



Russell Yeaton Farm, 546 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom, NH

The Yeaton Farm is the longest active running farm in Epsom, and has received numerous mention through the years for its longevity and modernization. It is one of the last surviving family farms and is in its third generation.

The first mention of buildings on this property was when Eliphalet Wiggin sold it to William Brackett in 1846. If Eliphalet constructed the house, it would have been about 1837. It is possible that John Dolloff may have constructed buildings earlier. After his death in 1813, his single daughter Ruth sold it to Jabez Smith in Brentwood, and there are no mentions found in available census or polls that he was ever a resident in Epsom. It is likely that whatever buildings were on the property, its full functioning as a farm was while owned by William Brackett beginning in 1846. Eliphalet Wiggin, for a while an Epsom selectman, died in Wisconsin in 1846, and is buried in the cemetery at the Mountain Road school.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1783, Amos Morrill from the Town of Epsom, sale of public land in the southwest corner of Epsom; 1795, John Dolloff from Amos Morrill, Lot #9 2nd division, 2nd range in the town of Epsom, no buildings; 1817, Jabez and Lydia (Dolloff) Smith from Ruth Dolloff from the estate of her late father John Dolloff; 1837, Eliphalet Wiggin of Epsom, from Lydia (Dolloff) Smith, Ephraim Robinson, Joseph Gravis of Brentwood, executors of the estate of Jabez Smith; 1846, William Brackett from Eliphalet Wiggin, 2 tracts of land with buildings thereon, on the road leading from Pittsfield to Pembroke, 87 acres more or less; 1880, James W. Fowler, Epsom, from Ann M. Brackett of Epsom, widow of William Brackett, 96 acres with buildings; 1919, Russell Yeaton of Epsom from the heirs of James W. Fowler, 95 acres with buildings thereon; 1980, Robert S. Yeaton from Anna P. Yeaton; 2000, Stewart Yeaton from Robert and Beulah Yeaton, land and buildings, 12 acres, Route 28.

GENEALOGY: John Dolloff was the son of Nicholas Dolloff and Elizabeth West. He married first an unknown spouse and had a son John; he married second Mary Stevens and they had children: Polly who married Josiah Knowles; Jane; Sally who married Richard Head; Samuel Steven who married Mary Dolloff; Ruth, who did not marry; and Nicholas who married Elizabeth Otterson. There would appear to be a connection to Jabez Smith of Brentwood, who married a Lydia Dolloff.

Eliphalet Wiggin was the son of Benjamin Wiggin and Mary Dow, and nothing more is known of the

family, or whether Eliphalet was every married.

William Brackett was the son of Greenleaf Brackett and Naomi Locke. He married first Betsey C. Morey and had a son Charles W. Brackett. Late in life his wife died and he married Ann M. French. He and his first wife are buried in the Short Falls Cemetery. Son Charles married Ada L. Baker, daughter of Rufus and Lavina (Heath) Baker.

James W. Fowler was the son of Samuel Fowler and Elvira A. (Critchett) Fowler. He married Ruhamah Locke and had no children. They are buried in the Short Falls Cemetery.

Russell Yeaton was the son of Samuel Roby and Mabel Evelyn (Stewart) Yeaton. He married Anna Petersen and had children: Russell, Alton, Olga, Eleanor and Robert S. Yeaton.

