



### **Samuel Bickford Homestead, 1680 Dover Road, Epsom, NH**

Lot 95 in the third range was the original draw of Nathaniel Johnson of Greenland, and was sold in 1759 by his son William to Thomas Bickford of Epsom. Thomas Bickford was in Epsom as early as 1754 owning land on Black Hall Road, and later owned land adjoining Samuel Blake, who had married in 1760, Sarah Bickford, sister to Thomas. Thomas sold part of lot 95 to his brother Samuel, and it would appear that they both may have had houses on the lot by 1765. Thomas sold his portion to his brother, apparently moving to Pittsfield, and Samuel then moved into Thomas' farm house on lot 95. Samuel died in 1773, with his son Thomas eventually owning the property, which he sold to his son Samuel in 1816. The homestead remains in the Bickford family, closing in on 250 years continuous ownership.

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

1732, Original Proprietor Nathan Johnson, lot 95; 1759, Thomas Bickford of Epsom from William Johnson, land lying in Epsom which did belong to my honored father Nathan Johnson, late of Greenland; 1761, Samuel Bickford from Thomas Bickford, a part of a lot of land which I bought of William Johnson, lot No 95 in the third range, fifty acres; Abt 1773, Samuel Bickford dies, and son Thomas inherits the homestead; 1816, Samuel Bickford 3rd, from father Thomas Bickford, part of lot 95, the same land now occupied by the said Bickford, containing 25 acres and one half of the buldings thereon; 1859, Horace Bickford from Samuel Weeks Bickford, by will of January 1, 1859; Abt 1904, Samuel W. Bickford, sole heir of Horace Bickford; 1940, Harold S. Bickford from Estate of the late Samuel W. Bickford; 1955, Vivian L. & Hester Pickard from Harold S. Bickford, 130 acres; 1967, Samuel William Bickford from Hester E. Pickard, a deed of gift to all right and title to Samuel W. Bickford Estate of 1940; 1996, Conveyed to Bickford Family Trust; 2005, Joni Bickford, Samuel W. Bickford Jr., and Paula Smith, 100 percent of Bickford Family Trust.

**GENEALOGY:** Thomas Bickford married first, Esther Adams about 1717 and had children: Rebecca, Joseph, Temperance, Thomas, Charles, John, Elizabeth, Samuel and Sarah, who married as his second wife, Samuel Blake of Epsom. Son Thomas married a Mary Unknown and son Samuel married Mercy Blake.

Samuel Bickford and Mercy Blake had for children: Eleanor, who married Jonathan Bryant; Samuel, who married Abigail Cook; Mehitabel 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 Hepzibah Marden.

Thomas Bickford and Olive (daughter of John Haynes and Olive Weeks) had for children: John who married Eliza Lane; Samuel Weeks who married Lucy Coolidge Learned; Nathan, who married Eliza Dickey; Olive who married Simeon Philbrick; Daniel C. who married Jane Staples; Mehitable who died young; and Dearborn of which nothing is known.

Samuel Weeks Bickford and his wife Lucy had for children: George, who married Eliza King; Charlotte who married a Downing; Lucy Coolidge who was the second spouse of James Moses Sherburne; Horace G. who married Emily Sanders; Eliza who married Charles H. Learned; and Thomas D. of whom little is known.

Horace and his wife Emily, daughter of William and Rachel B. (Wallace) Sanders, had one child, Samuel W. Bickford who married Emma Jannette, daughter of Jackson Clark and Eliza (Crawford) Philbrick. They had children: Harold Samuel who married Laura Mae Young, daughter of Burt D. and Lottie Young; Helen; and Hester E. who married Vivian Pickard.

