



### **Philbrick-Eastman House, 1618 Dover Road, Epsom, NH**

It is not unusual to find deeds with land being bought where residents already lived, and this is one such case. Samuel bought Lot No.3, common land owned by the Town of Epsom, land where Samuel Bickford already resided, establishing an early house on the property. His brother Thomas owned adjoining property, Lot No. 95, where Samuel soon after moved to. Samuel died about 1773, and his son Thomas sold Lot No. 3 to John Batchelder, who had established earlier a residence, apparently near the corner of the current Dover and New Orchard Roads. The property passed through several owners until purchased in 1818 by Robert Knox who established a store where John Batchelder had been established, yet there is no mention in the prior deeds of the early dwelling of Samuel Bickford. Knox left Epsom about 1850, selling a small lot to Albon Perkins, who appears in this house on the 1858 county map. About the same time, Knox sold adjoining land to the Town of Epsom for the building of the new Town House, and the store to John Wallace. John Wallace sold the store on the corner of New Orchard Road to Arthur C. Locke, and Albon Perkins sold his residence to Arthur's father, Francis T. Locke. After Francis died, Arthur bought his fathers house from the widow Rhoda Locke. Arthur C. Locke then sold the house to Lowell Eastman. The Eastman's owned the property for about 30 years, and shortly thereafter was bought by James O. Fisk, in whose family it remained until 1943.

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

1765, Samuel Bickford from the Town of Epsom (John McClary, George Wallace and Ephraim Locke), sale of common land Lot No. 3, where he now lives; 1808, John Batchelder from Thomas Bickford, part of the estate of the late Samuel Bickford, included one quarter of an acre which said Batchelder bought of Col. J.H. McClary in March 1806 and took a deed from said Thomas Bickford for the same it being at the southeast corner of the said tract where said Batchelder now lives, containing 10 acres more or less; 1815, Richard Webster from John Batchelder, 14 acres with the buildings thereon; 1817, Alexander Salter from Richard Webster, 27 acres; 1818, Robert Knox from Alexander Salter (R. 217-401); 1848, Albon W. Perkins from Robert Knox. both of Epsom, no buildings mentioned; 1865, Francis Locke of Epsom from Albon W. Perkins, land and buildings, north side of turnpike; 1870, Arthur C. Locke from Rhoda Locke, homestead farm of Francis Locke, deceased (father of Arthur C.); 1871, Lowell Eastman from Arthur C. Locke, part of homestead farm of Francis Locke, late of Epsom, tract 1, 3 acres. land and buildings; 1904, Herbert S. Little from Lydia Eastman, the estate of Lowell Eastman, deceased; 1906, Charles S. Hall Lumber Co. from Herbert S. Little and wife, tract 1 with land and buildings,

reserving the hen house behind the house for 1 year; 1907, Henry E. Dotey from Charles S. Hall, tract 1, 3 acres, land and buildings; 1908, James O. Fisk from Henry E. Dotey; 1911, Hester A. Fisk from James O. Fisk; 1943, Mary S. Curtis from George V. (son of James O. and Augusta A. 'Hester' Fisk) and Reginald E. (son of George V.) Fiske; 1979, Arthur I. Mooers and Arthur Lawrence from Mary S. Curtis; 1984, Kenneth and Carole Brown from Arthur I. Mooers and Arthur F. Lawrence.

**GENEALOGY:** Samuel Bickford was the son of Thomas Bickford and Esther Adams, who married Mercy Young and had for children: Elinor, who married Jonathan Bryant; Samuel who married Abigail Cook; Mehetable who married Simeon Page; Benjamin who married Hannah Locke; Thomas who married Olive Haynes; Mary who married Jonathan Elkins; John who died young; and Joseph who married Catherine Irvin.

Robert Knox was the son of William Knox and Elinor McDaniel. Robert married first a Sarah unknown, and second, Polly Dole Cilley, daughter of William and Hannan (Plumer) Cilley. They had for children: Mary Dole Cilley who married Asa Fowler; Sally C. who died young; Sarah, who married Lewis Lillie; Robert William who removed to California; and Eliza Jane who married Joseph Bristol.

Albon W. Perkins was the son of Albon Perkins and Polly Marden, and he married in 1847, Susan P. Rand, daughter of John Rand and Judith Parsons Gray. They had no children.

Francis T. Locke was the son of Francis Locke and his first wife, Mary Abigail Katherwood. His father married second, Olive Haynes, widow of Thomas Bickford. Francis T. Locke married first Mary Philbrick, daughter of Daniel Philbrick and Ruth Merrill. They had for children: Daniel Philbrick who married Abigail Fowler, daughter of Winthrop and Abigail (Brown) Fowler; Emaline, who died young; Lovie Chase who died unmarried; Arthur Caverno who married Salina O. Bickford, daughter of Nathan Bickford and Eliza Dickey; and Dr. Daniel Lincoln who married Lizzie L. Hoyt. Francis T. Locke married second, Rhoda Collins, the widow of his brother Ephraim Locke.

Lowell Eastman was the son of John Eastman and Mary Worthen James. He married first Phebe Griffin, daughter of Nathan Griffin and Mary Cate. They had children: Albert Stark and John Henry. Phebe died in 1848 and Lowell married later, Lydia A. Newhall, and they had children: Mary Frances, who married Frank Coleman; Charles A. who married Hattie M. Rowe; James Edward who married Francena M. Parker; and Ella Melinda, who married Edwin R. Yeaton.

James O. Fiske married a Mary Unknown and had two daughters. He married second, Augusta A. Wiggin, widow of Calvin Johnson. James O. and Augusta (Hester) had a son George Varnum Fiske who married Stella Morrison and had son Reginald Earle.

