



### **Mill House, 9 Mill Road, Epsom, NH**

The Mill House has had many residents over the years. Some of the early owners were associated with the nearby paper mill, and others used it for farming and homestead. The house was likely built after 1840 when the property was owned by Samuel B. Marden, who by 1860 was in Concord. Timothy Frost was the owner in 1858 as shown on the county map, having arrived in Epsom from Vermont and marrying as his second wife Mary G. Prescott. His wife's sister married John Smith and they were the next occupants before it became the homestead of William E. Burnham before being sold to the Mill Association in 1883.

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

Original right of Israel Gilman by auction of undivided land in Epsom; 1777, Richard Tripp from Bradstreet Gilman of Newmarket, lot #7 in 2nd range, second division of common land; 1798, Richard Tripp Jr. from Richard Tripp Sr., land in lot #7, land west of the river; 1805, Jonathan Marden from Richard Tripp Jr.; 1806, John M. Prescott from Jonathan Marden; 1808, Benjamin Merrill from John M. Prescott; 1809, Ebenezer Gunnison from Benjamin Merrill; 1812, Martha Gilbert from Ebenezer Gunnison; 1816, William McMurphy from Martha Gilbert 2 1/2 acres; 1824, Richard Park and Nehemiah Kenniston from William McMurphy, 5 acres; 1839, James & Sarah Wilson, Charles, Betsey & Ivan Stevens of Pembroke, heirs of Boswell Stevens who held the mortgage, from Nehemiah Kenniston, paper maker of Worcester, MA, 5 acres, junction of rivers; abt 1840, Samuel B. Marden from estate of Boswell Stevens; 1852, Timothy Frost from Samuel B. Marden, land in Epsom corner Mill Road and Road to Pembroke; Feb. 1864, John and Rachel Prescott Smith of Epsom from Timothy M. Frost and Mary G. Prescott Frost of Weston, VT, land in Epsom near shoe shop formerly owned by James Marden and school house, 1 acre; March 1864, William Burnham of Epsom from John Smith of Epsom and Rachel his wife, land and buildings, junction of Mill Road and road to Pembroke by the school, 1 acre; 1883, Mill Association from William Burnham, Epsom, 1 acre, corner of two roads, land and buildings, homestead farm of William Burnham, 1 acre more or less; 1925, Leo Lagasse and Ella M. Legasse of Lynn, MA from Warren Tripp, Martin Hart, S.P. Yeaton, Walter Tripp, Ernest Dowst of Epsom (Mill Association), land and buildings, the Mill House and field, 1/2 acre more or less; 1935, John W. Keveney of Epsom from Leo Legasse and Ella Legasse of Lynn, MA; 1941, Robert K. Hale of Epsom from John W. Keveney, 1 acre, land and buildings; 1987, Doris M. Wead, Concord from the Estate of Robert K. Hale; 2003, Doris M. Hanson (Wead) to Doris M and Roger C. Hanson, husband and wife.

**GENEALOGY:** Israel Gilman married Ruth Sanborn as his second wife and had children Bradstreet, John and Benjamin. Two of Bradstreet's daughters, Phebe and Mary married Epsom residents.

Richard Tripp married Ann McClary, daughter of Andrew and Agnes McClary, and they had for children: Andrew, Sarah probably died young, Thomas, Agnes, Sarah, Richard died young, John probably died young, Margaret, William, John, and Richard. Son Richard Tripp married Sarah Critchett and had for children: Mary, Hannah, Sarah Ann, Thomas, Charles and Samuel.

John M. Prescott married Hannah Dickey and had for children: Chloe T., Morrill, Rachel H., Mary Grey, and Isabella D..

William McMurphy married Sarah Critchett, daughter of Thomas Critchett and Margaret Wallace and had for children: Mary Critchett, James and William.

Samuel B. Marden was the son of William Marden and Margaret Bickford. He married Eleanor Young and they had for children: George William, Mary Ellen, Clara Maritta, Sumner Davis, Maria Burley who died young, Burleigh Ayer, and Annie Maria.

Timothy M. Frost raised a family in Vermont and his first wife died in 1845. He married second Mary Grey Prescott, daughter of John Morrill Prescott and Hannah Dickey. They had one son, Timothy P. Frost.

John Smith married Rachel H. Prescott, daughter of John Morrill Prescott and Hannah Dickey and had for children: Morrill P., John W., Jesse C, who died young, Andrew J., Clement who died young, William H. and Jesse C..

William Burnham married Emma C. Wells, daughter of Theophilus Wells and Lucy Critchett. He was the son of Jeremiah Gordon Burnham and Sarah Worth. They had one son, Fred W. Burnham.

