



Nicholas Dolbeer Homestead, 8 Baybutt Road, Epsom, NH

Nicholas Dolbeer, son of Jonathan Dolbeer of Rye, moved to Epsom in 1792, and died shortly thereafter leaving a young family. His will left the property to his sons, of which only Jonathan was of age. Over time, sons William and Stephen left Epsom, and sons Jonathan and John built homes of their own in Epsom, leaving the homestead to the youngest son, Nicholas, a blacksmith. Nicholas had two sons, the eldest, Calvin inherited the homestead, while son John left Epsom in 1850 at the age of 23, for California. John becomes involved with lumber operations and patents a steam donkey. His patents and business make him a wealthy man and later contributes redwood lumber for the building of the Epsom Public Library in 1902.

Calvin resided in New Rye until his death, and among many other contributions, continued a record of deaths in the town of Epsom started by his Uncle Jonathan in 1819. His sole surviving heir, daughter Ellen M., married Charles Sumner Hall, and they owned the property until 1902. Charles Sumner Hall was involved with the ice making and lumber operations in New Rye, and moved to Gossville where he was involved with many enterprises, including the Silver and Hall store, the Epsom Shoe Factory and the Sumner (Gossville) Hotel. He lived opposite the junction of Dover Road and Black Hall Road.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1732, Lot 72 original right of Christopher Treadwick; 1750, Jonathan Dolbeer of Rye from Richard and Mary Perry of New Castle, which lot and rights in said township was formerly Christopher Treadwicks, former husband of said Mary; 1761, Jonathan Dolbeer of Rye dies intestate leaving land in Epsom; 1792, Nicholas Dolbeer, son of Jonathan settles in Epsom; 1796, Nicholas Dolbeer of Epsom dies and wills property to his sons; 1816, Nicholas Dolbeer, blacksmith from Jonathan Dolbeer, gentleman - Jonathan moves to Center Hill - John moves to property nearby, Stephen and William leave Epsom and Nicholas (Jr.) stays on the homestead; 1850, Calvin Dolbeer from Nicholas Dolbeer, blacksmith, one undivided half of land and buildings conveyed to me by Jonathan Dolbeer; 1887, Charles S. Hall and Ellen M. Hall from Calvin and Abigail Dolbeer, homestead farm of said grantor, all the real estate grantor owns in said Epsom; 1902, Ellen and Elmore L.J. Pierce from Charles S. and Ellen Hall, the Dolbeer farm; April 1922, Stanislaw Kaslewic from Elmore L.J. and Ellen T. Pierce; August 1922, Jean and Franciska Jaworski from Stanislaw Kaslewic; 1927, Leon and Jazefa Jaworski from Jan and Franciska Jaworski; 1949, Margurite T. and Everett Longson from Leon and Juzefa Jaworski; 1954, Donald and Evelyn Wead from Margurete T. and Evertt N. Longson.

GENEALOGY: Jonathan Dolbeer of Rye was the son of Nicholas Dolbeer and Sarah Libbey. Jonathan married Hannah Marden, daughter of Stephen Marden and Charity Lang. They had for children: Ruth, Nicholas, Jonathan, Abigail who died young, Stephen, Abigail and Hannah. Son Nicholas married in 1773, Mary Randall and had children: Jonathan who married Rachel Cass and had no children; Aster, of whom nothing is known; John who married Sally Sherburne; Martha (Patty) who married David Libbey; Stephen who married Jane Libbey; Polly who married Levi Haynes; William who married Hannah Kimball; Betty, of whom nothing is known; and Nicholas who married Esther Chase. Nicholas who married Esther Chase had for children: Emily, who married Samuel E. Moore; Calvin, who married Abby Lucas Goss, daughter of Nathan and Dorothy Goss; Mary of whom nothing more is known; John who removed to California and married Harriet Schander; Sabra who married Jacob P. Chase; and Susan who married later in life as his second wife, Eben S. Dutton. Calvin and Abigail Dolbeer had for children: Sarah Eliza of whom nothing more is known; Ellen M. who married Charles Sumner Hall, son of John C. Hall and Mary E. Rand, no children; Alice C. who died young.

