



Sanborn Homestead, 627 Sanborn Hill Road, Epsom, NH

Charles McCoy purchased this property in 1735, having already settled previously in the town. Their house was burned by the Indians in August of 1747 when his wife, Isabella, was captured and taken to Canada. In 1759 he petitioned the province to run a tavern at his home, but sold the property in 1760 to Reuben and Eliphalet Sanborn. Josiah Sanborn, son of Eliphalet, removed the original structure and built the current 16 room house in 1794 (Walter Henry Sanborn). The Sanborn house escaped being destroyed as described in the Farmer's Cabinet Newspaper, Decemeber 31, 1825: "At Epsom, about 12 o'clock, on the night exceeding Monday the 19th instant, the barn belonging to Josiah Sanborn, Esq. together with its contents, 30 tons of hay, 20 head cattle, including a yoke of large fat oxen, a horse and various other articles, was consumed by fire. By the timely exersions of the neighbors, the house, which was united with the barn by a shed, was preserved. The residence of Esq. Sanborn is upon the side of McCoy Mountain, and the flames of the burning building presented a sublime and awful appearance. From the time of night at which the fire took, it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary." The elder Sanborn, Henry Frederick Sanborn, removed to Princeton, MA in 1882, and the property through most of the heirs who relocated to Minnesota early on, used the residence primarlily summers. The farm and grounds were maintained by local townsfolk for the Sanborns.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original lot of Joseph Simpson; 1735, Charles McCoy of Epsom from Joseph Simpson of New Castle, 100 acres bounded north by the home lots, south by Daniel Lunts lot #60; 1760, Reuben and Eliphalet Sanborn from Charles McCoy of Epsom, 130+ acres; 1794, Josiah Sanborn of Epsom from Eliphlaet Sanbaorn, father, the Sanborn Farm by inheritance; 1843, Deacon Frederick Sanborn from Honorable Josiah Sanborn, homestead farm of Josiah Sanborn and Annah Locke; 1861, Henry F. Sanborn from Frederick Sanborn of Epsom; 1882, Walter H. Sanborn from Henry F. Sanborn, farm known as the Sanborn homestead; 1911, Bruce W. Sanborn from Walter H. Sanborn and wife Emily B. Sanborn; 1961, Samuel D. Clark of Brookline, MA from Bruce W. Sanborn of St. Paul, MN, land and buildings on Sanborn Hill, so called; 1989, Annie B. Clark from Samuel D. Clark, land and buildings on Sanborn Hill Road, 22.5 acres.

A close-up of a historical map showing land parcels with owner names. A black circle highlights the name 'H. Sanborn'. Other names visible include 'J. Chesley', 'W. Sanders', 'E. Sanborn', 'S. Wiggins', 'Wm. Merrill', 'J.W. Randall', 'U. Hall', 'J. Chesley', 'W & C. J.', 'Brown School', 'A.M. Hall', 'S. Week', 'J. & C.', 'J. Cemel', 'B.M.', 'N. Grun', and 'J.S.C.'. The map features a network of roads and areas with radiating lines, possibly representing fields or forests.

