



Moore Place, 299 Sanborn Hill Road, Epsom, NH

What has been called for years either the 'Moore' place, and later the 'Smith' place, was part of the 30 acre lots that were given to the settlers who had the original 50 acre home lots. Over the course of time, Nathaniel Allen acquired 5 adjoining pieces in the second range. The Allen family were early settlers in Epsom, a Jude Allen owning homelot No. 5 by deed in 1764. This Jude Allen died in Epsom in 1793, and he and wife Elizabeth Locke had a son Nathaniel who probably owned the property and passed it to his son. Tax records show Joseph Allen as early as 1806 paying tax on land and buildings. This was sold to William Badger of Kittery, Maine. William was a successful ship builder from Newmarket, and supposedly built 100 ships. He appears as a non-resident paying tax on Lot 68, and the Allen Farm, land and buldings. He died in 1830, and this part of the estate was probably passed to his two surviving children - son William, who died in December of the same year, and daughter Hepzibah who married Joseph Sherburne of Portsmouth. John Ball represented the minor children of deceased son William; and Joseph his own children, selling the property to George Sanders. The Sanders family held the land for two generations, the elder Sanders being there over 50 years. His son inherited the farm, and sold it two years after the death of his wife in 1899. It went through a couple owners until the Sanborn family bought it in 1906. The buildings were abandoned and began to decay, as the Sanborns were living in Minnesota, and local hands kept up their farm utilizing the pasture around the old farm. The house was restored again while owned by Alice Kimball Smith in the late sixties.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1732, Part of the 20 thirty acre out-lots given to the first twenty settlers; 1786-1793, Nathaniel Allen acquires 5 adjoining 30 acre homelots; Abt 1806, Joseph Allen from Nathaniel Allen who is paying tax on this property; 1818, William Badger of Kittery from Joseph Allen, 30 out-lots #2,3,4,5 & 6, 150 acres; 1832, George Sanders from John Ball, Portsmouth, Guardian of William Badger, 30 acre lots numbered 2-6 in the second range; May 1899, James B. Tennant from John H. Dolbeer, both of Epsom, estate of George Sanders, Epsom, insovent debtor, 150 acres land & buildings, homestead farm of George and George Sanders Jr.; July 1899, Scott E. Hardy of Hooksett from James B. Tennant, 150 acres with buldings reserving all timber rights; 1901, Lewis W. Moore of Manchester from Scott E. Hardy of Epsom, 150 acres with buildings; May 5, 1906, Hiram A. Holmes of Epsom from Lewis W.

Moore of Epsom; May 17, 1906, Walter H. Sanborn of St. Paul, MN from Hiram A. Holmes, 150 acres with buildings thereon; 1931, Bruce W. Sanborn of St. Paul, MN from Henry F. Sanborn of St. Paul, MN; 1966, Alice Kimball Smith, Cambridge, MA from Bruce W. Sanborn, widower, of St. Paul, MN; 2002, Anne S. Denman from Gerald A. Berlin & Fleet Bank, executors of will of Alice Kimball Smith, subject to conservation easement with town of Epsom of 1991.

GENEALOGY: Jude Allen married Elizabeth Locke and had children: Jude, Nathaniel, Sarah and Joshua. Nathaniel married unknown and had a son Joseph. Sarah, daughter of Jude and Elizabeth married John Brown.

William Badger married about 1751, Anstiss Emerson, and among their children were: William, who married three times, the first to Abigail Beal, and had two surviving children, Hephzibah who married Joseph Sherburne of Portsmouth; and William who married Abigail Plaisted and had children: William, George, Fanny, Emily and Abby. William and Anstiss also had a son Samuel Emerson Badger who married Susannah Churchill and resided in Deerfield. They had for children: Capt. Samuel; Mary Ewer; Sarah True; Thomas who married Mary Goss, he died young having children Daniel G. who died young, Mary Frances and Susan G.; Susan Churchill who married Simeon C. Goss, brother to Mary Goss who married Thomas Badger, Simeon died and she married second Michael Libbey; William; Elizabeth; and Emily. William and Anstiss also had a son Thomas who married Abigail Bennet, and had a large family including Leander Badger who spent time in Epsom. He married Abigail Connor. George Sanders was the son of John Sanders and Anna Locke. He married in 1832, Mary Twombly of Strafford. They had for children: twins George and Mary Twombly, and John, who died at age 21. Son George, born 1832 married in 1875, Nancie A. White of Antrim, and had no known children.

