



Robert Cutter Farm, 224 Black Hall Road, Epsom, NH

The Cutter Farm has an interesting history. The land was acquired by Joseph Towle in 1791, and a full half of the property was sold to Joseph's father Jonathan that same year. In 1793, father Jonathan sold back to his son 'full 1/2 of what I possess in said lot, 1/2 barn, orchard and house thereon (westerly end)'. The Towles in just two years had built and established the large farm. Joseph had license to run a tavern from about 1805 through 1813, according to licenses granted him by the town. In the cemetery on the property are buried Joseph and his wife, along with Samuel Goss and his wife, Susan G. (Towle, second daughter of Joseph and Sarah) Goss. His first daughter, Hannah, married Jonathan Yeaton, and they have a son buried in the same location, Ebenezer Haseltine Yeaton. Esquire James Hersey was the last owner from the Towle family, and he sold the farm to Silas Green in 1846 and moved to Manchester, his wife dying shortly thereafter. A note in the early Valley Times newspaper about James Hersey is as follows: "Janaury 27, 1893 - James Hersey, to whom reference has been made in the papers as teacher of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, from his beginning to attend school until he was qualified to attend Philips Exeter Academy, was a resident of this town for many years".

Silas Green held the property for less than a year selling it to Elihu Scott in June of 1847. Scott paid taxes on the property for two years when the town began to use it as a Poor Farm, buying the property for \$1900.00 March 29, 1848, along with additional land from John Yeaton. Among the early superintendants were W.S. Scott, Dudley C. Hill and Benjamin Bickford. The county established homes for paupers about 1865 when the farm was sold to Daniel Yeaton and his wife. The farm passed to his son Minot Yeaton, who in 1943, while of New Jersey, sold the property to Robert Cutter. Mr. Cutter died in 2005 and is buried in the old Poor Farm Cemetery.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1732, Lot 89, William Perkins & John Berry & soon became land of Thomas Berry; Prior to 1768, Dearborn Blake owned 80 acres in the middle, Obadiah Marston 60 acres on the north side, and Thomas Bickford about 30 acres on the south side plus lot 88; April 6, 1768, Benjamin Shepard of Nottingham from Dearborn Blake of Epping, 80 acres, that land of Thomas Berry except 90 acres; April 15, 1768, Joseph Cilley Jr of Nottingham from Benjamin Shepard of Nottingham, 80 acres land and buildings, land I purchased of Dearborn Blake and the same land which Benjamin Blake did formerly

live on; 1769, Benjamin Shepard, Nottingham from Obidiah Marston of Epsom, 60 acres between Shepard and Youring land; 1772, Joseph Cilley Jr of Nottingham from Benjamin Shepard of Gilmantown, 60 acres in Epsom part of lot 89, that which I purchased of Obediah Marston known as the Fullers Place; 1777, Weymouth Wallace of Epsom from Joseph Cilley Jr. of Nottingham, all of lot 89, 140 acres, except about 30 acres off the south side owned by Nathaniel Wallace, son of Samuel; 1791, Joseph Towle Jr of Epsom from Weymouth Wallace of Epsom, part of lot 89 in the third range, 135 acres, original right of Thomas Berry; 1793, Joseph Towle Jr. from Jonathan Towle (father), 1/2 of part lot 89 in the third range with full 1/2 of what I possess in said lot, 1/2 barn, orchard and house thereon (westerly end); 1836, James Hersey from Susan G. Goss and Hannah Yeaton, sisters of James' wife Sally, heirs of Joseph Towle; 1846, Silas Green from James Hersey; 1847, Elihu Scott from Silas Green; 1848, Town of Epsom from Elihu Scott; abt 1865, James Yeaton from Town of Epsom; 1943, Robert E. Cutter from Minot R. Yeaton and Helen G. Yeaton, wife, of Flemington, NJ, our homestead, being the same premises that James Yeaton deeded Daniel Yeaton Oct. 25, 1872 with 2 other lots, being same premises in which Minot R. Yeaton acquired a 1/2 interest by deed of Daniel Yeaton and Annie B. Yeaton January 10, 1903, in which he acquired the remaining 1/3 interest under the will of Daniel Yeaton, deceased. (1909)

GENEALOGY: John Blake married Mary Dearborn and had the following children: John who married Jemima Locke; Samuel who married Sarah Libbey and Sarah Bickford; Mary who married John Flood; Thomas who married Hannah Dearborn; Dearborn who married Ruth Dearborn; Benjamin who married Molly Connor; Mehitable who may have died young; and Mercy who may have married Joseph Goss. Almost all the sons spent time in Epsom, many as officers of the town.

Jonathan Towle married Elizabeth Jenness and had for children: Simeon M. who married Elizabeth Marden; Mary who married James Hobbs; Levi who married Mary Locke; Anna who married Nathaniel Marden; Hannah who married William Yeaton; Elizabeth; Joseph who married Sarah Wallace; Benjamin who married Betsey E. Wood; and Sally who married Lemuel Bunker.

Joseph Towle and Sarah Wallace, daughter of Abraham Wallace and Hepsibah Blake, had for children: Hannah who married Jonathan Yeaton; Susan G. who married Samuel Goss; and Sally who married James Hersey.

Daniel Towle Yeaton married in 1867, first, Margaret Ann Chesley, daughter of John Chesley and Joanna Tibbetts, and they had an infant who died young, and she died in 1870. He married second Ann Bray Rowell, daughter of Asa T. Rowell and Abigail Moutlton. They had for children: Alfred Daniel Yeaton who married Evelyn Winkley; Minot Rowell who married Helen Gertrude Green; and Alice Bertha who married Harry Silver.

