



INTRODUCTION

New Rye's early history is based on the families given on two historical county maps; the first from 1858 and the second from 1892. Both maps give the location and occupants of each dwelling.

The settlement of Epsom was granted to the taxpayer's of Newcastle and Greenland based on their respective rates they paid in 1723. In 1726, Rye was established as a parish of Newcastle, and many of those residents settled in the south east corner of Epsom. The town charter was signed in 1727, and in 1732 the proprietors of the three towns drew their respective lots. What later became known as the New Rye District, included the southernmost sections of the second and third range. The western part of the second range included New Rye, the eastern half was part of the Mountain District. The eastern half of the third range came to include New Rye, with the western part reaching to the Suncook River and River Road. The lots from the second range included lots 69 through 73 and included two thirty acre out lots which were granted to the original 20 families who settled on Center Hill (East Street), those being lot numbers 9 and 10. There was also a small piece of common land at the

southern end of the range. Lots from the third range included numbers 74 through 81, with two thirty acre out lots, numbers 11 and 12.

Most of the original proprietors never settled on their Epsom property. Several of the original lots stayed in the original families; others lots were abandoned and sold as non-resident land for unpaid taxes; most of the lots were sold by the original owners and changed hands several times. Few, if any, families were living in New Rye before the French and Indian War, and only a handful of families settled there prior to the American Revolution. Even with just a few families residing in New Rye, access was limited to just a couple of laid out town roads. There appears to have been a road from East Street over Sanborn Hill to Short Falls. This is mentioned in McCoy family deeds dating from 1752, and may have been in disuse from as early as 1768. Town records date the current New Rye Road as being laid out in 1768 as 'the Hill Road.' It was extended in 1772 'partly on the old way, partly on a new route newly spotted passing the northwest corner of Joel Ames's field to a tree on the line between the lands of John Haynes and Levi Cass.' By 1784 this part of town could be reached by the Mountain Road which traversed from East Street to the Mountain District, running between Fort and McCoy's mountains.

In 1776 all males age 21 and older had to sign the Association Test. There were only about a half dozen names from the area of New Rye, which gives us the names of the families who had set their homes there; Aaron Burbank, Levi Cass, Simon Cass, Samuel Davis and John Haines.

The 1790 US Census for Epsom gives the names of the various heads of households in the New Rye area: Joel Ames, Job Brown, Jonathan Brown, Joseph Brown, Levi Cass, Samuel Davis, Joseph Dennett, David Dickey, Elisha Haynes, Jeremiah Haynes, John Haynes, Bennett Libbey, Dowst Rand and Samuel Towle.

The lot map of 1800 gives the names of the original proprietors (though some names badly misspelled) and some of the owners at the time the map was drawn. The various lot owners included Joseph Maloon, James Philpot, Daniel Humphrey, Daniel Cilley, Samuel Dowst, Bickford Lang, Jonathan Dolbeer, Samuel Towle, Joseph Brown, Alexander and Samuel Lear. Many of the lots had yet to be divided, and those known to be residing in New Rye were descendants of Samuel Dowst, Bickford Lang, Jonathan Dolbeer, Samuel Towle, Joseph Brown, Alexander and Samuel Lear. The lots of Maloon (Meloan), Philpot, Humphrey and Cilley would soon be sold to families that become familiar names in New Rye. The history of each lot and the families

that became residents on them shows how the area developed. The descriptions are excerpts from Rockingham County deeds.

Original Proprietors Lots, Second Range

Lot 69 Samuel Dowst

1762 R 108-469 Ozem Doust Sen. Of Rye to Aaron Burbank of Rye, Land in Epsom I bought of my brother Samuel, 30 acres, Lot 69 being the one half of the sixty acres.

1775 R 107-271 Aaron Burbank of Epsom to John Haynes of Epsom, part of lot No. 8 and Lot no. 69 in the second range containing 30 acres

1781 R 113-206 Ozem Dowst of Rye to Aaron Burbank of Epsom, Land in Epsom being the full one half of a 60 acre lot in the second range, the original right of Samuel Dowst, it being one half of that lot which the said Burbank now lives.

Aaron Burbank was from Bradford, Massachusetts and married in Epsom in 1772, Elizabeth Libbey, daughter of Isaac Libbey of Epsom. Aaron bought and sold several parcels of land in New Rye and the Mountain Districts. By deed he was living in New Rye in 1781, though he was already settled by there by the American Revolution. He and his wife, and children (Asa, Aaron, Stewphen, Isaac, Thomas and Betsey) moved from Epsom to Chester where he resided until about 1800, then moved to Strafford, Vermont. Aaron was a soldier in the American Revolution.

Lot 70 John Johnson

1743 R 101-410 John Johnson of Greenland to Matthias Haines, my son in law, All right I have to all the land laying and being in the township of 'Ipsom'.

1755 R 56-242 Matthias Haines of Greenland to my son John Haines of Greenland,...land in Greenland and all my right in the township of Epsom which I the said Matthias have as an original proprietor there (lots 103 & 98) and one whole right which was my father in law John Johnson's in said township with all title in the grist mill standing near said bridge (Greenland?) being one quarter part. Matthias and Hannah Haines.

1787 (April 16) R 158-57 John Haines of Epsom to Jeremiah Haines of Epsom, part of land No. 70 in second range off westerly end original right of John Johnson, 40 acres, except small lot sold to _ (B) _ A. Libbey

1787 (April 16) R 123-29 Jeremiah Haynes of Epsom to John Haines, land in Epsom lot 70 in the second range original right John Johnson, next to that John Haines sold to Aaron Burbank. 50 acres

1797 R 147-143 John Haynes of Epsom to John Haynes Jr., land in Epsom about 80 acres with the buildings thereon being all the land that I own in Epsom.

1800 R 166-423 John Haynes Jr. of Epsom, to Matthias Haynes of Epsom, aforesaid minor, land in Epsom, one full half of about 80 acres with one half of the buildings thereon bounded southerly on Levi Cass land, easterly on land lately owned by Joseph Dennick (Dennett) and land owned by David Dickey, northerly on Dickey's land and on the highway and on Jeremiah Hayne's land, it being the full half of land that I purchased of my Honored father in 1797, to take possession of said land and buildings at the decease of my father and not before.

1820 R 225-165 Matthias Haynes of Epsom to Samuel Collins of Deerfield, My homestead farm where I now live, that I bought of John Haines Junr. and Levi Haines.

Matthias Haines of Greenland married Hannah Johnson, daughter of John Johnson of Greenland, the original proprietor of lot 70. John Johnson sold his Epsom property to his son in law in 1743. In 1755 Matthias sells the Epsom land to his youngest son John, who married in that same year, Olive Weeks. By the time of the American Revolution, John Haynes had moved to Epsom with his family which included children Lydia, Jenny, Eleanor who married Bennett Libbey; Jeremiah,, who married Margaret Dearborn of Northwood; Elisha who married Betsy Bartlett; Olive who married Thomas Bickford; John who married Betsey Merrill; Sally who married Nathaniel Wiggin; Levi who married Polly Dolbeer; and Matthias who married Sarah Smith. Sevaral of John's children settled in Epsom, with son Jeremiah being deeded most of the homestead farm from his father in 1787. He would pass this to his son John S. Haynes. Part of land was deeded to his son John Haynes in 1797, which he deeded to his minor brother Matthias in 1800. Matthias moved to Vermont and sold his portion to Samuel Collins of Deerfield in 1820.

Lot 71 James Chadwick

1779 R 111-555 John Haines to Aaron Burbank, land in Epsom, 30 acres, taken off easterly end of lot 71 in second range

1779 R 110-391 Epsom for unpaid taxes to Levi Cass, lot 71 in second range, 50 acres.

1779 R 111-197 Epsom to Levi Cass of Epsom for unpaid taxes, part of lot 71, second range, original right of James Chadwick, 16 acres.

1779 R 126-44 Epsom for unpaid taxes to Levi Cass of Epsom, part of lot 71, 2nd range, orig. right James Chadwick.

Deeds are incomplete as to when Levi Cass first bought land in Epsom. His land is mentioned in town records of 1772 when New Rye Road was extended. He signed the Association Test in 1776, and was of Epsom when he bought land in lot 71, land originally owned by James Chadwick and sold for unpaid non resident taxes. Levi married Mary Sherburne in Deerfield in 1775 and raised their family at their New Rye home. There is a family burying ground on the property where Levi and his wife are buried, along with two daughters who died young, Sally (1772) and Sarah (1788). The daughter's grave stones are among the earliest in Epsom. Their other children included Elizabeth who married William S. Sanders; Rachel, who married Jonathan Dolbeer; Levi who married Mehitable Osgood; and Samuel who married Mary Chesley. Samuel inherited the homestead on the death of this father in 1825. Samuel died in 1863, his wife in 1866, both are buried in the family burying ground.

Lot 72 Christopher Treadwick

1750 R 70-289 Richard and Mary Perry of Newcastle to Jonathan Dolbeer of Rye, Lot No. 72 in the second range, which was formerly Christopher Fedarick's, [Treadwick] former husband to said Mary.

Jonathan Dolbeer was of Rye New Hampshire where he married Hannah Marden, daughter of Stephen and Charity (Lang) Marden in 1744. His Epsom land passed to his son Nicholas, who was born in Rye in 1748, and married Mary Randall in 1773. They did not settle in Epsom until 1792, and it is likely in Epsom that their last child, Nicholas, was born that same year. The elder Nicholas died in 1796 at age 48, leaving his wife to raise most of the children. They included Jonathan who married Rachel Cass and lived in Epsom; John, who married Sally Sherburne and lived near the homestead; Marth, who married David Libbey and resided in the Mountain District; Stephen who married a Jane Libbey; Polly who married Levi Haynes and lived in New Rye; William who married Hannah Kimball and in 1818 left for Perry, New York; and Nicholas, who married Esther Chase and inherited the homestead farm. Two children probably died young, Aster and Betty.

Lot 73 Richard Goss

Though there are no deeds, the largest parcel of this lot appears to have been the property of the daughters of Richard Goss, Abigail and Margaret. Richard died in 1734 with his wife Rachel (Marden) granted administration. Abigail married Joseph Brown, and Margaret married Samuel Shaw. In addition to the land in New Rye, Richard Goss was also the owner of one of the original twenty home lots, lot number two. In 1756 Joseph Brown of Rye and wife

Abigail along with her sister and her husband Samuel Shaw, sold the home lot to Andrew McClary. Joseph and Abigail (Goss) had a family of nine children: Richard, who married Sarah Jenness; Elizabeth who married Jonathan Goss; Abigail, who died young; Joseph who married Abigail Dolbeer; Job, who married Huldah Page; Abigail, who married Samuel Davis; Jonathan, who married Mary Smith; James, who married Hannah Smith; and Samuel who married Mary Morrill. Joseph Goss died in 1771 leaving mostly minor children. In his will he leaves eldest son Richard the Rye homestead, and land to son Joseph. Son Job recieved money while son's James and Samuel received land in Rye. Son Jonathan received 'all my land in the town of Epsom.' This land was part of lot 73, part of his wife's share of her father's estate.

Jonathan Brown was born about 1760, making him about age 11 at the time of the death of his father. He married in 1787 Mary Smith, and the family appears in the 1790 census in Epsom. Their children included daughter Mary who married Richard Bartlett Richardson about 1814 and had one child, Oliver. She died sometime prior to 1817 when Richard married her sister, Abigail in Epsom, December 25, 1817. Richard and Abigail had four sons, one who died young, and Jonathan Brown, David Bartlett, and Henry Lewis. Henry Lewis would later marry into the Brown family. Jonathan and Mary's third child was daughter Mehitable who married Jonathan D. Marden in 1822, and she died in 1825 leaving no children. The only son of Jonathan and Mary was Jonathan. Jonathan married Maria Libbey and inherited the homestead which he kept until 1870. The last child was a daughter, Sarah T., who married in 1832 John Salter. Jonathan Brown (son of Joseph and Abigail (Goss) Brown, died in Epsom in 1836, and his will, written some ten years earlier bequeaths to his grandson Oliver Richardson, daughter Abigail Richardson, son Jonathan and daughter Sarah. His daughter Mehitalbe having died the year before his will was written. The family had a burying ground where Jonathan and his wife Mary are buried, and the cemetery includes later generations and associated families. One of these is the Samuel Davis family. Again some deeds appear not to be recorded, as Samuel Davis, who married Abigail Brown, sister to Jonathan, established a home on Wing Road, not far from the Brown homestead. His settlement there is likely with some arrangement with Jonathan Brown or earlier with his father Joseph, the exact circumstances to remain unknown. Samuel's wife died in 1813, and he married second an unknown Abigail, and third, Betsey George. His homestead passed to his son Amos Davis.

Original Proprietors Lots, Third Range

Lot 83 Nathaniel Rand

1778 Town of Epsom to James Gray, for unpaid taxes, part of lot 83 in the third range, originally laid out to Nathaniel Rand, 45 acres.

1791 R 131-24 James Gray to John Dolloff, land in Epsom in the third range, part of lot 83, its beginning westerly at the rangeway then running easterly carrying the full width as to contain 83 acres. Second part of lot 84 bounded westerly on land of Richard Tripp thence running easterly the full width to contain 37 acres.

1791 John Dolloff of Epsom to John Tripp, land in Epsom part of lot 83 in the third range, its beginning at the road leading from Epsom to Pembroke by Nathaniel Kenistons then to run easterly the full width of the same so far as my land runs being part of the same I purchased of James Gray to contain 40 acres.

1799 R 149-168 John Tripp to Richard Tripp Jr., land in Epsom part of lot 83 in the third range, that I purchased of John Dolloff.

1804 (no deed) Richard Tripp to Benjamin Robinson

1821 (April) R 230-307 Benjamin Robinson to Richard Webster of Epsom, land in Epsom, part of lot 83 in the third range, beginning at the corner of a stone wall on the south side of the road leading from Short Falls (so called) in Epsom by Samuel Lear's, thence southeasterly on said road to the south line of said lot, thence north west as the line of said lot runs leading to the road leading from Epsom turnpike to Hall Burgin's in Allenstown, thence northerly on said road to the first mentioned bounds, being all the land I own on the south side of said road to contain about 4 acres together with the shop thereon.

1821 (July) R 230-308 Richard Webster of Epsom to Richard Webster of Rye , part of lot 83 in the third range, beginning at the corner of a stone wall on the south side of the road leading from Short Falls (so called) in Epsom by Samuel Lear's, thence southeasterly on said road to the south line of said lot, thence north west as the line of said lot runs leading to the road leading from Epsom turnpike to Hall Burgin's in Allenstown, thence northerly on said road to the first mentioned bounds, being all the land I own on the south side of said road to contain about 4 acres together with the buildings thereon.

Richard Webster Junior of Rye bought the home and store of John Batchelder (on the corner of New Rye Road and Dover Road) in 1815, and sold it to Alexander Salter in 1817. In 1821 there are two deeds for Richard Webster, one being of Rye, the other of Epsom. The first is land on the corner of New Rye and River Road sold to Richard Webster of Epsom in April of 1821. At the time the property included one building, a shop and four acres of land. In July, Richard Webster of Epsom sells the land, now with buildings, to Richard Webster of Rye. The two Richard's are father and son, and it is the son who

was of Epsom, though it is not clear which Richard was sold the property, now with what would appear to include a house.

Richard Webster Junior married Mary Philbrick of Rye in Epsom in 1813. They had a family of ten children, of which one died young, a daughter Ursula, who was buried in the Brown-Davis Cemetery in New Rye. Their youngest son, Benjamin Franklin Webster was born in Epsom September 4, 1824, and later married Sarah A. Senter. The Webster family left Epsom for Portsmouth, selling the small house and lot at Short Falls Corner in 1847 to Thomas Cotterell. Benjamin Franklin Webster donated the land to the town of Epsom which still bears the family name, Webster Park.

Lot 82 Widow Hicks

1781 138-369 John Casey (indexed Cary) of Epsom to Nathaniel Kenneston of Epsom, land in Epsom lot 82 in the third range originally laid out to the widow Hicks containing 50 acres, land I purchased at auction fo said Epsom

1795 138-373 Nathaniel Kiniston of Epsom to Jonathan Locke, land in Epsom lot 82 in the third range laid out to Widow Hicks containing 50 acres. Only the minutes of sale on said town's records doth appear.

R 143-325 1796 Jonathan Locke of Epsom to Nathaniel Keniston, land in Epsom part of lot 82 in the third range the original right of the widow Hicks, containing 50 acres

R 194-99 1806 Nathaniel Kennison of Epsom to Levi Haynes of Epsom, all the land I own in lots 82 and 83 in the third range of lots in Epsom which lies on the easterly side of the Suncook River, reference being had to John Casey's deed Nov. 12, 1781 and John Sanders deed dated June 17, 1802, but a part of lot 83 is owned and in possession of Richard Tripp Junr which is not to be considered as passing to said Haynes by this deed.

R 194-101 1811 Levi Haynes of Epsom to Benjamin Robertson (Robinson) Jr. of Epsom, joiner, land being part of lots 82 and 83 in the third range to contain all the land in said two lots that lays on the westerly side of a road leading by my house where I now live and by Samuel Bickford Jnr. and Ephraim Gould, excepting what is now owned by Richard Tripp Jr., and to contain all the land that I own in said two lots on the westerly side of said road to contain 35 acres with all the buildings standing thereon.

R 197-393 1811 Levi Haynes of Epsom to Thomas Bickford Jr. of Epsom, cordwainer, land in Epsom part of land lot 82 in the third range to take its beginning at the south westerly corner of land owned by Richard Tripp Junior thence running southerly as the old Suncook Road so called rungs across lot 82 to lot No. 81 (?) thence thence running easterly as the lot runs carrying the full width of said lot until it strikes New Rye Road so called to contain all the land

between said road in said lot to contain 11 acres, being the same land I purchased of Nathaniel Kenneson.

1819 R 231-309 Levi Haynes of Epsom to Benjamin Robinson, joiner, land in Epsom part of lot 82 in the third range taking its beginning at a white oak spotted standing by Richard Tripps land thence running easterly as said lot run thence southerly to contain ten acres.

R 235-177 1822 Benjamin Robinson to Samuel Fowler, land in Epsom part of lot 82 in the third range its beginning at a white spotted oak standing by Richard Tripp's land on the south side of said Tripp's land, thence running easterly and southerly, ten acres.

There were no homes built on New Rye Road from this lot. The lot reached to River Road and the Suncook River where most families settled. The primary family to reside on the western end of the lots was that of Samuel and Sally (Pervear) Bickford and their descendants. Part of this lot on the New Rye end became part of the property of Benjamin Robinson.

Lot 81 John Stevens

Unpaid taxes 1779

1784 R 120-182 John Casey to Moses Frazier Two rights of land in Epsom in the third range, lot 79 original of James Philpot contains 65 acres. The second original right of John Stevens, No. 81 contains 89 acres.

1785 R 119-238 Moses Frazier to James Gray

R 148-1221798 James Gray to Daniel Humphreys

R 166-120 1803 Humphrey to John Dolloff Jr.

R 166-120 [5 ½ acres John Dolloff to Samuel Bickford Jr. 1803 R 166-136]

R 149-165 1803 John Dolloff to John Tripp, part of lot 81 in Epsom part of lot 83 in the third range, to take its beginning at the road leading fro Epsom to Pembroke by Nathaniel Kenniston's then easterly being part of the land I purchased of James Gray to contain 40 acres.

R 166-136 1803 John Dolloff of Epsom to Samuel Bickford Jr. part of lot 81 in third range, original right of John Stevens, taken off the south side to take its beginning at the road leading by Nathaniel Kenniston's to Allenstown of the west side fo said road, then to run west to the range to contain 5 ½ acres

R 166-332 1803 John Dolloff Jr. to Richard Tripp, part of lot 81 in the third range, to take its beginning at the westerly end of said lot then to run easterly carrying the full width excepting a piece off the south side which I have this day sold to Samuel Bickford, to contain 10 acres.

R 169-225 1804 John Dolloff Jr to Richard Tripp, Land in Epsom part of lot 81 in the third range its beginning at the easterly end of the land that the said

Dolloff sold and deeded to the said Tripp, and to run the road leading by Nathaniel Kenniston's house to Allenstown, excepting what I sold to Samuel Bickford Jr, to contain 13 acres.

R 167-226 1804 John Dolloff Jr. of Epsom to Elisha Haines, land in Epsom part of lot 81 in the third range to contain all the land in the lot that lies betwixt the road leading from the main road in Epsom to Allenstown by Ephraim Gould's and the road that goes by Nathan Sanders to Joseph Browns with all the buildings thereon to contain 35 acres.

R 199-350 1808 Elisha Haynes of Epsom to Thomas Bickford, Jr., land in Epsom being a part of lot 81 in the third range to contain all the land that lies between the road leading from the main road in Epsom to Allenstown line by Ephraim Gould's and the road that leads from Levi Haynes by Samuel Lear's to Allenstown to contain 30 acres.

Lot 80 Joseph Maloon [William Weeks of Greenland buys from heirs of Joseph Meloon, all his property in 1796, possibly Epsom land, he has a son Clement]

1801 R 206-184 Clement Weeks to Samuel Bickford Jr. of Epsom, 80 acres, lot 80 in the third range original right of Joseph Meloon.

Lots 81 and 80 were primarily settled on River Road by Bickford families. Abraham Bickford, son of Samuel and Sally, inherited his parents homestead. There is one Bickford home on the New Rye Road which was occupied by 1858 by his brother, James N. Bickford. James married Hannah S. Trickey in 1835 and had four children: Samuel Thomas who married Sarah M. Foss; Katie M. who married Warren Tripp; Miriam F. who married Scott B. Trickey; and John W. who died unmarried.

Lot 79 James Philpot

Unpaid taxes 1779 to John Casey –

1784 John Casey to Moses Frazier R 120-182; Two rights of land in Epsom in the third range, lot 79 original of James Philpot contains 65 acres. The second original right of John Stevens, No. 81 contains 89 acres.

1785 Moses Frazier to James Gray R 119-238

1798 James Gray To Daniel Humphreys

1804 R 169-140 Daniel Humphrey of Portsmouth to Elisha Haynes of Epsom, lot 79 in third range, original right James Philpot, 80 acres

1808 R 181-79 Elisha Haynes of Epsom to Robert McDaniel, land part of lot 79 in the third range, taking its beginning at the westerly end of said lot running easterly carrying the full width containing 20 acres.

1808 R 188-178 Elisha Haynes of Epsom to Caleb Haynes of Epsom, land in Epsom, beginning at the southeast corner of my land at the highway near the school house and adjoining on Nathaniel Wiggins land, thence running on the road leading from Allenstown to Epsom about 17 rods of the south side of the gate which leads in to my field, thence westerly a parallel line with the line which divides between Nathaniel Wiggin's land and mine until it strikes the range on the westerly end of the lot, to contain 11 acres.

R 212-238 1815 Elisha Haynes to Jonathan Bartlett of Epsom, land part of lot 79 in the third range that part of said lot which I own on the southwesterly side of the highway leading from Allenstown to Epsom by John Dolbeer's to Benjamin Robinsons, containing 12 acres.

Elisha Haynes lived on this lot with his wife Betsy Bartlett, daughter of Jonathan and Mehitable. . They had a family of eight children of which only one son, Caleb B. Haynes remained in Epsom. Elisha was the son of John and Olive (Weeks) Haynes who settled on what was later Nash Lane off New Rye Road.

Lot 78 James Whidden

1789 R 124-540 Elizabeth McClary to James H. McClary, 4 tracts, first 50 acres Lot 78 in third range.

1795 R 158-56 James H. McClary to Jeremiah Haynes (Haines) land lot numbered 78 in third range, original right of James Whidden about 50 acres.

Lot 77 Barnaby Cruse

1771 R 107-329 Richard Yeaton of Newcastle to Samuel Cutt of Portsmouth, 2 tracts, one 22 acres in the seventy lot known by the name of Barnabas Cresey, being fourth part of Cresey's lot.

1779 R 111-430 Samuel Cutts of Portsmouth to John Casey of Epsom, part lot 77 in third range originally laid out to Barnaby Cursey, about 77 acres.

1784 R 118-249 John Casey of Epsom to Joseph Cilley of Nottingham, three tracts, the third lot 77 in the third range originally right of Barnaby Cressey, containing about 90 acres. [to son Daniel Cilley by 1800]

1802 R 161-321 Daniel Cilley to Ephraim Philbrick of Rye, land lot 77 in third range about 100 acres.

1806 R 193-136 Ephraim Philbrick of Rye to Bickford Lang of Epsom, Lot 77 in Epsom about 100 acres.

1807 R 208-42 Bickford Lang of Epsom to John Dolbeer of Epsom, part of lots 76 and 77 in the third range, all land I own on the easterly side of the Suncook Road, so called, 17 acres.

1820 R 232-329 Bickford Lang of Epsom to David L. Lang of Epsom, parts of lots 76 and 77 in the third range, and is all the land that I now own lying between Suncook River and old Suncook Road, so called, adjoining northerly on lands owned by John S. Haines, and southerly on land owned by Ephraim Gould, to contain about 30 acres.

Lot 76 Solomon Dowst

1770 R 105-298 Solomon Dowst of Rye to my grandson Dowst (Dowest) Rand, one tract of land in Epsom being my sixty acre lot containing sixty acres as it was my original right.

1798 R 153-73 Dowst Rand of Epsom to Bickford Lang of Rye 60 acres original lot of Solomon Dowst where said Dowst Rand now resides (he the son of Samuel and Sarah Dowst Rand, Sarah daughter of Solomon)

1807 R 208-42 Bickford Lang of Epsom to John Dolbeer of Epsom, part of lots 76 and 77 in the third range, all land I own on the easterly side of the Suncook Road, so called, 17 acres.

1820 R 232-329 Bickford Lang of Epsom to David E. Lang, all I own in lots 76 and 77 between Suncook River and the Suncook Road, so called.

Solomon Dowst was the original proprietor of lot 76 and had no surviving sons. His daughter Sarah married Samuel Dowst, and among their children was son Dowst Rand, born in Rye in 1764, and married about 1787, Hannah Lang, daughter of Bickford and Martha (Locke) Rand. Solomon deeded his original lot to his grandson Dowst Rand in 1770. Dowst Rand does not appear as a signer of the Association Test in Epsom in 1776, and likely settled on the lot sometime during or after the Revolution.

Bickford Lang was born in Rye, November 6, 1774, son of Bickford and Martha (Locke) Lang (his sister the wife of Dowst Rand) and married Abigail Locke, daughter of David and Hannah (Lovering) Locke. Dowst Rand sold the full lot 76, where he currently resided, to Bickford Lang in 1798.

Bickford Lang raised a large family in Epsom, with his first born son born in Rye. His children included: William who moved to Minnesota; David Locke who married Lydia Ann Babb, daughter of John and Anna (Holmes) Babb; Ruel, who married Amy Hart; John Locke, who married Sarah G. White; Sarah Martha who married Samuel Morrill Chesley, son of John and Elizabeth (Blake) Chesley; Anna Maria who married Doctor James Babb, son of John and Anna (Holmes Babb); Lorinda who married Daniel Kimball Prescott; Bickford, who

married Jane Batchelder Cram of Deerfield, daughter of Jonathan and Rachel (Lane) Cram; Abigail L. who married Milton Barker; Benjamin Locke who died young; Benjamin Locke, who married Helen M. Thrall; and Josiah Crosby who married Huldah A. Chapman. Bickford Lang sold the homestead to his son David L. in 1820, and he in turn sold the homestead to James Wiggin about 1833. Almost the entire Lang family moved to Ohio.

Lot 75 John Frost

1777 R 108-422 JCharles Frost of Falmouth to Simeon Towle and Joseph Brown, both of Rye, all title in land in Epsom being the 75th in number in the third range, original right of his grandfather John Frost.

1778 R 112-223 Simeon Towle to Joseph Brown of Rye, all my right to lot 75, bought in partnership.

1778 R 114-514 Joseph Brown of Rye to Simeon Towle of Rye the whole half of lot 75 in the third range, the northerly side of said lot, part of the land which Simeon and myself bought of Charles Frost of Falmouth.

1789 R 135-436 Simeon Towle of Epsom to Samuel Towle of Epsom, land part of lot 75 in the third range, about 80 acres

1795 R 155-24 Samuel Towle of Epsom to Simonds Fowler of Epsom, a piece of land being part of said lot that I now live on to contain all I own that lays on the westerly side of Suncook River 6 acres

1804 R 169-226 Samuel Towle of Epsom to Joseph Chapman of Epsom, land in Epsom lot 75 in the third range I purchased of Simeon Towle July 3, 1789, excepting what was sold to Ephraim Gould and Simonds Fowler, with buildings.

Richard Goss dies in 1735, his wife Rachel (Marden) marries second, Job Chapman. One daughter, Rachel, married 1770, Samuel Towle. His first marriage was to Esther Johnson, with three daughters by his first marriage, Olive, Sally and Molly. Sally married in Epsom, 1796, Joseph Chapman.

1804 R 168-380 Indenture – Joseph Chapman of Epsom to Samuel Towle of Epsom, and wife Rachel Towle, during their natural lives, land in Epsom with buildings thereon where the said Samuel Towle now lives, which land and buildings the said Towle has conveyed by deed to said Joseph Chapman August 14, 1804, they to enjoy the same land; the said Chapman to run the premises and deliver the full one half of all produce etc. and to have a comfortable maintenance, and at their decease all the stock owned by said Towle is to belong to the said Chapman who is to pay all taxes – a part of the consideration to pay Dolly and Nabby Towle, daughters of said Samuel seventy dollars, viz. 30 to Dolly and 40 to Nabby in one year from the date of this leased and sooner

should they join in matrimony, and for same quitting the estate of said Samuel Towle.

Samuel Towle was the son of Jonathan Towle and Ann Norton, and was born in 1735. His brother Jonathan Towle came to Epsom and was the father of Simeon Towle who lived off Black Hall Road, and Benjamin Towle of Goboro Road. Samuel married in 1762 Esther Johnson and they had three daughters, Olive who married John Ham of Epsom; Sally who married Joseph Chapman in Epsom, 1796; and Molly, who married Ephraim Gould and lived in New Rye. Esther died and Samuel Towle married as his second wife, Rachel Chapman, daughter of Job and Rachel (Marden) Chapman. The marriage was in 1770, and with his second wife he had children: Job, Esther, Dolly and Abigail. Samuel Towle died June of 1821, out living his second wife who died in 1815. The family homestead passed to son in law Joseph Chapman. Joseph and his wife resided on the homestead with their children Samuel T., who married Deborah Dow of Canterbury; Mary, who died unmarried in Charlestown, MA in 1852; Jonathan, of whom nothing more is known; and Esther, of whom nothing more is known.

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There is no death record for Joseph Chapman, which may have been before 1815 when a few of Epsom deaths were recorded. His wife Sally died in Epsom in 1829. Their son Samuel T. Chapman and his wife Dolly raised their family on the homestead, including their 11 children: Malinda, Joseph, who married Sarah Maria, daughter of Amos and Nancy Davis; George S. who married Lois B. Smith and inherited the homestead; William of Northwood; Mary Ann who

married Charles J. P. Brown; Elizabeth; Sarah J., who married Franklin Marden and lived in New Rye; Abby J. who married John M. Weeks; Emily C. who married James W. Marden; Susan who died at age 17; and Charles A., who married Sarah A. Bennett and second, Ida Emerson, and lived in New Rye.

74 Joshua Weeks

1746 R 40-69 Joshua Weeks to John Weeks, all my right to 100 acres in Epsom.

1778 R 108-530 John William and Ward Cotton Weeks to Richard Brown and David Locke, interest in a lot of land in Epsom, 180 acres numbered 74 in the third range.

1782 R 114-118 Richard Brown and David Locke of Rye to Reuben Locke of Cornith, ½ of lot 74 bought of John, William and Ward Cotton Weeks, about 93 acres, that part which lies on the easterly side of the Suncook River.

1782 R 131-144 Richard Brown and Daniel Locke of Rye to Job Brown of Epsom, 81 acres less 6 acres, land bought of John, William and Ward Cotton weeks, original right of Joshua Weeks, lot 74 in the 3rd range.

1792 R 131-145 Job Brown to Samuel Lear, part of lot 74, third range, 81 acres.

1793 R 133-445 Samuel Davis of Epsom to Samuel Lear of Epsom, land being part of the same lot that Job Brown formerly lived on and now owned by Aleck Lear and the said Samuel Lear and a part of the same land I purchased of Levi Towle, all the land I own in the lot the said Aleck Lear now lives on.

The Richard Brown who bought lot 74 with one David Locke, is likely the Richard Brown, son of Joseph and Abigail (Goss) Brown. When his father died in 1771, his will left his eldest son Richard the homestead in Rye. Richard and David Locke sold a part of the lot to Job Brown, one of Richard's younger brothers. Younger brother Jonathan had by his father's will already inherited all his Epsom land. Job settled on the land for about 10 years, and sold part of the property to Samuel Lear in 1792. The following year, Lear bought adjoining land from Samuel Davis being 'part of the same ot that Job Brown formerly lived on...all the land I own in the lot the said Aleck Lear now lives on.' The Lear family was from Portsmouth, and Samuel arrived in Epsom with his father Alexander (Aleck) Lear. Samuel married in Rye in 1792, Sally Salter, daughter of John and Abiah (Webster) Salter. Their children included daughter Eliza; Alexander Salter Lear who married Mary Jane Wiggin; Lucy Salter who married Chase Prescott of Deerfield; Sally C., who married John Lane; John A.B. Lear who married Harriet Moses; and Samuel Langdon (who went by

Langdon Lear) who married Polly T. Cram and inherited the homestead. Alexander Lear, the father, married as his second wife, Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Goss) Brown, a sister to Richard, Job and Jonathan, widow of Jonathan Goss who died in the War of 1812 as a prisoner, who was a brother to Richard Goss, the original proprietor of lot 73, the Jonathan Brown farm.

Samuel Lear's wife Sally Salter had a brother Webster Salter who married Sarah Libbey, daughter of Samuel and Mehitabel (Seavey) Libbey. They, and Sarah's parents, are buried in the Brown family burying ground (aka Brown-Davis Cemetery). Her sister Nancy G. Libbey married Amos Davis, son of Samuel Davis and Abigail Brown. The wife of Samuel Davis was Abigail Brown, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Goss) Brown, sister to Elizabeth who married as his second wife, Alexander Salter, and sister of Jonathan Brown of lot 73.

New Rye Road begins at the Short Falls Four Corners and runs south easterly to Swamp Road. From there it runs southerly to the Allenstown town line. The majority of the lots were in the third range, with the eastern part of New Rye extending into the second range. In 1858, excepting the homes at the Short Falls end of the road, there is only one residence before the entrance to Swamp Road, and the occupant was J. N. Bickford. From the top of the hill to the Allenstown border were nearly 20 family dwellings. Many of the families were hit hard by the Civil War, but the area continued to flourish. Looking at some of the US Census returns for Epsom, one can see that many of the descendants of New Rye's early families remained for several generations.

1810 US CENSUS

Daniel Goss

James Chapman

James Brown

Elisha Haines

Caleb Haines

Matthias Haines

Jeremiah Haines

Nathaniel Wiggin

John Dolbeer

Samuel Towle

Levi Cass

Sally Chapman

Samuel Cass

Abigail Brown
Jonathan Dolbeer

1840 US CENSUS

Daniel S. Clough
Joseph S. Dolbeer
John S. Haines
John Newton
Amos Prescott
Caleb B. Haines
Simeon Sanders
Samuel Cass
Nicholas Dolbeer
Eleck Brown
Samuel Wells
Thomas Bennett
Amos Davis
Betsey Davis
Samuel L. Lear
John Lane
Alexander Salter
Nathan Goss
James L. Cochran
Alexander Lear

1860 US CENSUS

Stephen F. and Fidelia Brown
James and Hannah Bickford
Frank and Sarah J. Marden
Ambrose D. and Elizabeth Haynes
Edwin T. and Sarah Philbrick
Samuel and Mary Cass
Samuel S. and Lavinia Cass
Henry D. and Eliza Haynes
Charles C. and Mehitabel Doe
Franklin and Lucretia Goss
Jacob F. and Cynthia Smith
John M. and Jane Smith
Levi and Lavinia Andrews
Stephen and Polly Haynes
William Lane

Chadwick and Betsy Jones
Langdon and Polly Lear
Jonathan Brown/Philina Seavey
Henry and Caroline Knox
Samuel and Mary Wells
Eleck and Mary Brown
Nicholas and Esther Dolbeer
Daniel and Mehitabel Clough
Joseph S and Polly Dolbeer
Joseph and Sarah M Chapman
Simeon L. and Caroline Sanders



Looking up New Rye Hill from Short Falls showing the old Thomas Cotterell blacksmith shop on the left, and the newer shop across the street near the Ricker home.

HOMES AND FAMILIES

The houses and families are identified according to the occupants on the 1892 county and town map.

ABRAM L. RICKER HOME

The house on the corner of New Rye Road has its entrance on River Road, but the associated blacksmith shops are off New Rye Road. The house on this lot appears to have been built and occupied by Richard Webster, the family having acquired the land from Benjamin Robinson who had a shop on the premises. The Webster's lived on the corner for about 25 years before selling five acres and buildings to Thomas Cotterell of Manchester in April of 1847. The family is seen at this location in the 1850 census, though Thomas is listed as 'William Cotrill, blacksmith' with wife Jane and children: Sarah Jane 13; John F., 11; and Mary A., age 9. Thomas Cotterell appears paying taxes in Epsom in 1848, and there is an increase in the value of his buildings between 1853 and 1855. On April 9, 1855 there is a deed from Thomas Tripp of Epsom to Albert Pearson of Pembroke for 'a parcel of land on the northeast side of the road leading Short Falls Mills to New Rye, (so called) on which the blacksmith shop built by Thomas Cotterell now stands.' Two days prior to the sale by Thomas Tripp, Thomas Cotterell mortgages his property to the same Albert Pearson. In September 1857, Albert Pearson, now of Chicago, sells the 5 acres and buildings to John T. Cotterell of Epsom, and he is shown paying taxes on this same property in 1858. John T. Cotterell also mortgaged the property to Albert Pearson which was discharged in 1858. By trade he was a blacksmith and shoemaker.

Thomas and Jane Cotterell moved to another area of Short Falls in 1857 and sold that homestead in 1863. In 1864 Thomas and Jane are in Chichester, and in 1865 are of Salisbury, Massachusetts before moving to Haverhill, Massachusetts by the 1870 census. They both died in Haverhill, MA, he in 1877, and Jane in 1878. Thomas and Jane had three children: Sarah Jane, who married Jesse Flanders and died in Newton, NH in 1898; John F. Cotterell who died in the Civil War and is buried in the Short Falls Cemetery; and Mary A. who married in Epsom, 1860, Horace Holden.

Death records indicate Thomas Cotterell was born in England in 1801, son of Thomas and Lydia Cotterell. It is not known when he arrived in the United States, or met Jane Tripp, but their three children were born around Troy, New York. They were of Manchester for a time before moving to Epsom in 1847. His wife was the daughter of John and Sally (Gordon) Tripp. There is a relationship between Thomas and John Thomas Cotterell, as it is no coincidence that John Thomas next owned the Epsom homestead of Thomas and Jane at Short Falls Corner. John Thomas Cotterell became a US Citizen in 1857, and his papers provide information on his arrival in Epsom. According to the court records, he turned twenty one August 29, 1856 and was a minor when he arrived in the United States, arriving in Epsom, September 10, 1852. Though it is not stated, he apparently lived with Thomas and Jane Cotterell, and Thomas and John Thomas were both blacksmiths. John T. Cotterell in his death record gives his parents as John and Martha (Minett) of Cheltenham, England. A guess at the relationship between the two Cotterell's would be that John T.'s father was a brother to Thomas, son of Thomas and Lydia.

John T. Cotterell had a sister Thirza who arrived in the US in 1869, and married in Epsom in 1877, Charles E. Morse. They resided in Haverhill, Massachusetts (as did Thomas and Jane by 1870), where she died June of 1905.

John T. Cotterell married January 11, 1860 in Epsom, Clara A. Sanders, daughter of William and Rachel B. (Wallace) Sanders. They had four children, of which only one lived to adulthood. Minett Wallace, James Malvern and Myra A. all died young. Daughter Bertha Thirza Cotterell married as his first wife, Timothy Bryant Langley, and she died in 1903 and is buried in the Gossville Cemetery. Her spouse married after her death, Laura A. Haynes, widow of Alonzo Batchelder.

John Cotterell moved his family to the area known as Slab City in 1871, selling the home to Arthur Tennant, and after four years, Tennant sold the house to Samuel Whittier. Both Tennant and Whittier were from Deerfield and were merchants at Short Falls. Whittier probably lived in the home until he sold it in 1887 to Mrs. Ada Ricker of Allenstown, she being the wife of blacksmith, Abram L. Ricker. Abram Ricker was from Alton, New Hampshire and son of Asa and Hannah (Bunker) Ricker. The couple did not have children and owned the house until their deaths.

Abram L. Ricker died in 1927, his wife Ada M. Dowst died in 1929. Ada's parents were Henry and Abigail (Brown) Dowst. Her brother, Henry Dowst, died that same year, the homestead passed to his son Henry. Henry, born in 1890, married in 1920, Emma Mathilda Dauth. Henry and Emma raised their two sons, Henry and Robert J. in the home which they occupied for nearly thirty years. It was sold in 1956 to William and Pat Moore. Through the next couple decades the house had several owners, including in 1960 Robert Zimmerman, and in 1968, Charles and Constance Pitcher.



The Stephen F. and Fidelia (Poor) Brown home, later of Albert and Lizzie Hunt and the Eldredge family.

STEPHEN F. BROWN PROPERTY

Abbott/Hunt

Stephen F. Brown does not appear paying property tax in Epsom in 1860, though he is shown at this location in the 1860 US Census next to an unoccupied residence. He is living with his wife Fidelia C. (Poor) and their two children, Albert L. and Sarah J. Brown. The couple were married in Boscawen

in 1855, and Stephen F. was the son of Eleck and Mary E. (Dalton) Brown.

There are no deeds showing when he bought the property, though it may have been part of his grandfather's, Joseph Brown, who had acquired land on the southern end of New Rye Road. His son Albert L. Brown inherited the home in the will of his mother, which he sold to Ida M. Pickard of Epsom in 1925, providing she care and support him. She deeded the property back to Albert in 1930. Arthur A. Wells was granted conservator of the estate of Albert Brown and sold his property in 1931 to Lizzie E. Hunt of South Middleboro, Massachusetts. Albert F. Hunt and his wife Lizzie sold the homestead to Eldon and Edna Howard in 1939. Eldon Howard, single of Epsom, sold the home to Charles and Marguerite Chevalier of Hamden, Connecticut in 1947. Eldon Howard moved to a large farm further south on New Rye Road. The Chevalier's kept the house until 1954 when it was sold to Keith and Eunice Eldredge. The Eldredge family resided at the home until 1970 when it was bought by Eleanor W. Eldredge who sold the homestead to Kenneth W. and Marilyn Walker.

Stephen F. Brown sold a fourth of an acre of his land to Charles A. Abbott in 1878. Charles Abbott had married Stephen and Fidelia's daughter Sarah J. in 1874. Charles died in 1915, his wife Sarah in 1925. Upon her death, Oliver C. Lombard, as administrator of her estate, sold the land and house to Jesse A. Hunt, son of Albert and Lizzie Hunt, who had bought the Stephen Brown homestead.

Jesse Hunt lived on the lot of the Abbott home where he and his wife, Verna O. (Wells), daughter of Edgar Eugene and Laura A. (Flint) Wells, raised their two daughters, Phyllis E. and Laura H. Hunt. Phyllis E. Hunt married Robert M. Reeves, and her sister Laura married Charles W. Cushman.



House built for the daughter of Stephen F. Brown, Sarah J., who married Charles P. Abbott. Later the home of Jesse and Verna Hunt.

Jesse Hunt, widower, sold the home 'the same premises conveyed to me by Oliver C. Lombard July 15, 1926' to Robert and Gloria Reeves, in 1972.

Verna O. Wells was a well known school teacher in Epsom, and recieved fame when with a broken leg, she taught her class in her home. Photos of her teaching in her home made the national wire services. Her husband Jesse drove an early bus route.

MRS. JAMES N. BICKFORD PROPERTY Trickey

The Bickford family owned land that stretched from New Rye Road, down across River Road to the Suncook River. By deed the property 'being the premises occupied by the late Abraham Bickford until his decease and formerly owned by Benjamin Bickford, deceased, which the said Abraham held at his decease in the homestead of his father the late Samuel Bickford.'

Abraham Bickford was born in 1806, the son of Samuel and Sally (Pervear) Bickford, and was one of at least a dozen children. He married three times, the first in 1831 to Sarah Morey, who died in 1844. Their five children included: Sarah Elizabeth, Martha Maria who died young; Martha Maria who also died young, Berintha Ann and Hannah Jane. His second marriage about 1844 was to Nancy M. Wells, daughter of John and Sally (Edmunds) Wells of Chichester. They had for children: Mary B. who married Dennis Phelps; Abraham who married Anjielette Marsten; John T., who married Lizzie B. Dickey, daughter of David and Lucinda Moses (Cass) Dickey; Francis (aka Frank) A., who married in 1873, Florence Juliette Gray; Warren S., who married Sarah Jane Hall, daughter of Charles Henry and Lucy Jane (Langley) Hall; and Nancy Elvira Bickford. His third marriage was in 1860 in Allenstown to Ruth B. Burrell, with no children by that marriage.

The only house on New Rye Road in 1858 was occupied by James N. Bickford. He was a brother to Abraham and moved to this location, which at the time was still owned by his father Samuel, who died in 1863. There are no deeds showing that James N. ever owned the property. He married in Epsom in 1835, Hannah S. Trickey, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Lovejoy) Trickey, and the couple had four children: Samuel Thomas who married in 1860 Sarah Foss; Katie M. who married Warren Tripp; Miriam Frances who married in 1868, Scott B. Trickey; and John W. who died in 1872 at age 21. James N. Bickford died in 1883, and his widow Hannah is shown still living in the family home on the map of 1892.

The property was still owned by Abraham Bickford when he died in 1882. His estate was administered by John H. Dolbeer who sold the estate to Abraham's son Frank A. Bickford in 1883. Frank A. Bickford and his wife Florence J. had one daughter, Minnie R. Bickford. She married in 1893, Geogre Walter Mason, and on the death of her parents, inherited the estate. She sold the James N. Bickford home and part of the River Road property to Wilfred E. and Viola Mack in 1939 (Viola being her daughter), and the Mack's sold the James N. Bickford home on New Rye Road to Roland and Louise LaFleur in 1939. The LaFleur's sold the home to Victoria Kosko in 1950. Kosko, later as Victoria Lyons, sold the house to Philip P. and Claire J. Cofran in 1952.

SCOTT B. TRICKEY

Witham

The Abraham Bickford Estate also included a house across the street from the James N. Bickford house, on the west side of New Rye Road. This lot was sold by the widow of Frank A. Bickford, Juliette, to his daughter Minnie A. Mason in 1915. By 1892 this house was occupied by Scott B. Trickey, and the 1900 US Census indicates that Trickey rented the home. It is not known when the house was built or when Scott B. Trickey moved into it, though he may have been there by the Census of 1870 when he and his wife were living with Scott C. Trickey. They were no longer living in the home by 1910 when Scott B. was boarding in Auburn, his wife Miriam having died the year before.

Hannah Trickey, the wife of James N. Bickford, was the daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Lovejoy) Trickey who had a family of at least nine children. Hannah had a brother Scott C. Trickey, who is seen as a pauper in Pembroke as early as 1830, and in Chichester from 1859 to 1864, for a time in the house of George P. Haines. In 1870 he is in Epsom with Scott B. Trickey and his wife. Scott C. died in Epsom in 1876. Another son of Samuel and Phoebe, and brother to Hannah and Scott C., was James H. Trickey. James and wife Ellen were living in East Kingston in 1850 with family, Scott B., James E., and Benjamin. Scott B. married Miriam Frances Bickford, daughter of James N. and Hannah (Trickey) Bickford, and had children: John W., who died young; James N., who died young; Perley Trickey who married in 1901, Sadie L. Hartford, daughter of Hiram and Mary (West) Hartford; and Phebe who married Arthur Newell.

Minnie R. Mason married in 1893, George Walter Mason and had children: Harley, who died young; Della M.; Gertrude May; Harris Samuel who married

Viola K. Doe, daughter of Albert B. Doe; Ruby, who married Frank B. Hatch; Clayton F., who married Esther L. Waterhouse; Ethel who married John Dennis; Viola M., who married Wilfred E. Mack; Anjelour F. who married Alvin Davis; and Celia who married in 1935, John R. Brown.

John and Celia Brown sold the home to Ned R. and Mary F. Witham in 1943. Ned Witham was from Vermont and married in Epsom in 1935 Mary Ernestine Fife, daughter of Fred C. and Ernestine M. (Montminy) Fife. Ned Witham died in 1970 and his widow married Francis E. Gammon.

By 1978 the widow Mary Gammon sold the Witham homestead to Randolph and Jo-Ellen Bassett. The original house is no longer standing.

FRANKLIN (FRANK) MARDEN HOME

Franklin (aka Frank) Marden built a house not far from the entrance to Swamp Road on the eastern side of New Rye Road. He, and his brother James W., bought land from his brother-in-law Joseph Chapman in 1859. The same day they mortgaged the property to Samuel Yeaton, and two years later in 1861, James W. Marden sold his half to his brother Franklin. James W. Marden married Emily Chapman, a sister to the wife of Franklin Marden.

Franklin Marden, son of James and Dorcas Savory (Pattee) Marden was born in Epsom in 1835 and married in Pembroke, December 18, 1855, Sarah J. Chapman, daughter of Samuel T. and Deborah (Dow) Chapman, who also resided in New Rye. The couple had only one child, a daughter Lizzie. She was born in 1856 and married Gorham Rumsey Worth in 1872. Sarah J. Chapman died in 1900, and Franklin in 1916. Upon his death, his daughter Lizzie inherited the home, and it remained as part of the Worth estate. Gorham R. Worth died relatively young at age 33, and his wife Lizzie died a year before her father in 1915. Gorham and Lizzie had only one surviving son, Almon Marden Worth, who sold the one acre lot in 1920 to Ellery C. Straw, who also bought other land in the area that was part of the Joseph Chapman estate.



MRS. (AMBROSE D.) E. O. HAYNES

Elizabeth O. Goodhue was born in Maine in 1822, daughter of John and Betsy (Goodwin) Goodhue. She married Lewis Brown, son of Enoch and Eleanor (Rand) Brown in 1838. The couple probably lived for a time at Epsom Center when they sold in 1849, one acre with a dwelling house, to her brother Edward H. Goodhue. The couple had two surviving children, Enoch T. and Eleanor Brown. Daughter Eleanor Brown married Josiah Calvin Lear in 1867 and lived in New Rye. Within a year of selling the house to her brother, her husband Lewis died, leaving her with two young children. She is seen living in New Rye in 1850 with just her daughter Eleanor, and two other individuals, an Abial Davis and Sarah Harvey. In 1851 she married as her second husband, Ambrose D. Haynes. They had two children, neither of which reached adulthood.

Ambrose D. Haynes married in 1847 in Epsom, Eliza T. Goss, and had a surviving daughter, Sarah E. Haynes. His first wife Eliza died in 1850. Daniel Clough in 1860, sold Ambrose D. Haynes an acre of land with a house on the westerly side of New Rye Road. Ambrose D. Haynes was one of sixteen children born to Caleb Bartlett Haynes by two wives. His mother was Hannah S. Sanborn, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Prescott) of Chichester. Ambrose was a member of the New Hampshire Sixth Regiment during the Civil War and he died at Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina in 1862, age 36.

Elizabeth O. Haynes sold the family home to Abbie M. Weeks three years before she died in 1896. Abbie Weeks was the widow of John M. Weeks, a daughter of Samuel T. and Deborah (Dow) Chapman. Her sister was the wife of Franklin Marden, her sister Emily the wife of James W. Marden, and her brother Joseph Chapman owned additional property in this section of New Rye. Abbie Weeks died in 1898, and prior to her death, sold the house to John M.

Mitchell of Concord. In 1906, John Mitchell quitclaimed the house back to the son of John M. and Abby Weeks, Waldo G. Weeks. Additionally there are deeds from 1907 where Sarah J. Ela, widow of Robert L. Ela, late of Epsom, quitclaims the same house lot, along with adjoining land that Robert Ela bought from Frank and Lizzie S. Worth in 1900. Other heirs and legatees of Robert Ela, included Charles Huber, Persis A. Seavey, and Lodge No. 236 of the Free Masons.

In 1909, Waldo G. Weeks, now of Pembroke, sells his Epsom home to Julius Peter West of Lowell, Massachusetts, who retained the property for some twenty five years before his widow sells the home to Walter B. and Harriett A. Chase on December 9, 1943. The house changed hands fairly frequently, with owners including Carol Flagg, 1947; Alva Hughes, 1948; Herbert R. Seldon, 1948; Arthur Vesper, 1950; and John and Hilda Pickering in 1962.

CHARLES F. HAYNES HOUSE

Daniel Clough sold a small lot of 48 square rods to Benjamin Randall Fife in April of 1863, the lot next to the acre of land he sold in 1860 to Ambrose D. Haynes. Benjamin was a son of Stephen and Mary G. Fife, born in Chichester in 1834, and married Clara Etta Chapman, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Maria (Davis) Chapman. They were married in 1863 and had a daughter born in 1866 who died at age 4. They likely built a home near the site of a blacksmith shop which only shows on the map of 1858. The couple sold the property to James B. Tennant in 1872, and then separated. Benjamin remarried in Lynn, Massachusetts to Charlotte Parker; Clara remarried in Lynn, Massachusetts, 1875, to John D. Colburn.

Tennant turned the property around the same day selling the small lot with the house to James M. Dickey. Dickey only owned the property one year before selling it to Jesse C. Smith of Epsom. Jesse was the son of John and Rachel H. (Prescott) Smith, and was born in Dexter, Maine in 1839. His wife was Sarah A. Brown, daughter of Jonathan and Maria (Libbey) Brown. The couple had four children, Maroa and Alvah both died young, and Willie died age 18. A son Elmer was born in 1880 in Epsom, and died in 1969. He married second, in Northwood, 1893, Addie J. Pease, who previously was the wife of an unknown Roberts. The couple lived in the New Rye Road house for ten years when they sold it to Charles F. Haynes in 1883.

Charles F. Haynes was the son of Hiram B. and Abby Jane (Cotton) Haynes, and born in 1857. He married Ida A. Wells in 1883, she the daughter of

Hanover O. and Mary Sarah (Brown) Wells. There were no children, and Ida died in 1909, with Charles marrying second Bertha Morin in 1910. Charles bought adjoining land bordering the New Rye School house, and sold the house and additional land to James S. Straw in July of 1899. His wife died in 1903, she being Mary Ellen, daughter of Samuel and Mary S. (Locke) Wells, and James died the following year. His heirs, sons Ellery C., and Oscar Wells; Leola Cochrane, Lucina Emerson, and Edson Straw, sold the house to Paulina D. Smith of Epsom.

Pauline D. Smith was the widow of John Calvin Smith. John Calvin Smith, who died in 1888, is mentioned on two burial stones, one in Deerfield, and one in Epsom. His widow remained on New Rye Road until she died in 1918. The house was sold by Calvin A. Chapman, who received the property from the will of Pauline Smith, to Joseph J. MacGregor of Epsom in 1923. Additional owners included Alice Foster, 1930; C. Lovell Bean, (1943); Lloyd Sanders, (1944); Arthur H. Fowler, (1951); Harvey Banfill; (1952); Harold Thompson, (1961); and Roy and Patricia Wilcox, (1972).

Charles and his wife Ida did not have any children, and his second wife, Bertha, inherited the home when Charles F. Haynes died in 1930. She sold the family homestead to Robert Wesley Hunt of North Revere, Massachusetts in 1942. Two years later Hunt sold his New Rye home to Walter B. and Harriett A. Chase of Epsom. After only one year of ownership, the house was purchased by Ann Schmitt of Epsom who retained ownership for ten years. In 1955 the property was bought by Arthur D. and Alice Smith. Arthur worked at the Merrimack Farmers Exchange at Gossville. Alice died in 1968, and upon Arthur's death, the property was sold in 1984.



Ida Wells Haynes

MRS. ABBY J. HAYNES
Hiram Bartlett Haynes

Joseph Chapman bought a parcel of land on the corners of New Rye and Swamp Roads from Joseph S. Dolbeer in 1846. Two acres of this land, including buildings, were sold by Chapman to Hiram B. Haynes in 1851. Hiram Bartlett Haynes was born June 13, 1828, one of eight children born to Caleb Bartlett Haynes and his second wife, Hannah S. Sanborn. He married Abby Jane Cotton in Newport, New Hampshire on November 4, 1851. Together they had four children: Clara C., who married John P. Woodman; Franklin B. who married Jessie R. Driggs; Charles F. Haynes, who married first in 1883, Ida A. Wells, daughter of Hanover O. and Mary Sarah (Brown) Wells, and second after the death of Ida, Bertha M. Morin in 1910; and Sam Burns Haynes, who married first, Georgie A. Partridge, and second Flora Rowe. Hiram joined the 6th New Hampshire Regiment, Company I, and died at Washington, D.C. of disease, December 12, 1862. His wife Abby did not marry after the death of her husband, and remained at the family home until her death in 1897. Her heirs sold their rights to the homestead to son Charles F. Haynes in 1898.

Abby Jane Cotton was the daughter of Robert P. and Abby (Burns) Cotton, and was born in 1823. The 1850 US Census for Allenstown gives the family as Robert and wife Abby, with children Samuel, Abby J., Mary M., Eliza A., Charles H., Harriette and Helen. In 1880, Abby Jane Haynes still had in the household sons Charles F. and Samuel B., along with her sister Mary M., Eliza A., and her brother Charles H. Cotton (indexed as Colton). Mary, Eliza, Charles, Harriette nor Helen ever married, and all are buried in the New Rye Cemetery.



JOSEPH CHAPMAN

Joseph Chapman, born in Epsom in 1822, was the eldest son of Samuel T. and Deborah (Dow) Chapman, and grew up in the southern end of New Rye. His brother George lived on the family homestead, his sister lived near the entrance of Swamp Road with her husband Franklin Marden, and his sister Abby lived nearby for a time with her husband John M. Weeks. Joseph bought land on either side of Swamp Road, and his first purchase was from Joseph S. Dolbeer, land on the corner of Swamp Road and New Rye Road, somewhat opposite the New Rye School. The corner lot he sold to Hiram B. Haynes, and Joseph Chapman had his home just to the south. Joseph married in Epsom November 1, 1845, Sarah Maria Davis, a daughter of Amos and Nancy G. (Libbey) Davis who resided on Wing Road. The couple had four children, including Charles who died young in 1864. Daughter Clara Etta married first Benjamin R. Fife and lived nearly across the road from her father. She married second, John D. Colburn. Daughter Annie M. married in 1870, Frank H. Upton, and son Lewis Carroll left Epsom, married, and died in 1938 in Montana. Joseph resided at the homestead until his death in 1891. His daughter Clara, then Clara Colburn, died in 1896, and that part of her father's estate that she owned when she died, was deeded by her husband to the daughter of her sister, Ella E. Upton. Ella's

mother, Annie M. (Chapman) Upton died in 1890. The widow of Joseph, Sarah, and Ella Upton sold the Joseph Chapman estate to Ellery C. Straw June 8, 1896.

Ellery C. Straw was the son of James S. and Mary Ellen (Wells) Straw and was born in Epsom April 10, 1866. He married Maggie Bernard in Rye in February of 1888. They had no children, and when he died in June of 1834, all his heirs, being his brothers Edson and Oscar, sister Lucinda Emerson, and the spouse of his late sister Leola, sold the home to Ernest Clark in 1935. The next year it was sold to Oscar and Grace Henricksen of New Jersey. Joan Henricksen owned the property by 1955 and sold the house in 1968.



NEW RYE SCHOOLHOUSE

The first New Rye School was established in 1833 on land bought from Bickford Lang, and the school built for two hundred and twenty dollars. The location was either at or near the present location. It opened hosting the local students as well as those from the Mountain District where the schoolhouse burned in December of 1833. The New Rye schoolhouse was replaced in 1879, after 45 years of use. The location was where the replacement building now stands, with land bought from Eben Dutton for twenty five dollars and at a cost of six hundred and sixty nine dollars. The school ceased to be used in June of 1942 and was sold in 1955 to the New Rye Congregational Church which utilized the building for its Sunday School. It later became the home for the local Boy Scout Troop and burned down in 1998. It was rebuilt and modeled after the original structure.



ALBERT PICKARD
Daniel Clough, Howard Farm

Solomon Dowst was the original owner of this sixty acre lot which he sold to Dowst Rand in 1770. Dowst Rand settled on the lot, selling the original lot where 'said Dowst now resides' to the Bickford Lang family in 1798. After farming the land for thirty five years, the Lang family left for Ohio, selling to James Wiggin of Epsom about 1833. James Wiggin was the son of Nathaniel and Sally (Haynes) Wiggin and was born in Epsom in January of 1806. He married in Candia, NH in 1835, Hannah Howe, daughter of Jacob and Eunice (Lake) Howe. The couple had two daughters who died young, Eunice and Elizabeth; a son James who died about age 21; a son Jacob H., who died of consumption at age 22; daughter Hannah who married Leonard Evans; son Eliphalet, known as Life Wiggin, a Civil War veteran who married in 1868, Abby J. Saturley, who inherited the later family home on the Epsom-Chcihester line; and Nathaniel, born in Hanover, Maine and died in Concord, NH.

James Wiggin, with wife Hannah relinquishing dower rights, sold to Daniel S. Clough land in Epsom 'known by the name of the Lang Farm' in November of 1839. Daniel Clough was from Pittsfield where his father bought land in Pittsfield near Jenness Pond and built a modest house which he replaced with a larger home by 1800, and added to the home and increased his property to 300 acres. His son Daniel was born in Pittsfield in 1804, and married in 1828, Mehitable Brown Watson, daughter of Stephen and Meitable (Dow) Watson. She was also born in Pittsfield in 1810. The couple lived at the Clough family home until 1832 when he bought land near his father, moving to Northwood

Narrows in 1836 where he thought there were better schooling opportunities. He sold his Northwood property in favor of the Epsom property where he was settled by 1840. After thirty years, Daniel Clough decided to downsize in his older years, selling the farm in 1869 and buying a smaller farm on Center Hill next to the McClary Cemetery, later the Batchelder farm. Daniel and Mehitable Cough had four children.

Rosilla Winslow (Cough) Heath was born in Pittsfield, April 15, 1829, and married in Epsom in 1853, Christopher S. Heath of Thetford, Vermont. Mrs. Heath was very active in community affairs, and an active member of the old Centre Hill Historic Club. She wrote and presented essays and poetry, some still surviving. The Smith's had five children; Rosilla Estelle; Clarence L. who died young; Alonzo S.; Fred S.; and Ansel C. Heath.

The second daughter of Daniel and Mehitable was Sarah E. (Clough) Leighton, who married in Northwood in 1863, the Reverend John Buzzell Leighton. She led the typical life of the wife of a minister, and the couple removed to New Jersey where he died in 1900, and she died in 1913.

Cynthia Jennie (Clough) Swaine was the third daughter of Daniel and Mehitable Clough. A biography of her appeared in Volume 15 of the Granite Monthly magazine. She was born on June 17, 1835 and married Charles G. Swaine of Barrington where they made their home. She was a teacher at age 16 having attended Pembroke Academy. She wrote for the Morning Star, a religious paper, and contributed frequently to the Granite Monthly. They had one son, D. Loren Swaine, who attended Pembroke Academy, graduating in 1887. He was a fine violinist and married Angie E. Page. C. Jennie Swaine has a book still in print, "Legends and Lillies: A Souvenir."..

The last child and only son of Daniel and Mehitable was Daniel Ansel Clough, born September 8, 1842 in Epsom. He married in 1870, Emma J. White. His sister, Rosilla wrote about him: "At an early age showing a ____ for drawing and penmanship commenced teaching penmanship at the age of 16. He later taught penmanship at Pembroke and Boscawen Academies. In 1863 he went Concord and learned photography. He soon gave it (up) and followed (h)is natural bent for landscape and portrait painting. He opened rooms in Concord(.) After a few years went to Boston where he took rooms in his studio building. He was very successful but health failing in the summer of 1873 he came to his father's home in Epsom where he died Oct. 28 1873 aged 31 yrs. He died with consumption."

The next owner of the old Lang farm was Eben S. Dutton who bought the farm from the Clough's in 1869, 150 acres. Prior to buying the farm, Eben ran a store at Short Falls. He was the son of Roger and Rachel (Sawyer) Dutton from Hooksett, and married Betsey R. Bickford of Epsom. She was born in Epsom in 1827, but her parents remain unknown. They had five children: Frank Jones, Charles R., George T.; who married Roxie O. Meloon of Deerfield and resided in Epsom; Susan R., and Mary E.. The Dutton's held the property for about fifteen years, selling 75 acres and the homestead to Walter L. Pickard in 1885. Walter Levi Pickard was born in Canterbury in 1856, a son of Charles W. and Alvira A. (Towle) Pickard. He married Sarah A. Bartlett of Epsom in 1881, daughter of James L. and Sarah E. (Yeaton) Bartlett, and were the parents of three children: Winifred, Gerald and Gladys, who married Percy C. Batchelder. Walter sold the farm to his brother Albert in 1890. The farm changed hands, being owned by Charles Sumner Hall in 1892, who likely leased the property until it was sold in 1906 to George W. Goodhue of Lynn, Massachusetts. George was born in Epsom, the son of Edward H. Goodhue and Mary Ham. He married twice, first to a Margaret Ham, and second, Melissa Gordon in 1874. The second marriage saw two daughters, Dora and Alice. Alice married John Henry Howard in 1902 and inherited the farm from her father, where she and John Howard ran the farm. Their son Eldon married first Edna Snell in 1934, and second in 1947, Marion E. Dow. He continued the farming and sold produce from the farm, of which he got controlling interest from the family in 1984. The house and barn was sold in 1990 to Jeffrey Eames.



JOHN H. DOLBEER

Ralph Towle

In 1807 John Dolbeer bought land near the Dolbeer homestead from Bickford Lang, 17 acres, part of lots 76 and 77; and from Ephraim Gould, part of lot 75 in the third range. He built a house and there raised his family. He married in 1801, Sally Sherburne, the daughter of Joseph and Olive (Pitman) Sherburne. Two daughters died young, Lucy and Maria. The other children included: Nicholas, (Towle) Cate; John, who apparently left Epsom and of which nothing more is known; William, who married Caroline Smith; Jonathan who died at age 12; daughter Elvira L.M. who married Mark S. Moses; and Benjamin Alonzo, who died age 19 of consumption. When John Dolbeer died in 1819, he left his estate to all his children - with the proviso 'that if one or more of my sons shall live at home and carry on the farm until he or they are twenty one years of age, he or they shall have the same or paying out to those of my sons who shall go from home to learn a trade, thirty dollars each.' It was son Joseph S. who carried on the family farm. He and his wife Polly were married in 1829. They lost a child in 1833, and a son John W. in 1837. Two additional sons, John Henry and Alonzo inherited the homestead, with Alonzo deeding his interest of the estate to his brother in 1878, a year after the death of their father.

John Henry's obituary from an unknown newspaper: Mr. Dolbeer was the son of Joseph Sherburne and Polly (Cate) Dolbeer, and spent his life on the farm where he was born as did his father before him. Mr. Dolbeer's ancestors settled early in Epsom and he was the last to bear the name in town. He was educated in the schools of the town and Pembroke Academy. His natural abilities raised him to prominence in the town and he was called to fill many positions of trust. He was twice sent as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention and served on the Board of Education many years. He was Justice of the Peace for a long period. From its organization he was secretary of the Evergreen Lodge, I.O.O.F., and was also prominent in the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Dolbeer's abilities, goodness of heart and congeniality, made him a valued citizen that will be greatly missed. Mr. Dolbeer was twice married, first to Miss Mary Sherburne of Chichester, second to Miss Catherine Towle of Epsom. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Mary D. Gile, of Pembroke and four grandchildren to mourn this great loss.

John Henry Dolbeer's first wife was Mary E. Sherburne of Northwood, and daughter of Uriah and Adaline (Durgan) Sherburne, and she died in 1869. John married second, Catherine (also seen spelled with a K) E. Towle, daughter of Benjamin M. and Hannah (Sanborn) Towle. She died in 1924. Kate and Mary

Gile, the daughter from the first marriage, sold the homestead of 80 acres in 1912 to Ralph E. Towle.

Ralph Egbert Towle was born in Chicago, April 5, 1875. His father, Charles Augustus Towle was a brother to Catherine E. Towle, John H. Dolbeer's second wife. His mother was Jennie Lay of Chicago, who died there in 1881, Charles Augustus died in Iowa in 1899. Ralph married Emma Cash of Iowa in 1905, and they had two children, Ralph E. Jr., and Maud Sanborn Towle. Maud married Walter W. Wallin in 1947, and they owned the homestead in 1960. It was sold by the heirs in 1983.



HENRY D. HAYNES

Judge Kenneth Nash Home

In 1732 John Johnson drew lot number seventy and deeded it to his son-in-law Matthias Haynes in 1743. This lot, still unoccupied, was next deeded to the youngest son of Matthias and his wife Hannah (Johnson), John Haynes, in 1755. John married that August in Hampton, Olive Weeks, and raised a large family. Daughter Lydia did not marry, and left items in her will to two of her sisters; Jenny married John J. Dearborn in Epsom in 1792; Eleanor who married Bennett Libbey; Jeremiah, married in 1784, Margaret Dearborn of Northwood; Elisha who married first, Betsy Bartlett, and second Mary Johnson; Olive who married Thomas Bickford; John, who married Betsey Merrill and moved to Maine; Sally, who married Nathaniel Wiggin, and after his death, John Robinson as his third wife; Levi, who married Polly Dolbeer, daughter of

Nicholas and Mary (Randall) Dolbeer; and Matthias, who married Sarah R. Smith and resided in Glover, Vermont.

John sold the easterly end of his lot to his eldest son Jeremiah in 1784, a lot of 50 acres, excepting a parcel he sold to his son in law, Bennett Libbey. In 1797 Jeremiah sold the 50 acres off the easterly end he had bought 3 years earlier back to his father, and at the same time, his father sold him the westerly end which he had retained. John would, in 1797, sell his easterly end of 80 acres to his son, John Junior.

Jeremiah, who had married Margaret Dearborn, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Sherburne) Dearborn, in 1784 in Deerfield, had two children: Mary, who never married, and John Sherburne Haynes, who was born in 1788. Jeremiah Haynes died in June of 1822, his wife in 1829, and both are buried in a family cemetery a short distance from the house. Son John Sherburne Haynes inherited the homestead, and unlike his father, raised a large family.

John Sherburne Haynes married Lucy Libbey, daughter of Nathan and Abigail (Fowler) Libbey, though no marriage record exists. Their family included: Jeremiah who died about age 26; Sherburne, who married Nancy Libbey and died about age 30, no children; Hannah Libbey who married Benjamin Danforth and had a family of seven; Mary D. who married first Thomas Appleton and had two children, married second John Phelps, and third an Amos Davis; Abigail Fowler who died at age 18; Nathan Libbey, who died in Epsom in 1898, but no known burial; George S. Haynes, who died unmarried about the age of 25; Henry D. Haynes, who married in 1859, Eliza A. Atwood; Benjamin L. who died unmarried at the age of 26; Sarah L. Haynes, who died about age 17; and Jeremiah, who married Alice Estes and resided in Lynn, Massachusetts.

John Sherburne Haynes died in Epsom in 1850, his wife Lucy in 1873. The will of John Sherburne Haynes left the following to sons Henry and Benjamin: all the personal estate which I may own at the time of my decease except the household furniture, provided that the said Henry and Benjamin Haynes shall suitably support and maintain their mother in sickness and in health so long as she shall remain my widow and provided further that they support and maintain my sister Mary Haynes and my son Nathan Haynes during their natural lives in sickness and in health on the homestead farm. And further order that each of my sons and daughters have a home at my house as long as they remain unmarried. Benjamin died in 1859 leaving Henry D. Haynes the sole heir. Henry D. Haynes married in 1859 Eliza A. Atwood and had three children;

Charles W., who died at age 10; Ada H. who died young; and George H. Haynes, born December 15, 1878.

George married Margaret D. Waterhouse, daughter of Charles and Nancy L. (Caverly) Waterhouse in 1903, and the couple had three children: George Everett Haynes who married Alice B. Stearns in 1939 and died in 1994; Charles H. who died young; Eleanor Pauline who died at age 8; and Dorothy Margaret who died age six. The couple lived in the house to old age, and sold the 100 acre property to Kenneth Nash of Weymouth, MA., in 1936.



NEW RYE CHURCH

The First Christian Society of Epsom was organized in October of 1861 by Samuel Wells, Simeon C. Sanders, Abraham Bickford, William S. Brown, Levi Cass, William H. Straw, Henry Knox, Edwin T. Philbrick, Charles C. Doe, Stephen D. Haynes, Jonathan Brown, Samuel S. Cass, Jacob F. Smith, Hanover O. Wells, Joseph Chapman, and Gardner W. Piper. The Society constructed its building and was deeded the land by Henry D. Haynes in April of 1862.

Prior to 1861 many of the New Rye residents traveled to the old Allenstown meetinghouse. Many of the Epsom residents in the New Rye section of town, on the Allenstown border, attended church in that town, and from the rolls, we see the following families: Benjamin, David and Moses Robinson, Josiah and Bathsheba Allen, and the families of Dickey, Tripp, Bickford, Worth, and Davis. John H. Dolbeer, in his Epsom History in the Hurd's Atlas for

Merrimack County, gives a short account of the establishment of the church in Epsom: About the year 1860, Edwin T. Philbrick, then living in that part of Epsom familiarly known as 'New Rye' left his forge and anvil, reorganized the old church and was ordained its pastor in the month of August, 1859. As the larger portion of the attendants at the Sabbath services came from Epsom, and the conveniences at the old Allenstown Church were very poor, it was decided to build a new church edifice, and the summer of 1861 witnessed the building of the Christian meeting-house and the organization of the 'First Christian Society of Epsom.' The church was dedicated September 8, 1861, the Rev. A.G. Comings of Lee, NH preaching the dedicatory sermon.

From that time the Christian Church of Allenstown became the First Christian Church of Epsom, with the Rev. E.T. Philbrick as its pastor, who continued in that relation for several years, during which time many additions were made to the church and society. Following Mr. Philbrick, the Rev. J.P. Stinchfield, a Methodist minister supplied the pulpit for one year, from April 1869. Rev. Benjamin Dickson of Wolfborough was the next supply, preaching to them two or three years, and was followed by Rev. M.M. Cleverly of Lynn, Mass., and he by Rev. George D. Garland, and after him Rev. James Philips. Between the services of the above-named clergymen, the pulpit was frequently occupied by different persons for a few Sabbaths at a time.

In 1887 the old Congregational Church at Epsom Center combined with the Christian Society to form the Union Congregational Church of New Rye.

The First Christian Church, later the Union Congregational Church, became the New Rye Congregational Church, and transferred the property to the newly incorporated group in May of 1974, including the old schoolhouse and additional land purchased in 1958.



LEVI & GEORGE P. CASS
Rev. George E. Lombard Home

Levi Cass was already of Epsom when he bought for unpaid taxes, land in lot 71, the original right of James Chadwick. Where he lived prior to buying this property in 1779 is unknown, though his wife, Mary Sherburne, daughter of John Sherburne of Northwood, had sisters living in Epsom. Sister Jane married Jeremiah Prescott in 1764, and sister Elizabeth married James Moses in 1780. Jeremiah Prescott was settled in Epsom before the American Revolution at the end of Black Hall Road.

Levi and Mary married in Deerfield November 30, 1775, and built their home in Epsom about 1779 and there raised their family. Daughter Sally died in 1782 about age 5; Elizabeth married in 1794 William S. Sanborn; Rachel married Jonathan Dolbeer; daughter Sarah died in 1788; son Levi married Mehitable Osgood; and son Samuel married Mary Chesley in 1806. Rachel and her husband, along with Levi and wife Mehitable, located near Center Hill, and on the death of father Levi in 1825, the homestead in New Rye passed to his younger son Samuel. Levi's wife Mary Sherburne died in 1834, and the family is buried in a family lot behind the house.

Samuel and his wife Mary (Chesley) had a family of ten children, of whom two daughters named Rachel, died young and are buried in the family lot. Eldest daughter Sarah (or Sally) Blake Cass married in 1835, Simeon Prescott Locke; Lucinda Moses married David Dickey and lived in New Rye; Mary Sherburne married Benjamin Leighton; Hannah Randall married Francis I. Smith; son Moses married in 1841 Elizabeth Leighton sister to Benjamin; Levi married Elizabeth B. Philbrick in 1848 in Allenstown, daughter of Simeon and Olive W. (Bickford) Philbrick; Samuel Sherburne married Lavinia Jellison Fife, daughter of Stephen Fife; and daughter Susan C. married John Bickford Philbrick in 1851, he being a brother to Elizabeth B. Philbrick.

Samuel deeded the fifty acre homestead to his son Levi in 1847 providing he care for he and his wife. At the same time he deeded one half of the house, being the west end, two acres of land and the shoe shop to his son Samuel Sherburne. Both deeds were renewed ten years later. Samuel Cass died in 1863, his wife Mary in 1866. In 1872 Samuel Sherburne deeded to his brother his two acres, shoe shop and western half of the house where he was currently residing, to his brother Levi in July of 1872.

Levi and his wife Elizabeth Philbrick were married in Allenstown January 7, 1848, and raised their family on the homestead. The family included Eugene who died in 1859; Elva A. who married Walter C. Doe and resided in New Rye; Filmore, who is seen in the 1850 census, but nothing more known; Albert S. who married Angie M. Saturley; William Wyman who married Nellie F. Abbott; Eliza, who died young; George P. who married Arabella C. Chesley; Etta, who married in 1914 Fred Everett Davis; John Tennant who married Clara L. Trundy; Hattie E. who married Carroll J. Tilton; Eddie P. who died young; Clara Olive who married in 1891, Waldo G. Weeks, son of John M. and Abby (Chapman) Weeks; and Fred T. Cass who married n 1896, Elida M. Kelley.

In 1884, Levi and his wife Eliza deeded the homestead farm, now of 80 acres, reserving the family cemetery, to his son George P. Cass. George and his wife Arabella only had two children, Maud A., who died young, and Jennie, who was born May 30, 1892 and died unmarried in 1984. George sold the property, which had been in the family for nearly 140 years, to Warren M. Davis and Charles B. Rogers, who in just a few months sold the home to George Skinner of Cornish, NH. After nearly a decade the property was again sold, this time to the Reverend George E. and Alice S. Lombard in 1926. On August 12, 1930, while the family was away, a possible spark in the chimney, burned down the original house, which was rebuilt by the Lombard's. Alice S. Lombard sold the property to Richard and Gladys Baybutt in 1951.



DOLBEER AND CHARLES SUMNER HALL RESIDENCE
Nicholas Dolbeer, Jaworski

Jonathan Dolbeer bought land in Epsom in lot 72 from Richard and Mary Perry, she having been the widow of the original owner, Christopher Treadwick. Jonathan died in Rye in 1761, and among the items listed in his estate was 'a right of land in the township of Epsom.' This Epsom land passed to his eldest son Nicholas, who according to historian John Mark Moses, did not come to Epsom until February of 1792. Nicholas only lived another four years at his new home, having died February 24, 1796, leaving his wife Mary Randall, and children, all unmarried. In his will he left all his estate in Epsom, totaling about 200 acres, to be divided equally among his first two sons, Jonathan and John. Sons Stephen, Billy and Nicholas, sixty dollars each when they become 21, that each can learn a trade. His two daughters Patty and Molly (seen otherwise as Martha and Polly) also sixty dollars each. Children who do not appear in the will, apparently not surviving, were a son Aster, and a daughter Betty.

Jonathan quitclaimed all his rights to land in Epsom, being the farm and homestead where 'Nicholas Dolbeer formerly lived' and all the land said Nicholas owned that belonged to William Draught, to his brother John in 1801.

This Draught/Dought land was part of lot 75 which was sold to William Drought of Epsom in 1781. His widow sold that land to Nicholas in 1795. Jonathan Dolbeer married Rachel Cass, daughter of Levi and Mary (Sherburne) Cass in 1801, and resided on Center Hill. Additionally, Jonathan sold more land to his brother Nicholas in 1816, one of 2 acres which he bought from Levi Cass, 'standing on the road near said Nicholas Dolbeer's blacksmith shop; then six acres out of lot 72.' Before Jonathan died in 1857, he sold Nicholas additional land of 25 acres.

Nicholas, a blacksmith, lived on the homestead which stands next to the New Rye Church, and in 1817 he married in Dunbarton, Esther Chase, and raised a family of six children: Emily, who married in 1852, Samuel E. Moore; Calvin who married Abby L. Goss; Mary Ann who married in 1852, William P. Winkley; John, who married Harriet Schlander, leaving Epsom at age 23 to become a successful lumber man in California, and donated materials for the first Epsom library; Sabra, who married Jacob P. Chase in 1852; and Susan, who married in 1887, as his second wife, Eben S. Dutton, and resided in New Rye. Nicholas died in 1877, one year after the death of his wife, and deeded his son Calvin the same land that he got from his brother Jonathan in 1816. Calvin and his wife Abby Lucas Goss, daughter of Nathan and Dolly (Grant) Goss, married September 18, 1850, had three children: Sarah Eliza, who appears in the 1850 census, but nothing more known; Ellen M., who married in 1876, Charles Sumner Hall, son of John Clark and Martha E. (Rand) Hall; and Alice C., born in 1859 and died in 1866.

Calvin Dolbeer died in 1894, his wife in 1897. Their sole heir was their daughter Ellen, and her husband Charles Sumner Hall. They were deeded the property in 1887 which consisted of 4 lots totaling 80 acres, excepting 'the cemetery lot thereon as now fenced together with the right of way to said cemetery lot as now used.' Charles S. Hall co-owned the Silver and Hall Store in Epsom, was a part of an ice cutting operation in New Rye, owner of a box shop and lumber business, and later of the Gossville Hotel. He built a large house across from Black Hall Road, with he and his wife selling her family homestead in 1902 to Ellen and Elmore Pierce. In 1922 it was purchased by Stanislaw Kaslewic, and he sold it within a few months to Jean and Franciska Jaworski. In 1927 it passed to Leon and Jazefa Jaworski who lived at the home until 1954.



OLIVER BROWN

Joseph Brown, Eleck Brown

Bill Yeaton Farm

In 1777, Charles Frost sold lot no.75 in the third range to Simeon Towle and Joseph Brown, both of Rye. Simeon sold his half to Joseph Brown, and Joseph sold back the northern end to Simeon, thereby creating separate deeds for each half instead of owning the land in partnership. Simeon sold his 80 acre part of the lot to Samuel Towle of Epsom in 1789. Samuel sold a portion of the land to Ephraim Gould, and an additional lot of six acres to Simonds Fowler, that portion of the westerly side of the Suncook River and being 'a part of the lot I now live on'. The remainder, some 70 acres, with buildings, was sold to Joseph Chapman and became known as the Chapman field. This area was in and around the current New Rye Cemetery.

The southerly end of the lot remained in the Brown family for a considerable length of time. Joseph Brown was born in Hampton and resided in Rye, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Moulton) Brown. His wife was Abigail Goss, the daughter of Richard and Rachel (Marden) Goss. Her father died at a relatively young age, and was a proprietor of land in Epsom, which he left to his two daughters, Abigail and Margaret. Their mother, Rachel, married as her second husband, Job Chapman.

Joseph and Abigail resided in Rye and had for children: Richard, who married Sarah Jenness and lived in Rye, and owned Epsom land; Elizabeth who married Jonathan Goss first, and when he died in the War of 1812, married Alexander Lear of Epsom as his second wife; Abigail, who died young; Joseph who

married in 1780, Abigail Dolbeer, sister to Nicholas Dolbeer of Epsom; Job who married Huldah Page; Abigail who married Samuel Davis of Epsom and resided on Wing Road; Jonathan who married Mary Smith and resided in Epsom; James who married Hannah Smith and also resided in Epsom; and Samuel who married Mary Morrell and resided in Loudon. Joseph died in Rye in 1771, and his wife Abigail may have died in Epsom in 1785. It is their son Joseph who married Abigail Dolbeer who settled on lot 75.

Joseph and his wife Abigail (Dolbeer) settled on their lot shortly after it was purchased in 1779, and is likely all their children were born in Epsom. Their children included: Hannah, married in 1800, Samuel Wells and resided in New Rye; Abigail who married in 1805, Henry Dowst; Joseph, who married Betsey B. Mardin of Allenstown; Elick (Elick, Aleck) married Mary E. Dalton of Rye in 1813; Stephen D. who married in 1824 at Salem, MA, Caroline Barton; Jonathan who died unmarried in Boston in 1862; and a daughter Ruth who is mentioned in her father's will, but of which nothing else is known.

Joseph Brown died in 1808 and his wife out lived him over thirty years. In his will he leaves one third of his estate to his wife, and the other two thirds to his sons, Joseph and Elick, receiving the other third after the death of his wife. There was an interesting proviso: if they the said Joseph and Elick shall not agree in dividing said estate, they shall appoint three men to divide it and the division which the said three men whom they may appoint shall make, shall be final and conclusive to the said Joseph and Elick Brown forever. The other children received the following: daughters Hannah Wells and Nabby Dowst, ten dollars; daughter Ruth Brown, sixty dollars, one cow and four sheep; sons Stephen and Jonathan one hundred dollars.

Joseph Brown died in 1859, and Eleck Brown became the sole owner of the farm. He married Mary Dalton, daughter of Michael and Mercy (Philbrick) Dalton in 1813. They had a family of eleven children: Joseph T. who married Susuan Danforth and moved to Canterbury; Abigail, who did not marry, and had one son, George E. Brown; Michael D. Brown who died in 1879, unmarried; Oliver Brown who died in 1892, unmarried; Mary M. who died age 2; Jonathan Brown who died in 1903, widowed, wife's name Hannah Etta; Mary Ann, died about age 6; Stephen F. who married in 1855 Fidelia Chase Poor; Emily, who died unmarried in 1901; Elvira, who died unmarried in 1908; and Elmira, who died in 1888, unmarried.

Eleck Brown died in 1872, and his wife Mary in 1878. All the unmarried children remained on the homestead, with the last heir being daughter Elvira.

John H. Dolbeer was her power of attorney, and after her death sold the Brown homestead to the Bailey Lumber Company, an estate of 100 acres, reserving the right to the old family burying ground on the property. The lumber company kept lumber rights when it sold the farm in 1909 to Edwin L. Bunker. Bunker married within the year, Mary Stevens, and in 1924 married the widow of Harvey J. Wells, Loella May Marden. Edwin Bunker only kept the farm for a couple years when it was bought by Edwin R. Yeaton in 1912. Edwin, the son of James A. and his first wife Martha A. Randall, was married to Ella M. Eastman, daughter of Lowell and Lydia (Newhall) Eastman in 1886 and were the parents of two children: Albert (A.J. 'Slab') Yeaton, and William Eastman Yeaton. The Yeatons maintained the still 100 acre farm until 1930 when it was deeded to his son William.

William Eastman Yeaton married in West Swanzey, New Hampshire, Margery C. Emery of Raynham, Massachusetts. William 'Bill' Yeaton died in 1963, and his widow sold the farm the next year to John and Evelyn Johnson. In 1965 it was sold to Walter C. and Dorothy Harrison, who sold the farm to Keith and Ellen Kolbe. While they owned the farm, the structure was lost to fire in 1984. It was sold that year, and a new home was built on the lot.

MRS. CLARA C. WOODMAN

Samuel Wells

Joseph Brown (1754-1808) willed his land be divided between two sons, Joseph and Eleck. Eleck retained the northern half of the lot and settled there, and Joseph on the death of his father, sold his half to Samuel Wells of Allenstown. On November 12, 1800, Samuel Wells had married Hannah Brown, sister of Joseph and Eleck, and they had only two children: Samuel, who married twice, first in 1825 to Eleanor M. Dickey, daughter of Hanover and Lydia (Osgood) Dickey, who died in 1836, and second in 1826, to Mary S. Locke, daughter of Ephraim and Deborah (Wells) Locke; and Abigail B. Wells who married in 1836, in Allenstown, George W. Batchelder.

Samuel's wife Hannah died in 1840, and he married for a second time, in Allenstown in 1841, a Mary Moulton. Samuel died in 1855, and is buried with his first wife in a small, abandoned cemetery where her parents, Joseph and Abigail (Dolbeer) were buried. His second wife died within a few weeks in Exeter, her burial place unknown. Upon his death the property passed to his son Captain (according to gravestone) Samuel Wells who raised his family on the family homestead farm. Samuel had seven children, five by his first wife, Eleanor, which included: a daughter Hannah M., who married in Barrington,

1846, Joseph A. Clough; Hanover Osgood who married in 1856, Mary Sarah Brown, daughter of Jonathan and Maria (Libbey) Brown; Caroline who married Henry Knox in Epsom in 1851; son Cyrus who died at age 20 unmarried; and Eleanor who did not survive two weeks. Samuel's wife Eleanor died in 1836, and was buried in a family plot in the McClary Cemetery, and after her death Samuel married as his second wife in 1836, Mary S. Locke by which there were two daughters, Sarah E. who married in 1869 Frank P. Ricker, and Mary E. who married James S. Straw and resided in New Rye.

Samuel deeded the old homestead farm to his son Hanover O. Wells in 1866. Samuel and his wife Mary bought a small seven acre lot south of the homestead the year before they sold their family farm. Hanover O. sold a small piece of the homestead property to Albert Cass in 1876, with no buildings mentioned in the deed, the lot bordering the west side of New Rye Road. The original house was sold to J. B. Tennant, taken down and rebuilt as the store at Short Falls (from note from Lena S. Wells and conversation with Norma Wells Keeler). Albert S. Cass, a son of Levi and Elizabeth (Philbrick) Cass was born in 1850 and married in 1872 in Chichester, Angie M. Saturley. He only owned the farm two years when he sold it to a Frank A. Garland of Concord. Garland sold the property to Clara C. Woodman in 1888.

Clara was a widow, her husband, Frank P. Woodman died in 1881, and the couple had two children: Grace L. Woodman, born in 1875 and died unmarried in 1947; and a son Harry E. Woodman who was born in 1877 and died two years later. She was the daughter of Hiram B. and Abby Jane (Cotton) Haynes, and married as her second husband, Fred A. Page in 1893. She sold her home in 1894 to Laura Nute, wife of Jeremy Nute, and their son Henry sold it in 1915. The new owner was Sam Burns Haynes, brother to Clara, and it was Fred A. Page who administered his estate and bought back the house. Clara Page died in 1937, and Fred A. Page in December of 1949, sold the homestead a few months before to Duane Keeler.



FRANK P. RICKER

Henry Knox - Kyle Residence

Henry Knox was the son of Isaac Knox and Sally Wiggin. His father Isaac died in 1834, his mother, who was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Dow) Wiggin, died in 1840, leaving eight children, the youngest only two years old. At the time Isaac died, guardianship was granted to James and Eliphalet Wiggin, and mother Sally (sister to James and Eliphalet) Knox, of the two youngest boys, Henry and Albert. The rest of the siblings included: Robert, who married and moved west; Mary, who married in 1841, Edward H. Goodhue and died in 1841; Eliza, who married Franklin Goss, son of Nathan, who died in 1848; Elvira who died unmarried in 1843; Sarah Jane who died in 1831 about age 5; and James W., who died age two in 1829. Albert also went west.

Henry married Caroline Wells in 1851, the daughter of Samuel Wells and his first wife Eleanor M. Dickey. They had three children: Cyrus H., born 1853, married Annie Lougee and died in 1932; Fred P., born in 1855 and married Carrie Chamberlain, and died the same year as his brother Cyrus in 1832; and a daughter Eleanor who died young. Henry bought a parcel of land with seven acres with buildings in 1854 from Nathan Goss Junior. The lot was part of the Samuel Lear land which Samuel S. Lear sold to Nathan Goss in April of 1843. Nathan, whose parents Nathan and Dolly (Grant) Goss lived at the southern end of New Rye Road, married in Milton, Massachusetts, Lorinda Bradford, and moved to Milton when they sold their home to Henry Knox. In 1866, Henry and his wife bought the Suncook Valley House from Benjamin L. Locke at Epsom Center (later Knowles Store), and later moved to Rye. Their New Rye home was sold in 1865 to his in-law Samuel and his second wife, Mary S.

Wells, in their later years, with their son Hanover living in their original homestead.

After the death of Samuel, the property passed to his eldest daughter from his second marriage, Sarah Eliza Wells, who had married in 1869 Frank P. Ricker. Frank's brother, Abram, lived at Short Falls corner, and were sons of Asa Ricker of Alton. Frank and Sarah had no children. They still were living at the home when Sarah died in 1913, and Frank sold the house in November of 1915 to Andrew J. and Christine Kyle. Andrew was the son of Andrew J. Kyle, born in Wisconsin, who married in 1883 in Chicago, Annie Maria Green, daughter of John Sherburne and Mary Marie (Flanders) Green. The Green's resided for a time near the southern end of New Rye Road.

Andrew and Christine Kyle were long time residents of New Rye, nearly fifty years, when they moved to Texas. They sold their home to the Yeaton family in 1962, and became the home of Sidney T. Yeaton. It left the Yeaton family in 1994.



Clarence and Edgar Wells working on New Rye Road with the Mason house on the right.

GEORGE T. DUTTON

Stephen D. Haynes, Rev. John Mason

In 1850 Levi Haynes, age 71, and his family were living on a 7 acre parcel of land on the east side of New Rye Road, across from the Samuel Wells property. In the household were a grandson, Horace Johnson, and sons Stephen, William, Kidder, and daughter Lavina (Lovina) Andrews, wife of Levi Andrews, with their daughter Ellen. Levi Haynes was a son of John Haynes and Olive Weeks, and he along with brothers Jeremiah, Elisha, John and Matthias populated a large portion of New Rye. Levi married in Epsom, July 1802, Polly Dolbeer, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Dolbeer. Their home in 1850 bordered the

Dolbeer property. Levi died in 1856 and it would appear the property passed to his sons. In 1850, son Stephen deeded one third part of the land and buildings to Levi Andrews, which was sold back to him in 1853 and reiterated with a similar deed in 1856 with Levi then being of Exeter rather than Epsom. The 1858 map shows the home occupied by S.D. Haynes, though in 1860 he is shown living further south with his mother in another property he owned. He is back in the family home with a Jane Johnson in 1870. In 1872 his brothers John J. Haynes and Kidder B. Haynes; his sister Jane Smith; and children of the late Levi Andrews and wife Lovina, Ella O. Phillips wife of Frank J. Phillips; and Emma D. Andrews, signed off their rights as heirs to brother William P. Haynes. In part, the deed states that William, formerly of Epsom, but now supposed to be dead, all right we may have hereafter as his heirs in case he is still living and shall hereafter die intestate. Though the family was not aware of his fate at the time of the deed, he was later found dead of an accidental shooting in Tulare, California in 1868.

Stephen was still living in the home at age 72 in 1880 with Mary A. Edmunds. He died in 1883, and his brother Kidder B. Haynes and Mary A. Edmunds sold the home to Eben S. Dutton in 1885, and he in turn sold it to his son George T. Dutton in 1891.

George T. Dutton married Roxie O. Meloon, daughter of Samuel S. and Deborah R. (Rollins) Meloon in Epsom in 1887. The couple raised two children, Clyde Vernon, born in 1890, and Thelma Etta, who married in 1923, Clinton G. Daniels. They sold the house to the Union Congregational Society in 1900, and the church wardens, Norman H. Munroe, Albert F. Hunt and George P. Cass, sold the land and buildings to the Reverend John Mason of Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1910. In 1963 the title went to Mildred M. Welch from J. Philip Mason, Edith Tripp, and Eleanor Peck. The daughter Edith married Robert Moses Tripp, son of Walter H. and Alice M. (Fowler) Tripp in 1942 and became owners of the home in 1978. Robert M. and Edith had two children, Robert M. and Dorothy Jane. The Tripp's sold the house in 1994.



JOSEPH K. TARLETON HOUSE

This house does not appear in 1858, and is sold in 1864 to James W. Fife by Henry Knox. James Wyman Fife was born in Chichester, and married in Deerfield in 1860, Nancy Davis Lear, daughter of Samuel Langdon and Polly T. (Cram) Lear. At the time they acquired the land and buildings they had two sons, James Wilber Fife and Fred Mayland Fife. In 1869 they added a daughter Myrtie A. Fife. The family moved from the home in 1871 when it was sold to George W. Ela, one acre of land with buildings. Ela kept the property for five years and sold it to Charles C. Doe and Simeon L. Sanders, land bounded by a highway leading from Epsom to Allenstown, northerly by land of Stephen D. Hayes,, easterly and southerly by land formerly of Jonathan Brown. Who at this time occupied the house is unknown, and it was not sold until 1891 when the heirs of Simeon L. Sanders sold their one undivided half, and Charles C. Doe sold his half, to George T. Dutton. Dutton, who did not occupy the home, as he sold it in 1891 to Joseph K. Tarleton. Tarleton was brought up in the Mountain District where he also owned a home. By 1902 he sold the house back to George T. Dutton. In 1906 it was sold to Caroline Knox of Rye, widow of Henry Knox who sold the house originally. The house was inherited by their son Fred P. Knox who sold the home in 1930 to Harry L. Knox, his nephew and son of his brother Cyrus H. Knox. After nearly 30 years, his heirs, Doreen Bates and Natalie Thomas sold the house to Phyllis Orcutt. In 1966 it was owned by Robert Knapp and in 1969, Robert Silverstein.



HANOVER O., EDGAR E., & CLARENCE O. WELLS **Jonathan Brown Farm**

When Joseph Brown (1722-1771) died, he left land in Rye to most of his children, many of them still minors. His son Jonathan received by his will all his land in Epsom. In 1787 he married Mary Smith and appears in Epsom in the census of 1790 with no children. He appears in 1800 with a family of five children. The family included: Mary, who married Richard Bartlett Richardson and died about 1817; Abigail, who married her sister Mary's husband after she died; Mehitable, who married in 1822, Jonathan D. Marden and died three years later; Jonathan, the only son, who married Maria Libbey; and Sarah T. who married in 1832, John Salter and resided in Boston.

Jonathan Brown died in 1836, his wife Mary in 1830, and are buried in a family cemetery on the east side of New Rye Road, south of the homestead. The farm passed to his son Jonathan, who with his wife Maria Libbey, daughter of Samuel and Mehitable (Seavey) Libbey, raised a family of twelve. They were:

Arianna T., born about 1831, died May 30, 1855.

Richard F., born about 1833, died Apr. 10, 1900 in Manchester, married in 1856, Rosetta Jane Lear, daughter of Samuel Langdon and Polly T. (Cram) Lear. Two children, Frank A. and Isaac Russ.

Mary Sarah, born April 15, 1834, died February 14, 1897, married in 1856, Hanover Osgood Wells, son of Samuel and Eleanor M. (Dickey) Wells. Children: Edgar Eugene, Ida A., Etta E., Clarence Oscar and Alice M.

Lydia Maria, born February 11, 1836, died Sept. 8, 1903 in Boston, married as his second wife in June 1873, David Bartlett Richardson of Pembroke.

Mehitable Libbey Brown, born April 4, 1837, died March 19, 1874, married in Deerfield March 3, 1859, Henry Lewis Richardson, brother to David Bartlett Richardson. Two children, Luella Maria and Hattie Frances.

Sarah A. Brown, born 1839, died January 25, 1891 in Allenstown, married May 10, 1864, Jesse C. Smith, son of John and Rachel H. (Prescott) Smith. Children, Maroa Viletta who died young; Willie Leon who died about age 18; Alvah Eugene who died young, and Elmer J. Smith

Harriet F. born Nov. 6, 1840, and died Nov. 10, 1840.

Harriet F., born about 1841, and died March, 26, 1871, married in Epsom May 30, 1865, John Perkins. He married second, Margaret Crawford.

Laura J., born September 23, 1842, died in 1904, married September 30, 1866 in Chichester, Henry Martin Sanborn. Children, Mable Myrtle, Lewis Henry who died young, Alvin Eugene and Clarence Henry.

John Calvin, born May 10, 1844, died January 11, 1915, married August 16, 1871 in Epsom, Nancy Sarah Briggs. Children, Ethel Gertrude and Charles A. Brown.

Charles Albert, born June 27, 1845, died January 4, 1907, married July 5, 1871, Julia Irene Philbrick, daughter of Simeon and Olive W. (Bickford) Philbrick. One daughter, Florence.

Ella Evelyn, born 1846 and died in Clinton, MA, February 24, 1914, married Charles Cram and resided in Massachusetts. Three children, John Franklin, Emeline J. and Lillian Blanche.

Jonathan Brown died at the age of 81 in 1884, having outlived his wife Maria by nearly thirty years. He deeded the homestead farm of 114 acres to his son-in-law Hanover O. Wells in January of 1870. Hanover Osgood and his wife Mary Sarah raised five children: Edgar Eugene who married in 1882, Laura Ann (Lottie) Flint; Ida A. who married in 1883, Charles F. Haynes; Etta E. Wells who married in 1882, James Harvey Lombard; Clarence Oscar, who married in 1888, Annie Maria Green, daughter of John Sherburne and Mary

Marie (Flanders) Green; and Alice M. Wells, who married in 1893, as his first wife, Fred Clinton Fife.

Hanover's sons Edgar and Clarence inherited the family farm when their father died in 1898. Edgar retained the original home, and Clarence lived in a home across the dooryard. Upon his death his widow Lottie and two daughters, Hazel B. (Wells) Fowler, who had married Clayton H. Fowler; and Verna O. (Wells) Hunt, who had married Jesse Hunt, deeded the land to their brother, Walter Brackett Wells. Walter had married in 1915, Sophronia May Yeaton, daughter of Samuel Roby and Mabel Evelyn (Stewart) Yeaton. Their family included Eugene Yeaton, Elwood Osgood, Priscilla Evelyn, Virginia Laura and Edgar Flint Wells. The house was sold in 1942 to Henry T. Munroe, who sold it to Percy A. Monty and Neal A. Wells in 1945.

Percy 'Buck' Monty had married Natalie M. Wells, daughter of Arthur A. and Lena (Skinner) Wells. Her brother was Neal A. Wells. Neal sold his half interest to the Monty's in 1951. Percy and Nathalie sold the home to David Bashaw in 1966, and in 1969 it became the home of Richard Kallgren family.

In 1913 Edgar E. Wells deeded the adjoining house on the lot to his brother Clarence, being his one undivided half. The house passed to the only son of Clarence and his wife Annie Maria, Arthur A. Wells. Arthur and his wife Lena (Skinner) had five children: Donald E. who died young; Natalie who married Percy Monty; Neal A. who married Dorothy Young; Norma Magdalen who married Duane L. Keeler; and Naida who married Francis Gay.

Arthur Austin Wells died in 1958, and his widow sold the family home to Robert and Janice Earnshaw in 1965.



CHARLES C. AND JAMES A. DOE
Samuel and Amos Davis, Wing Road

Samuel Davis was in Epsom by 1776 when he signed the Association Test, though when he bought the land on which he had his 80 acre homestead farm is unknown. There are recorded deeds when he sells several other parcels of Epsom land, some of which he bought of Samuel Brown and Levi Towle, but no deeds when he purchased them. His farm was near that of Jonathan Brown, whose sister he married in 1784, she being Abigail Brown, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Goss) Brown. Jonathan married his wife in 1787, and the two probably settled their farms about the same time. Where and what Samuel's connections were to Epsom prior to his marriage remains unknown.

Samuel Davis was the son of John and Eunice (Seavey) Davis, who were married in Newington in 1756. Rye records record four children: William who died young; David baptized 1759; Samuel baptized 1760; and Hannah, baptized 1763. The marriage did not go well, as newspaper notices appeared in 1760 and 1762 by John Davis about his wife threatening and later leaving him with minor children, and Eunice responding in kind. How this might of played out became moot when John died in the spring of 1763.

This may have not been the first marriage for Eunice Seavey. Records show she married John Odiorne Jr. around July 1753, and had an illegitimate mulatto child that December, causing John to file a petition for an annulment. Records do not show if the petition was granted, but it would seem it was as she is seen as Eunice Seavey in her marriage to John Davis. Eunice indentured the child to Obidiah and Elizabeth Marston of North Hampton for a period of 25 years (See NH State Papers). The Marston's moved to Deerfield about 1765. By 1765 Eunice was again married to the immigrant Thomas Lake of Rye. The couple lived in Rye and Newcastle, and started a family of eight in 1765. The couple moved to Chichester in 1784. Eunice was the daughter of William and his wife Hannah Seavey. William died about 1744, and his wife probably about 1753 when the estate was inventoried and put in the hands of his son William in 1753, with his providing shares to his siblings, Ruth, Mehitable, Eunice, Paul and Mark Seavey. This William, along with a couple of his brothers, also moved to Chichester about 1784, just as Thomas and Eunice Lake had.

Samuel Davis and his wife Abigail Brown had the following children: Betsey, who married Samuel Fowler; William who was born in 1785 and died in 1798;

Abigail, who married Winthrop Fowler, brother to Samuel; Amos who married Nancy Griffith Libbey and inherited the homestead; and Fanny who was born in 1799 and died in 1805. Samuel's wife Abigail died in 1813, and he married after her death an Abigail unknown of whom he posted in the NH Patriot in 1818 my wife, conducts very imprudently and unbecoming a wife: I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debt of her contracting after this date. She died in 1826, and he married third in 1827, Betsy George. Samuel died in 1839, and his third wife married in 1841, a Paul Bailey.

Before Samuel died, he deeded his homestead farm to his son Amos in 1817, being all the land and buildings he owned in Epsom and Allenstown, some 80 acres which was located on Wing Road and extended into Allenstown. Amos' wife Nancy, was the daughter of Samuel and Mehitable (Seavey) Libbey.

Mehitable Seavey was the daughter of William and Ruth (Moses) Seavey of Chichester, William being a brother to Eunice Seavey. Amos and his wife Nancy had for children: Mehitable, born 1812 who died young in 1821; William, born in 1815 and died in 1821; Samuel, born in 1817 and died in 1821; Winthrop, born in 1821 and died in 1821; Mehitable P. who married in 1845, Charles Currier Doe; Hannah, born in 1824 and died in 1826; Hannah Fowler, who married in 1847, Henry Dowst; Sarah Maria who married Joseph Chapman; and son Amos, born in 1831 and died in 1834. Throat distemper took the lives of many of the children, including one span of three children in three weeks. The family is buried in the Brown-Davis Cemetery, with several of the graves of the children showing the cost of the burial markers engraved on the stone.

Amos Davis deeded the family homestead to his son-in-law Charles C. Doe, who married his daughter Mehitable, in March of 1846. The homestead with additional tracts of land, still about eighty acres.

The family of Charles C. Doe and his wife Mehitable included: Walter C., who married Elva Azilla Cass, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth B. (Philbrick) Cass; Amos, who married Melvina Holman and resided Boston; James Alden, who married Mary Augusta Ladd; Sarah Albina who married in 1873, Calvin D. Clark; and George W. who died in 1883, unmarried. Charles C. Doe died in 1898, his wife in 1899.

Charles C. Doe deeded his property to his son James A. Doe in 1885 where he raised his daughter Tillie Ruth. The estate of James was handled by John H. Dolbeer who sold the homestead to Moses E. Chapman in 1905. Four years

later it was bought by James' brother, Walter, whose wife after his death sold the land to Arthur Billings of Allenstown in 1916. The next owner in 1921 was Fred Butler.



MRS. LUCINDA (DAVID) DICKEY

This house lot, just past the Brown-Davis Cemetery on the east side of New Rye Road, was part of the Jonathan Brown land. The one acre lot was sold by Jonathan to Levi Andrews in 1853. Just a few months later, Andrews sold the lot to Levi Cass, still one acre and no buildings. Levi Cass apparently did not build on the lot, though there is a shoe shop in the area in 1858. In 1859 the land is sold by Cass to David Dickey the 2nd, 'the same I bought of Levi Andrews,' and it is Dickey who likely built the house.

David Dickey (the first) and his wife Rachel Hanover moved to Epsom and settled in the Mountain District. Their children all resided in Epsom, including John Dickey and his wife Betsey Patten. They had four children,: Margaret who married a Thomas Moore; Catherine who married a John Calden; David Dickey who married Lucinda M. Cass; and Robert P. Dickey who married Marriam B. Nelson of Allenstown.

The marriage date of David and Lucinda Moses (Cass) daughter of Samuel Cass and Mary (Chesley) is unknown, and they had nine children: Hannah J., born 1835, died 1852; Lizzie B. who married before 1858, Chadwick B. Jones of Deerfield; possibly Mary A. of whom nothing more is known but appears in the 1850 census; Rosina M. who is still living in 1900 and a maid in Haverhill, MA.; Ann M. who married Isaac G. Russ; Elvira K. who married George F.

Pease; Melissa, died unmarried in 1892; Norris G., married in Lynn, MA., Sadie J. Smith in 1871, and died in Epsom in March of 1876; and an unknown child in the Dolbeer death records who died in 1859, age 7 (possibly Mary A. ?).

Title to the house at some point passed to Lucinda, as she is the only person on the deed when she sells the house to their son Norris in 1872. Norris died in 1876, his father David Dickey died in 1884. The 1892 map shows Lucinda still living in the homestead which she sells to James S. Hartford of Epsom in 1895. James and his wife Esther had a family of 12 and probably moved to this smaller property for their later years. Esther Hartford died in 1902, and James sold the house to his daughter Ida C. Hartford in 1903. Ida married seven years later, as his second wife, Albion S. Stearns of Concord. His first wife, Nellie C. Robinson died in 1908.

Albion and Ida had three children: George L. who married in Chichester in 1936, Bernadine C. McLeod; Arthur B. who married in 1934 in Chichester, Eva May Marston; and Alice Blodgett Stearns who married in Chichester in 1909, George Everett Haynes, son of George H. and Margaret (Waterhouse) Haynes. George lived at what was later the Judge Nash house. Ida C. Stearns, widow, deeded the homestead to her son George L. Stearns in 1954. She died in Concord in 1962.



GEORGE S. CHAPMAN HOUSE
Stephen Haynes

In 1850 Jeremy Salter bought his father's homestead and a piece of adjoining land to the north from Charles C. Doe. This one acre lot was sold that same fall to Henry Knox, 'land northerly of my dwelling house.' There were no structures mentioned on the property, but in 1853, Knox sold the one acre with buildings to Stephen D. Haynes. Various members of the Hayne's family may have occupied the home during the 14 years that they owned the property, with Stephen D. Haynes selling the small lot, now with the Dickey residence to the north, to George S. Chapman in 1867.

George was the son of Samuel T. and Deborah (Dow) Chapman, and was raised in this area of New Rye. He married in 1848, Lois B. Smith of Deerfield, daughter of the Deacon David and Lois (Bartlett) Smith. George and Lois had three children: George S., born 1852 and of whom nothing more is known; Frank Webber, born 1857, who married in 1881, Emma A. Cass, daughter of Henry O. and Matilda D. (Heald) Cass; and Calvin Augustine, who married in 1890, Rosabell Tracy. George died in 1892, and his first wife, Lois in 1862. He married in 1864 as his second wife, Caroline Augusta Sanders, no children. She died in 1921. They lived in the homestead until their deaths, and their son Calvin sold the home to Clara B. Fortin of Arlington, Massachusetts. Fortin after five years sold the property to Gladys M. Wickson of Norwood, MA., who kept the property for four years, and as Gladys M. Stone, sold the house to Wesley Carpenter. Carpenter died prior to 1957 when his heir, George J. Carpenter, sold the house in 1967 to Roger and Harriet Sherman.



DANIEL GOSS
Jeremy W. Salter

Jeremy W. Salter bought land in Epsom and Allenstown from Samuel Brown, who had purchased the same parcel from Samuel Davis. Samuel Brown sold the property to Webster Salter in 1806. He sold this same parcel of 60 acres to his brother Alexander Salter in 1812. Alexander likely built the house and later moved to Pembroke, selling the 'homestead farm where I now reside on the easterly side of the New Rye highway, bounded north by land of Jeremy W. Salter' in 1850 to his son, Jeremy Webster Salter. Jeremy and his family also moved to Pembroke, selling to Levi Andrews in 1857, the homestead where he was living, with the Stephen Haynes house to the north, and land of Jacob F. Smith, who bought a small lot from Jeremy in 1856, to the south. The deed included two tracts of land.

The Salter family was from Rye, and the Epsom Salter's were children of Alexander (1744-1801) and Abiah (Webster, 1742-1811) Salter, she the daughter of Josiah and Patty (Goss) Salter. The History of Rye by Parsons incorrectly give the children of Alexander to his brother John, showing incorrectly his marriage to Abiah. Rye vital records record the births and baptisms of Alexander and Abiah, and in 1806, Webster Salter of Rye deeds his right in the estate of his father, Alexander, deceased, and his brother John (who died in Rye, 1804), and property bought with his brother Alexander, to Alexander. Further proof of the children of Alexander is found in his will of 1801 where he leaves to his beloved wife Abiah, use and improvement of household furniture during her widowhood; sons John, Alexander and Webster, each one third part all real and personal estate; daughter Lucy Garland one dollar, and daughter Sally Lear, a case of draws and one four foot table and stand. Son John Salter is named executor. The children of Alexander and Abiah Salter were: Lucy, who married in 1789, Levi Garland; Sally, who married in 1792, Samuel Lear and moved to New Rye; John, who is seen in the will of his father, but only his death date appears in Rye vital records; Alexander, who married first in 1803, Mary Berry, who died in 1810, and married second in 1810, Anna Webster, daughter of John and Dorothy (Chapman) Webster, he being a brother to Abiah; and Webster, who married in Rye in 1806, Sarah Libbey, daughter of Samuel and Mehitabel (Seavey) Libbey.

Son Alexander and his first wife Mary Berry had for children: Lois Anna who married in Epsom in 1824, John Langley and resided in Chichester; John, who married Sarah T. Brown, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Smith) Brown; Sally, who married in 1844 in Epsom, Ruel Buzzell; and a daughter who died in 1810. By his second wife, Anna Webster, he had the following children: Joseph Jenness, who married Hannah Dana and resided in Billerica, MA.; Mary Ann

who married an Ephraim Davis and resided where she died, divorced, in 1895; and Jeremy Webster Salter, who married Fannie Davis and died in Pembroke in 1884. Webster Salter and his wife Sarah Libbey did not have any children, and both died in 1842 and are buried in the Brown Davis Cemetery on New Rye Road.

Levi Andrews had married Lovina W. Haynes in 1846, and with their two children, Ella O. and Emily D., left Epsom in 1863, selling his home and an additional tract of land to William Horne of Epsom. Levi's wife died in 1869. The house lot was now only one acre, and it came with all the personal property, excepting household furniture. William Horne transferred the same property, including land occupied for a grave yard (the Brown-Davis Cemetery), all the tools in the woodshop, and excepting the blacksmith tools. The Hornes did not stay in Epsom long, selling to Calvin S. Sykes of Pembroke in 1865. Sykes sold the house in 1869 to Albert C. Johnson, whose parents were Albert C. and Jane (Haynes) Johnson.

Albert C. Johnson and Jane D. Haynes, daughter of Levi and Polly Haynes, had children: Cynthia A., who married Jacob F. Smith; Horace; Calvin D. Johnson who married Augusta A. Wiggin and died in 1871, she marrying second, James O. Fiske, who adopted her son from the first marriage, Kidder C. Fiske; and Dr. Albert Chandler Johnson who married Mary F. Keniston of Allenstown. The Johnsons sold their home in 1883 to Daniel Goss.

Daniel Goss was already in old age when he purchased the house, having been born about 1820, a son of Nathan and Dolly (Grant) Goss. He, his brother Franklin, brother Nathan Jr., and his father all lived for a time at the southern end of New Rye Road. Daniel married first Charlotte McDaniel, a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Keniston) McDaniel, and had two children, Henry C., and Abby A. Goss. Abby married George S. Little of Salisbury and had two children, Herbert S. and Florence F. Little. Charlotte died in 1878, and Daniel married Letitia (Davis) Fessenden, a daughter of Nathan and Hannah (McCoy) Davis. Daniel died in 1896, his second wife in 1897. His wife Letitia willed the home to Etta M. Murby in 1897, which in turn she sold to Eliza Ring. She was the wife of William T. Ring, and her heirs sold the house to Eugene and Sarah Boehner in 1910.

The Boehner's also bought the adjoining property to the south, which also included a house, in 1909. They sold the former Daniel Goss home in 1937 to Cato Dick of Jamaica Plains in 1937, who owned the home until 1951. The house was bought that year by Bernadine Stearns. She was the daughter of

William McLeod and who married George L. Stearns, son of Albion and Ida C. (Hartford) Stearns, who owned a home just north on New Rye Road.

Bernadine Stearns, as a single lady, sold the house in 1955.



LANGDON AND JOSEPH H. LEAR HOUSE

Across the street from the Salter's on the west side of New Rye Road was the home of the Lear's. Samuel Lear and his wife Sally Salter (sister to Alexander and Webster) were married in Rye in 1792. They bought adjoining land in lot 74 on which lot Job Brown formerly occupied. The land was purchased in 1792 and 1793 from Job Brown and Samuel Davis. Samuel and his wife raised their family of six children: Eliza, who married in Epsom in 1823, Jonathan Prescott of Deerfield; Alexander Salter, who married in Epsom in 1811, Mary Jane Wiggin; Lucy Salter who married Chase Prescott of Deerfield in 1824; Sally C. who married in Pembroke in 1821, John Lane of Deerfield and settled in a house next to her father; John A. B., who married in 1834, Harriet Moses; and Samuel Langdon, who went by Langdon Lear, who married in 1835, Polly T. Cram. Samuel died in 1842, his wife Sally in 1836, and were buried on a portion of their property on the Epsom/Allenstown line. Samuel added to his land holdings, and in 1837 deeded 80 acres in Epsom and 12 acres in Allenstown to his son Samuel L. Lear, excepting the southeasterly front room on the lower level of the house standing on said premises.

The later whereabouts of son John A. B. Lear is unknown, but was in Epsom long enough for sons Henry N. and Albert George to serve in the Civil

War. Samuel Langdon Lear and his wife Polly raised their family on the homestead: Joseph Horace, who married in 1873, Abigail A. Rollins; Rosetta Jane who died about age two and is buried in the family lot; an infant born and died in 1839; Rosetta Jane who married Richard F. Brown, son of Jonathan and Maria (Libbey) Brown; Nancy Davis who married James Wyman Fife in Deerfield in 1860; Flora Ann who married Samuel Smith; Thomas Alvin, born 1844, died 1880 in Allenstown; and Josiah Calvin who married in 1867, Eleanor Brown, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth O. (Goodhue) Brown.

Langdon Lear died in 1893, his wife Polly a half dozen years earlier. Before he died, he deeded the homestead to his son, Joseph H. Lear, who did not have any heirs. Charles H. Foss was the administrator of the estate and owner of the homestead when he mortgaged the premises with Hiram A. Holmes. Charles and his wife Roxanna A. Rollins had three children, Bertel R Foss and his wife Lena Kimball; Everett O. Foss; and Nora A. Foss, who married John W. Murby. The Murby's lived at the very end of New Rye Road. In 1922, Nora and Everett deeded the home to their brother Bertel, who sold the house to John M. and Annine Moulton of Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1922. After four years the Moulton's sold out to Bailey and Elizabeth Jacobs of San Francisco, who kept the property five years. In 1926 it was sold to Charles L. Quimby, who sold the 70 acres and house to Roland and Marjorie LaFleur in 1931. They held the property until 1960.

WILLIAM LANE HOME

John Lane

Samuel Lear sold a parcel of land south of his house to his son-in-law John Lane in 1823. John had married in 1821, his daughter Sally C. Lear in Pembroke. The couple had a large family: John, who died age 6; Sally, who died age 2; Mehitable, who married Daniel Swett; William, who did not marry; Lovina, who married first, Francis I. Smith, second, Jonathan Muzzey Sanborn, third, Simeon Philbrick, and fourth James M. Willey; Henry, who died aged 2 months; Maria, who died aged 7; an unnamed child in 1833; Lucinda who married in 1857, Hiram G. Stone; John A., who married Lizzie Duesbury in 1859 and died in 1861; Thomas J., who married Emma Drown; and Henry H., Civil War veteran, married in 1867, Elizabeth H. Davis. John Lane committed suicide by hanging in 1846, leaving his wife to raise their children. The house later passed to their son William, who never married. William remained in the family homestead until he died in 1906. The property passed to his sister Lovina and her husband Francis I. Smith, and in the 1910 census was occupied by their son Francis I. and his wife Mary. They had mortgaged the property

'being the homestead place of the late William Lane, containing four acres' which they sold in 1916 to Everett O. Foss. Foss sold the home in 1922 to John W. Murby.

John W. Murby of Providence, Rhode Island, married for his first wife, Mary Etta Peasley, also seen as Etta M. Peasley, sometime before 1888. The couple lived in a house adjoining the William Lane property, the last house on New Rye Road. There was one child from the first marriage. In 1898 he married as his second wife, Nora Avis Foss, daughter of Charles H. and Roxanna A. (Rollins) Foss. His first wife in 1899 married Alexander Drummond of Nova Scotia. John and Nora had three children: Gladys Elnora who married Harry Bertel Knox; Ida Roxanna who married in Pembroke in 1927, Thomas B. Johnson; and Ray Foss, who married in 1931, in Manchester, Hazel M. Clayton. Lena Skinner Wells, who wrote to the Epsom Historical Association, called it the Philbrick home which 'was between the Lear and the Murby home, (The home of William Lane in 1858).' It was torn down in the early teens.



CHARLES R. DUTTON

Murby

Franklin Goss appears living at the very southern end of New Rye Road in 1858 and sells the land to his brother Samuel in 1860. Franklin and Samuel were sons of Nathan and Dolly (Grant) Goss. Nathan and Dolly may have lived for a time in the area, exchanging a seven acre lot with Joshua Emerson of Milton, Massachusetts. Nathan and Dolly's sons Nathan Jr., and Daniel also lived for a time in New Rye. Samuel, residing in Manchester with his wife

Christina J. (Perry) sold the 57 acre lot with buildings to William Horne of Hooksett in 1861. The land extended into Allenstown and was sold by Horne to Andrews S. Evans of Allenstown. The next owner was Samuel Philbrick, who after four years sold the land to John J. Haynes, then of Rutland, Vermont.

John J. Haynes was a son of Levi and Polly (Dolbeer) Haynes who had married in Nashua in 1845, Laura J. Mitchell and had one daughter, Minnie. They occupied the dwelling for nearly twenty years, then leaving Epsom, sold the now 66 acres, to George T. Dutton. George T. Dutton, son of Eben S. Dutton, bought a house from his father just south of the old Dolbeer homestead, selling the house and land to his brother, Charles R. Dutton in 1889. Charles R. Dutton kept most of the land, but sold a lot of four acres with the buildings partly in Epsom and partly in Allenstown, to Etta M. Murby of Epsom in 1892.

Etta M., or Mary Etta, was the daughter of John Peasley and Abigail Appleton, and had Epsom roots. Her mother was Abigail Appleton, a daughter of Thomas and Mary D. (Haynes) Appleton. They lived on the Tarleton Road where he died in 1863. His wife, Mary, the daughter of John S. and Lucy (Libbey) Haynes, was born in Epsom in 1818. Thomas and Mary had just two daughters, Abigail and Mary L., who married in North Sutton, Adrian V. Williams. Their mother married after the death of Thomas, a John Phelps in Epsom in 1866, and later an Amos Davis in Sutton in 1876.

Abigail married a second time in 1870, Nathaniel Chase of Warner, and in Epsom in 1893, as his second wife, Samuel Trickey. She died in 1913 and is buried in the Murby lot of the New Rye Cemetery.

Mary Etta Peasley married John William Murby and had a son, Guy A. Murby in 1888. In 1898 she sells 'my homestead farm in Epsom and Allenstown' to Charles H. Foss after separating from John. Charles was the father of Nora Avis Foss, the second wife of John W. Murby, and sold the premises to his daughter Nora in 1899. John and Nora bought the old William Lane homestead from her brother Everett in 1922.



JOHN SHERBURNE GREEN HOUSE

Jacob F. Smith

Jeremy W. Salter sold a small lot south of his home to Jacob F. Smith in 1856, land which was partly in Epsom and partly in Allenstown, on the southerly end of New Rye Road. Smith built a house on the lot which is seen on the 1858 map. In 1870 the family moved to Bradford, Massachusetts, and in 1880, Haverhill, Massachusetts. Married in Allenstown in 1853, they had three children: Alfred, who is in the 1860 census and not 1870; Morris A., who married in 1887, Bessie Curton; and Alfreda Cynthia, who married first in 1874, Everett T. Swett, who died in 1905, and she married second, in 1913, Charles Lawrence Hicks.

Jacob F. Smith's spouse was Cynthia A. Johnson, daughter of Albert C. and Jane D. (Haynes) Johnson. Albert and Jane (Haynes) Johnson also had a son Albert Chandler Johnson, who married Mary F. Keniston, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Philbrick) Keniston of Allenstown. Mary F. had a sister Adaline R., who married in 1859, Albert's brother, Cortes A. Johnson. Both Albert C. and Cortes A. were doctors.

In 1868 Jacob sold the home to his wife's sister, Adaline R. Johnson. His wife Cynthia died in 1909 and Jacob died sometime prior to 1900. Cortes and his wife Adaline sold the house in 1878 to John Sherburne Green.

John S. Green was the son of Sherburne and Abigail Locke (Sanders) Green born about 1831 in Pittsfield. He married about 1858, Mary Marie Flanders of New York, New York. Their children included: Emma Frances, who married Charles S. Piper; Anna Maria, who married in Epsom in 1888, Clarence O.

Wells; Arthur S., who married in 1891, Annie M. Munsey; and Helen Gertrude, who married in Epsom in 1902, Minot Rowell Yeaton.

The Green's were already married about 20 years when they moved to the New Rye home, and were there when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They sold the house to their son-in-law, Charles S. Piper, three fourths of an acre, in June of 1909. The next month the home was sold to Eugene H. and Sadie Boehner of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. According to an Epsom fire log, this building, on September 10, 1910, dwelling and barn, was destroyed by fire. According to the log the cause was children playing with matches. The hay in the barn was a total loss, and about two thirds of the furniture was saved, the house and barn were a total loss.

The deed of Boehner to Cato Dick in 1937 does not mention buildings. Cato Dick sells this and another tract of land to Bernadine Stearns in 1951.



ICE CUTTING IN NEW RYE

Two articles on ice cutting in New Rye, the first a newspaper article from the Union in 1934, and the second from the memoirs of George H. Yeaton.

Short Falls

Cooperative Company Finishes Ice Cutting

Special to the Union

SHORT FALLS Feb. 22, 1934 – Ice cutting operations have recently been completed by the New Rye Ice Company on the pond on Deer Brook for the 37th consecutive season. This company was formed in 1897, by the neighbors

then living in New Rye, as a cooperative venture, whereby they might cut ice for themselves and sell any surplus for the company profit.

A leader in the enterprise was Charles Sumner Hall, who then owned the property in New Rye through which Deer Brook runs. In October 1897, he gave the company a deed, insuring them in perpetuity, the privilege of maintaining a dam and flooding the land from November 1 to April 1; with the right to cut ice and make repairs on the dam whenever necessary, the deed included a right of way to the dam. This property has since passed through the hands of Elmore L. J. Pierce and is now owned by Leon Jaworski. Years before the formation of the ice company, a sawmill with an old fashioned up and down saw operated on Deer Brook near the New Rye Road. This mill had an upper dam which was rebuilt for the use of the New Rye Company.

The cost of building the dam was met by selling shares in the company. The company also owned two ice plows. It was cut and sold at cost to shareholders. If the company sold ice to other customers, the surplus income was divided among the shareholders; if expenses or cost of repairs mounted, they were assessed.

Fred C. Fife was president of the company for many years. Old residents of Epsom will recognize the names of the early shareholders: John Perkins, George Dowst, Charles Doe, James H. Tripp, Henry Haynes, John Henry Dolbeer, J. Calvin Brown, Frank Ricker, Charles Foss and Warren Brown were among the members, as well as Fred Page, Anson B. Cass, George Cass, Norman H. Munroe and Walter J. Pickard, many of whom still use company ice.

Whenever property in New Rye was sold, it was usual for the membership in the ice company to go with the deed.

This year, for the first time, ice was cut with a power cutter. About 3,600 cakes, averaging 80 pounds each, were taken out at an estimated cost to shareholders of three cents a cake.

HARVESTING ICE IN THE YEAR 1905 by George H. Yeaton

The first thing to do was to clean the sawdust out of the ice house, leaving about one foot of sawdust in the bottom, this layer of sawdust must be smooth and level as much depended on having the first layer of ice level and solid. The next thing that one had to do was the clean the snow off from the pond where they were planning to cut the ice. If the snow was not too hard and frozen, one could use a hand snow scoop but usually we would have to use steel show shovels.

For equipment to use, first an inch thick board twelve feet in length and twelve inches in width with a short piece of narrow board fastened on each end. Next a marker, these were made from an old hoe. A blacksmith would cut off the blade then sharpen the curved shank that was left on the end of the handle leaving it shaped like a three cornered file pointed at the end and a little wider, about two inches, from the sharp end. One must have a sharp ice chisel; this would be about four feet in length. Then the ice saws, at that time everyone used the regular cross-cut saws, the same as were used in cutting lumber, as the regular ice saws did not come into use for some time after this date.

Now we would mark out the ice. One man could do this, but two could do it much quicker and easily. The ice area to be cut was marked off in eighteen-inch squares with the use of the board previously mentioned and the use of the marker or markers if there were two men. When they got through marking the ice field, it looked like a huge checkerboard. The next step was to cut a hole in the ice at one corner of the marked ice.

This was when the ice chisel came into use, after cutting the hole through the ice, someone would proceed to cut out the "header." This was done by sawing down the first marked line, then they would set over about ten inches and saw a parallel cut of the same length. We had to be careful and not let the saw cut wider on the underside as that would interfere with removing the header. An experienced ice cutter would cut under a little in this way the header could be easily removed after cutting it into pieces that could be handled with the use of the ice tongs.

Then two men would commence to cut out the blocks of ice, one man would saw lengthwise and the other could cut the long strip of ice into blocks eighteen inches square. As the man who was sawing lengthwise, he must, at the beginning of each strip, saw out a short "header" but only one short header each time.

If one cut more than that, the ice might break if one walked on the edge of the ice. Now a third man was needed to pull out the cakes of ice placing them in rows. But he must be sure and put something under them, as the blocks of ice, being wet when taken out of the water, had a tendency to freeze to ice on the pond. It did not take much under them to keep them from freezing down – pieces of wood of most any description. The man who did the pulling out also helped load the teams, so he was kept quite busy. As the ice cutter increased the size of the cut over area, the pull out man must use a pike-pole to guide the cakes to the point where he wished to take them from the water. There was one

man who stayed at the icehouse, helping to unload the teams and packing the ice tier upon tier until the building was full, leaving about twelve inches on all four sides away from the side of the building. This space would be filled later with sawdust as well as placing from one to two feet of sawdust on top of the ice. In packing the ice one would sprinkle a little sawdust over the top of each layer as this not only kept it level, but the cakes would come out much easier the following summer. Any spaces between the cakes of ice would be filled with sawdust also; this would prevent the cakes from freezing together. Wide planks were used in unloading the ice, upon which the ice cakes were slid from the sled into the ice house.

Swamp Road

William Haynes/Edwin T. Philbrick - 1858

This property appears on the 1858 map. The house was owned by Ambrose D. Haynes, a son of Caleb Bartlett and his second wife, Hannah (Sanborn) Haynes. Ambrose sold the house in 1850 to his step brother, William. William, son of Caleb Bartlett and his first wife, Sally Haines, married a Maria Perley or Peasley, in Haverhill, MA., in 1837. He died in 1854, with his estate administered by William Ham. The property 'together with the buildings thereon consisting of a dwelling house, shoemakers shop and woodshed' was sold to Edwin T. Philbrick in April of 1856. Edwin Thomas Philbrick was the son of Simeon and Olive W. (Bickford) Philbrick. According to Haines Genealogy, he is given as a blacksmith of Exeter, NH. He preached to the Christian Baptist Church in Epsom, NH some years. Epsom, NH History in the "History of Merrimack County" states he was living in New Rye (Epsom, NH) about the year 1860 having left his forge and anvil, reorganizing the old church and was ordained its pastor in August of 1859. He preached there about ten years. He sold the home to Samuel Colcord of Exeter in 1869. When Colcord sold the property to Paran Philbrick in 1878, the deed says the 'same conveyed by Edwin T. Philbrick to Samuel Colcord, from which the buildings have been removed.' Paran Philbrick was a brother to Edwin T., and sold the land to Charles F. Haynes in 1886.



JOHN HAMILTON AND FRED CLIFTON FIFE

Caleb B. Haynes

In maps as late as 1927, Sanborn Hill Road descends down to directly connect to the road leading to the Simeon Sanders/Norman Munroe home. In 1892, one home appears at the intersection just before the drive to the old Sanders home, and in 1858, there is another house on the opposite side of the entrance. The first house in 1858 is occupied by Caleb Bartlett Haynes, and across the road, John H. Fife and Charles Lamprey.

Caleb Bartlett Haynes was the son of Elisha, he in turn a son of John and Olive (Weeks) Haynes, whose sons had a large presence in New Rye. Elisha was born about 1762 and married Betsy Bartlett about 1784. Their children included: Caleb, who married first Sally Haines of Chichester, and second, Hannah Sanborn of Chichester; James, who married Sally Clark, daughter of Ichabod and Betsey (Hartford) Clark of Allenstown; Betsy who died unmarried in 1825; Lydia, who married John Kennison, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Clark) Kennison, who removed to Stanstead, Canada; Jonathan who married Catherine Smith and lived in Wisconsin; Mehitabel who married Francis Daniel Johnson and died in 1859; John Dearborn who married Eliza Stevens and resided in Boston; and Sally, who married the Reverend Dudley Thyng, died in 1874 in Columbus, Wisconsin.

Elisha was a Revolutionary War veteran, and applied for pension assistance in 1831, in part he discloses (extracts): That my whole family consists of myself and my wife Polly of nearly the same age, and she had been unable for ten years past to do but little labor, indeed none except a little sewing or knitting. Elisha Haynes of Epsom, in said County of Merrimack, aged 71 years on the

15th day of next October, born in Greenland in said State but has lived in Epsom aforesaid nearly 60 years, also land has been granted to me by my son John D. Haynes, living in Boston, with also leave to occupy a small tenement of his in said Epsom and cultivate a few acres of his land, lying in said town, and while I was blessed with health and strength, and my wife able to labor, but being now troubled with a rupture in my groin, occasioned by a strain revised some years since while assisting to raise a saw mill and with rheumatic pain in addition to the infirmities of age; and my wife confined to her bed with an incurable dropsy; and being able to labor very little myself, and my wife none at all, we must soon wholly depend upon charity for our support and maintenance...My present family consists of myself, my wife, and a young grandchild, named Charlotte Johnson, about 12 years of age, who lives with us to assist us and we three make our whole family.

I have three daughters who are married and live from thirty eight to fifty miles from me. I have four sons, namely John Dearborn, who lives in Boston (Mass) 60 mile from me; James who lives in Fisherville and Jonathan who lives in New Hampton, both in this state, the former 50, the latter 40 miles distance; and Caleb who lives in the same town.

The three first have but small property, and Caleb has none, having recently been compelled to take the poor debtors oath to get released from the precincts of the County Prison. None of my children therefore can assist me without injury to their families; and besides all (but Caleb who instead of being able to afford assistance needs it himself) live too remote from me to afford me that occasional aid (even if they were able) that my necessities require.

Elisha Haynes bought land in Epsom as early as 1784 when Ebenezer Wallace sold him 50 acres, part of lot 68 which was the original right of Samuel Wallace. In 1808 he deeds 11 acres to his son Caleb - bounded beginning at the southeast corner of my land at the highway near the school house and adjoining on Nathaniel Wiggin's land. What is interesting is the mention of the school, which in 1808 was some 25 years before the establishment of the New Rye District schoolhouse. This Mountain District school is the schoolhouse which burned in 1833 and was replaced further east by what is now known as the Red Schoolhouse. The homestead was sold by Elisha to his son James, who by an indenture allowed them to stay in their home as long as it was properly maintained. From the petition for assistance, this appears to still have been in force in 1832, and Elisha died in 1834. His first wife Betsy died in 1812. He married in Deerfield, April 21, 184, Mary Johnson of Allenstown.

Caleb Bartlett Haynes was born in Epsom, May 29, 1785 and married in Chichester 1807, Sally Haines. The Chichester line of Haines uses the 'i' in the

spelling of the surname, as opposed to the 'y' as the Epsom Haynes did. Sally was the daughter of Malachi Haines and his wife Sarah of Chichester. Malachi bought land in Chichester in 1774, about the time his daughter Sally was born. Malachi was the son of Thomas and Deborah (Lamprey) Haines, and was baptized in Hampton in 1748. Sally's brother Malachi administered their father's estate in 1802.

Caleb and his wife Sally had seven sons: William, who married Maria Perley; Elisha who died at sea in 1828; Parsons Gray who died unmarried at age 20; Samuel, who married Mary S. Wheelock and second Louisa Hicks; John Lagmaid who lived in Concord, Milford and Boston MA., described as a great wrestler and injured while loading a cannon; Newell Harding who married Mary J. Merrill and lived for a time in Stoneham, MA.; and Ambrose Harrison who died age 3. Caleb's wife Sally died in 1822, and he married in the fall of the same year, Hannah S. Sanborn, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Prescott) Sanborn of Chichester, and the couple had the following children: Abraham Sanborn, who married Elizabeth Haines of New London in 1847; Ambrose D. Haynes who married Eliza T. Goss in 1847, who died in 1850, and he married second Elizabeth O. Goodhue in 1851, he died in service during the Civil War; Caleb B. who only lived one year; Hiram Bartlett who married in 1851, Abby Jane Cotton, he also died during the Civil War; Mary Elizabeth who married in 1848, John Hamilton Fife; Ann Mariah W. who died about age 2; Frances Mariah Putnam who married in 1856, Charles Quimby; Olive Ann who died age 21, unmarried; and Hannah J. who married in 1862, Josiah R. Batchelder and died in 1866 and he died in 1864 at Andersonville, South Carolina.

Caleb lived next to the road leading to the Sanders farm and across the road was the home of John H. Fife, who married his daughter Mary Elizabeth. John Hamilton Fife and Mary had the following children: Adora Ann who only lived a few months; Mary Abigail who married Frank E. Randall and resided in Pittsfield; James Bartlett who married Elizabeth Daily and lived in Boston working for the Oliver Ditson Music Company; Dora Anne who married William B. Evans of Pittsfield; Jennette N. who tragically died when her clothes caught fire at about age 4; Fred Clinton who married Alice M. Wells, daughter of Hanover Osgood and Mary Sarah (Brown) Wells; and Alice F. who died age 12. The 1858 map also shows Charles Lamprey at the same location. There appears to be no relationship, but it is known that Charles, who also died in the Civil War, was the son of Robert and Mary (Fogg) Lamprey. He married Mary J. Dow of Epsom, daughter of James and Betsey (Robinson) Dow.

By 1892, only one house appears on the south of the road leading to the Sander's place, then the Chapman farm, and it is John H. and his son Fred C. Fife. By 1927 this house is gone and had been replaced by a new house across Swamp Road on the corner of Swamp Road and the entrance to Sanborn Hill Road. This was the residence of Fred Clifton Fife.

Fred Clifton Fife's first wife Alice died in 1903, and he married in 1905, Ernestine Marie Montminy and started a family: John Clifton, Winthop Haines, Roscoe Hill, Mary Ernestine, Lillian Ellis and Raymond Lyman Fife. Fred C. Fife, by deed while of Watertown, MA., sold the Swamp Road home in 1908 to George T. and Roxie Dutton. Up to 1900 the Dutton's lived in the home they sold in 1900 to the Union Congregational Church. George T. Dutton died in 1928 and his wife, son Clyde and daughter Thelma, sold the house to Ernest Clark. The succession of owners included Bernard Bockus, James C. Hodson, Theodore Yeaton, Russell Farley and Gary Matteson.



CALVIN A. CHAPMAN

Simeon L. Sanders

The Sanders farm was part of the original right of John Johnson which passed to Matthias Haynes of Greenland. Matthias deeded the Epsom land to his son John Haynes in 1755, about which time the Haynes family moved to Epsom. John sold the east end of the property, next to land that he had already sold to Aaron Burbank, to his son Jeremiah in 1784. John, still owning the west end, swapped the two lots in 1787, and sold his portion to his son John Jr. in 1797. Jeremiah's land is what was later the Judge Nash residence. Three years later,

in 1800, John Jr. sold his portion, being ½ interest to his brother Matthias, and ½ interest to brother Levi. Finally, Matthias sold his half of the 80 acre lot to Levi in 1806, making him sole owner.

Levi Haynes lived on the family homestead for another twenty years, selling the homestead farm to James and Eliphalet Wiggin in 1826. The Wiggin family in Epsom were brothers, Nathaniel and Benjamin, sons of Eliphalet and ____ Foss. Nathaniel married Sally Haynes, daughter of John and Olive (Weeks) Haynes, and died in 1822, leaving children Hannah, Sally, Fanny P. and James. His brother Benjamin married a Mary Dow, moved to Epsom and had children: Sally, who married Isaac Knox; Eliphalet, who did not marry and died in Richmond, WI.; and James, who married a Mary unknown, who died in 1835 after having two children, Sally Cate, who married Andrew McClary Grant, and Almira H. who died in 1845. James married second, Rosilla Winslow, daughter of Elisha and Lydia Winslow. The two brothers sold the farm, consisting of 2 tracts to Simeon L. Sanders in 1837.

Simeon L. Sanders was the son of John Sanders and his wife Anna Locke. John and Anna married in Epsom in 1804 and raised 10 children: George, who married Mary Twombly; Simeon L. who married Caroline Colby; Abigail Locke, who married Sherburne Green, father of John Sherburne Green of New Rye; Nancy, who died young; John, who married Angennete Leavitt; Nancy, who married John Wallace and lived at Epsom Center; Reuben L., who married Abigail Locke, daughter of John and Mehitabel (Bickford) Locke; Joseph L. who married Harriet Potter; David Locke who married Mary A. Carr; and Solomon C., who married Thurseley Corliss.

Simeon and Caroline raised four daughters: Sarah Jane who married in 1849, William Henry Straw and settled on the New Rye end of Sanborn Hill Road; Caroline Augusta who married George S. Chapman and lived in New Rye; Mary Ann and Nancy L., neither ever married. Simeon died in 1886, and his heirs, who included his wife Caroline, Sarah J. Straw, Caroline Chapman and Mary A. Sanders, sold the homestead to Charles A. Chapman in 1886, reserving a cemetery where daughter Nancy L. was buried. [note: there is also a grave in the New Rye Cemetery.] Calvin Augustine Chapman was the son of George S. and his first wife, Lois B. Smith (his second wife was Caroline A. Sanders), and he sold the homestead back to Simeon's widow Caroline in 1893. She died in 1896 and sold the home to James H. Tripp the next year. Tripp sold the property a few months later to Norman H. Munroe, 90 acres, land and buildings.

Norman Henry Munroe was born in Nova Scotia and came to this country with his father William N. and mother Barbara A. (Rynard) Munroe. He married in Manchester in 1893, Helen Geneva Hardy. The couple had three children of which two survived: Norman Scott who married Mary Hannah Brown of Gilmanton in 1925; and Adin Donald who married Barbara A. Shaw in Pittsfield in 1929.

WALDO G. WEEKS

Samuel Chapman

Prior to the time that James and Eliphalet Wiggin sold the former Hayne's farm to Simeon L. Sanders, six acres was sold to their cousin, James Wiggin Jr., son of Nathaniel Wiggin. He did not settle on the property, and sold it to John S. Haynes after just a few months. When John S. Haynes sells the land, now of eleven acres, to Daniel Clough in 1843, it reserved the 'land where Samuel Chapman's house stands, as long as said Chapman shall choose to live there, then to belong to the said Clough.'

Daniel Clough five years later sells a portion of the property, likely including the house, to Joseph Chapman, a son of Samuel T. Chapman. Samuel died in 1870 and his wife in 1877. Son Joseph sold the property to Abbie M. Weeks in 1881, bounded in part 'westerly from where the house of the late Samuel Chapman stood.'

Abbie M. Weeks at the time was a widow, her husband, John M. Weeks died in 1876. Her son Waldo G. Weeks inherited the home when Abbie died in 1898. Waldo married Clara Olive Cass, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Philbrick) Cass in 1891 and had two children: John Harold Weeks who married Elsie Cofran Sanborn, daughter of Jeremy Leavitt and Emma Sophia (Cofran) of Chichester; and Chester Russell, who married Ruth A. Gray. Waldo G. Weeks died in 1920, and his widow Clara, and two sons, sold the land and buildings to Adin D. Munroe in 1923.



JOHN CALVIN BROWN
William S. Brown

When Joseph Brown died in 1771 he willed his Epsom land to his son Jonathan, and to his brother James, 20 acres of land in Rye. James sold the 20 acres in Rye to Peter Garland October 30, 1784, and fifteen days earlier bought 100 acres of land in Epsom from Samuel Sawyer of Ipswich, MA., land being part of lot 66, the original right of Samuel Brackett. The family moved from Rye to Epsom, and James continued to buy additional land: part of lot 67 in 1792 from Samuel Moses; part of the Ebenezer Wallace land in 1806; and parts of lots 68 and 69 in 1807 from Matthias Haynes.

James Brown married in Kingston, Dec. 24, 1789, a Hannah Smith, possibly a sister to Mary Smith who married his brother Jonathan in 1787. Their children were probably all born in Epsom and included: Jacob. O., who married a Dorothy Brown; Abigail, who died unmarried in 1843; Susan K. who married in 1832, Moses Straw; James, who married in 1831, Nancy B. Robinson; William S., who married in 1838, Abigail Ewer; Hannah, who married an unknown Davis and is only seen in the will of her father; Robert S. who died unmarried in 1838; and Mary Ann who died about age 5 in 1821.

James Brown died in 1838 and is buried in an old family cemetery on the property with his family. His will, written in 1833, left his wife her one third of the property and 'the north room in the new part of the house and a chamber in the westerly end of the old part of the house with a privilege in the kitchen, cellar and dairy.' Son Jacob O. and daughter Hannah O. Davis received ten

dollars, and daughter Susan K. Straw fifteen dollars. His daughter Abigail was not yet married, and was given comfortable support while she was unmarried and 'the easterly room in the old part of my house' along with seventy five dollars. Son William S. received all the property his father owned in the town of Wentworth, with the rest of the estate going to sons James Jr., and Robert S. Brown. The will written in 1833 was proved shortly after James died in May of 1838, but his son Robert S. died in March the same year, leaving by will the property to son James Jr.

James Jr., also seen as Capt. James Brown, was born in 1805, and married in 1831, Nancy B. Robinson, daughter of John and his second wife, Susannah (Tilton) Robinson. James died at age 38 in 1843, having for children Mary Ann, who married in Epsom in 1857, William S. Morrill of Chichester; a daughter Susan who died at about age 1; and daughter Clara who died at age seven months.

By 1858 the widow of Capt. James, Nancy, is living with her daughter Mary Ann and husband William S. Morrill, two houses up Sanborn Hill Road in the house occupied in 1892 by William Brown. The homestead farm was occupied by the last surviving son of James and Hannah Brown, William S.. William S. Brown married Abigail Ewer in Canterbury, January 31, 1838, and the couple did not have any children. Abigail Ewer had a sister Nancy who married Nathaniel Briggs. He died in an accident, and her two children, Nancy Sarah and brother William, were raised by their Uncle William and Aunt Abigail. William was adopted, and his sister Nancy married John Calvin Brown. Abigail died in 1879, and William S. in 1883. In 1882, William S. sold 'land with buildings, being my homestead farm,' in two tracts totaling 98 acres, to John Calvin Brown of Epsom.

John Calvin Brown, a son of Jonathan and Maria (Libbey) Brown, married Nancy S. Briggs in Epsom on August 16, 1871. They had two children: Ethel Gertrude, who married first in 1901, William J. Dooley, and second in 1909, Thomas H. Day; and Charles A. Brown, born 1880 in Boston. MA, who died unmarried in Concord in 1923.

John Calvin Brown died in 1915, his wife Nancy in 1936. Their daughter Ethel Gertrude Brown had a daughter by her first husband William Dooley, Madeline Ewer Dooley, who officially had her name changed to Madeline Ewer Brown. She married in 1922, George Samuel Yeaton, son of Samuel Roby and Mabel Evelyn (Stewart) Yeaton. The homestead passed to Charles A., son of John Calvin, and his widow Nancy, and to Madeline and her husband George S.

Yeaton. In 1979, title went from the heirs of George and Madeline to son Theodore Ewer Yeaton. The house was lost to fire in 1963.



WILLIAM HENRY STRAW

Moses Straw

According to the 1850 US Census for Epsom, Moses Straw, his wife Susan, and children William, James S. and Susan, were already living in their homestead farm with Nancy B. Brown and her daughter Mary A., above them, and the farm of William and Abigail E. Brown below them. Just when they received title is not known, but they did buy property from Nancy B. Brown (widow of Capt. James Brown) of 20 acres on the westerly side of the road and 2 acres on the easterly side. The family previously resided in Hill, NH.

Moses Straw was born in Hill, NH about 1805, son of John and Mary (Emerson) Straw. He married in Epsom on May 4, 1832, Susan K. Brown, daughter of James and Hannah (Smith) Brown. Their children included: James Henry, who was born in Hill, NH in 1833 and married in 1859, Sarah Jane Sanders; James S., born in Hill in 1842, married in Epsom in 1863, Mary Ellen Wells, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Mary S. (Locke) Wells; and Susan A., born Epsom, who married in 1868, Paran Philbrick, son of Simeon and Olive W. (Bickford) Philbrick.

The mother of Moses, Mary, died in Epsom in 1847, and is buried in the family plot next to that of the family of James Brown. Also buried in this cemetery are Samuel Wallace, his wife Jane and daughter Comfort. They lived on a 30 acre lot between lots 68 and 69. His son Joseph Chase Wallace inherited the

Wallace homestead where he resided until sometime before 1840 when he was in Concord, NH.

Moses Straw died in 1878, and in the following year the homestead was deeded by his widow and his children, to son William H. Straw, 'the homestead farm formerly owned and occupied by Moses Straw.' The deed includes two tracts, one each on either side of the road, and reserving 'a certain cemetery near said road adjoining land of said (William S.) Brown and the right to pass and re-pass there from.' William married Sarah Jane Sanders, a daughter of Simeon L. and Caroline (Colby) Sanders, who owned the former John Haynes land not far from the Straw farm. The couple had two children: Carrie Vicena, who married Anson B. Cass; and Mary Isabel who married Clarence E. Kendall of Ferrisburg, Vermont.

William H. Straw died in 1892. Clarence Elmer Kendall, husband to Mary I. Straw, died in 1903. Anson B. Cass, the husband of Mary's sister Carrie V., was appointed in 1894, guardian to the only child of Clarence and Mary, Alice L. Kendall. As guardian, Anson Cass sold one half of the Straw farm, excluding a small cottage house and one half acre of land, to Jephtha M. Olmstead of Old Mystic, Connecticut. The other half, 'being the farm formerly owned by Sarah J. Straw' was sold by Mary L. Kendall to Jephtha Olmstead in 1908.

An Indenture document is recorded in Merrimack County where J. M. Olmstead rents the property for a period of 30 years, commencing April 1, 1906, to Albert F. and Lizzie Hunt of Brockton, Massachusetts. It states it being part of the Straw Farm, formerly owned by the late William Straw, described as namely the field on the west side of the highway – the pasture on the east side of the highway, the house and shed excepting the tenement at the north end of the house – the large barn with right to enter it from either end, the privilege of cutting what wood he may need for their fires provided that no tress shall be cut suitable for timber. It is not known just how long the agreement lasted, as the Olmstead's sold the farm on August 1, 1930 to Horace H. and Gladys M. Beaudet of Hopedale, Massachusetts, referencing their deeds from Anson Cass, guardian of Alice Kendall, and that of Mary I. Kendall. Mary I Kendall died in Pittsfield in 1962, Alice L. Kendall in 1976.

Within two years after the property was bought by the Beaudet's, the Epsom fire logs show the structure lost to fire on April 23, 1932 from a chimney fire. The only remains of the cottage and house are cellar holes.

WILLIAM BROWN

Mrs. N. Brown & W.S. Morrill

The history of this lot is not clear. In 1858, Nancy Brown, the widow of James Brown, is living on this lot with her daughter, Mary Ann and her husband, William S. Morrill. There does not appear to be any deeds tracing the property as either sold by Morrill, nor the widow Brown. The 1880 US Census shows William and his wife Sarah J., living with Williams S. Brown. By the map of 1892, William is living on the Brown/Morrill lot.

William Brown, formerly Briggs and adopted by his Uncle and Aunt, William S. and Abigail Brown, married in Chichester on July 12, 1879, Sarah J. Nickerson (also seen Nixon and various other forms), daughter of Joseph and Sarah E. (Burnham) Nickerson. They had children: Clarence W., George H., Alice Edith., Frank Everett; and perhaps others. Sarah J. died in 1895 and William married second the sister of his first wife, Mary Josephine, who is seen mostly as Josie.

Son Frank Everett inherited the homestead sometime after the death of his father. Frank E. married in 1928, Lulu E. Smith of Deerfield, daughter of Josiah D. and Susan N. (Bartlett) Smith. She had previously married Edward R. Davis and had two children; John D. and Ruth A. Davis. Frank and Lulu had a child, William, born in 1929. From his obituary in the 1954 town report - FRANK EVERETT BROWN died suddenly October 30, 1953. He was born in Epsom April 1, 1891, the son of William and Sarah (Nickerson) Brown. He lived and worked as a farmer in Epsom all his life. He was well known to people in surrounding towns where he drove a meat truck for many years. He married Lulu Davis, April 19, 1928. He is survived by his wife, a son William, a step-daughter Mrs. Ruth Krenn and a step-son John D. Davis. Mr. Brown was a member and trustee of Epsom Baptist Church and a member of McClary Grange for nearly half a century.

He took an active part in civic affairs serving as selectman, a member of the School Board, and on the budget committee of which he was a member at the time of his death.

Frank lived at Short Falls at the time of his death. The house on this lot, and another he owned on Sanborn Hill, both fell into decay and are no longer standing.

THE UP AND DOWN SAW

by Lena Skinner Wells, for the Epsom Historical Association

There was a saw mill on Deer Brook in back of the Rev. John Mason's summer home, now the home of Robert Tripp. Between the years of 1750 and 1780 there were several large colonial homes built in New Rye, one of them on Wing Road in Allenstown, with the lumber being sawed at the old mill.

The house on Wing Road was known as the Deacon John Perkins's place. (Later owned by his son, John Perkins.) It has had many owners since then.

The house at Wells Corner belonged to the Brown's. When Hanover Wells sold his house and barn in the late 1870's, he moved in with his in-laws, the Jonathan Browns. He had married Mary S. Brown and they had five children.

The Hanover Wells homestead was bought by a man by the name of J. B. Tennant, who tore it down and rebuilt it as the store at Short Falls.

Other homes were the Lear place, more recently known as the Foss home and then owned by LaFleurs. The Philbrick home was between the Lear and the Murby home. (The home of William Lane in 1858.) It was torn down in the early teens.

Two other homes were the Haynes home, later Nash, and the Goodhue home on the site of the John Howard place.

The latest use of the saw was as a sign for the Wells and Son wood working shop at Short Falls, which was in operation during the late 1940's.

The saw is a gift from Natalie Wells Monty. I'd like this saw to be a memorial to Arthur Wells and our son, Neal A. Wells, both war veterans.

[The saw remains part of the Epsom Historical Association's holdings.]