels including houselot, 4 acres more or less; 1955, Sarah Blanch Batchelder & Leonard S. Batchelder, husband and wife, from Leonard S. Batchelder, being the senior of that name; 1979, Paul E. Martel & Elizabeth J. Martel from Leonard S. Batchelder; 1998, William J. Schultz from Paul E. and Elizabeth J. Martel.

**GENEALOGY:** John Spurlin of Pittsfield married Elcy Fife, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Holt) Fife. They had for children: Jeremy who married Leonora Robinson; Lewis B., who did not marry; and Elbridge K. who married Nellie Bickford, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Foss) Bickford. George E. Batchelder married Nettie Alice (Stewart), daughter of Alanson Stewart, had for children: Leonard Stewart Batchelder, Percy Carleton Batchelder and Chester Yeaton Batchelder.

Chester Yeaton Batchelder, in 1920 married Harriett Harvey of Northwood and they had one son, Harvey W. Batchelder. Harvey married Arlene Batchelder, daughter of Percy Carleton Batchelder and Gladys Pickard.

Leonard Stewart Batchelder married in 1925, Sarah Blanche Harvey of Northwood, and they had a son, Leonard S. Batchelder who married Shirley Bennett.

