



Borden Home, 101 Jug City Road, Epsom, NH

The first house on the east side of Jug City Road, as shown on the 1858 map, was formerly occupied by Milton Borden. He owned the property since 1953 and therefore it is probably best known as the Borden house. This homestead farm was a part of lot #5 in the 2nd range and 2nd division of lots in this section of town. This lot was one of twenty lots sold at public auction by the town to raise money to build the first meetinghouse and was the original right of Nathaniel Marden. The farm once consisted of 80 acres and was made up of three parcels of land. One parcel from Levi Robinson, one from Jonathan Green and the third from Daniel Cilley. These parcels of land were purchased by Joseph Robinson, son of Levi, and Joseph had the first house there. He purchased this land between 1819 and 1824 and improved it until his death about 1830. The farm passed from his estate through many owners and was broken up in 1855. At this time the buildings and seven acres were sold to a neighbor, Rufus Baker. He then sold within a year to John Clark who lived in the next house. His brother, Dustin Clark next owned the seven acres and buildings in 1859. Dustin left the property in Trust for the support of his wife and her three sisters. Upon the passing of the last sister, the property was willed to the Free-Will Baptist Home Mission Society and they promptly sold it to Winthrop Fowler. During these years while the property was in trust, it was probably rented a lot as well as being unoccupied some of the time.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1824, Joseph Robinson and Estate; 1846, Winthrop and William Fowler; 1834, Thomas Haskell; 1846, Jonathan Riggs; 1854, William Goss; 1855, Rufus Baker; 1856, John and Rebecca Clark; 1859, Dustin Clark; 1887, Dustin Clark Estate Trust; 1904, Free-Will Baptist Home Mission Society; 1904, Horace Fowler; 1910, William T. Ring; 1922, George G. Ring; 1922, Charles B. McLaughlin; 1926, George C. Ring; 1943, Louise Upham; 1947, John and Louise Dillingham; 1953, Milton Borden.

GENEALOGY: Joseph Robinson was born in Stratham, NH in 1718 and married Betsy Myers having children Jonathan, Abigail, John, David, Levi, Benjamin and Joseph. Levi married Elizabeth Fifield in 1781 in Brentwood, NH and moved to Epsom in 1783. His children, raised in Epsom, married local residents as follows: George Robinson married Jane Tripp; Hannah Robinson married James Clark; Joseph Robinson married Sally Stickney; Benjamin Robinson married Betsey Poor; Levi Robinson married Lucy M. Critchett; and Eliza Robinson married Levi Buntin. Of these children, daughter

Hannah who married James Clark had son John Clark who married Rebecca Withee. Dustin B. Clark married Hannah M. Robinson, daughter of Benjamin Robinson, and had three unmarried sisters, Betsey, Mary Poor and Sally.

