



Tennant-Tripp-Lombard Store, 1201 Short Falls Road, Epsom, NH

There were several early stores at Short Falls, the first ones being near the Almon Worth house and owned by Samuel Whitney and the Cram Brothers. This building was moved to Allentown and later burned. At the current site there was an older house where William Jenness ran a store, with the area being called Jenness Corner. He was followed by several other store owners of which Eben Dutton was the last. When the Tennant's bought the location they used the old building and shortly after tore it down and built the current structure taking down the Hanover Wells homestead in New Rye and rebuilt it as the store at Short Falls. In 1871 it became a Post Office with J.B. Tennant as postmaster. The store was bought by Warren Tripp and run by Walter H. Tripp until being sold to Oliver Lombard, and after William and Patricia Moore. It ceased as a store when sold to Wendlers in 1967.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original right of Nathaniel Rand; 1778/79 sold by taxes from the town of Epsom to James Gray of Epsom; 1791, John Dolloff from James Gray, land in lot 83; 1796, William Tripp from John Dolloff land in lot 83 & 84 west of the old Pembroke Road; 1799, Richard Tripp Jr., from William Tripp, land in lot 83 west of old Suncook Road; land purchased after 1800 by William Brown; April 1821, Thomas Bickford from William Brown, part of lot 83 & 84, corner of old Suncook Road and road from Short Falls to Epsom; July 1821, Abraham W. Marden from Thomas Bickford (wife Kezia); 1825, Wendell Marden from Abraham Marden; 1825, Jonathan Yeaton from Wendell Marden; 1828, Jonathan Yeaton Jr. and William Yeaton 3rd, minor sons from father Jonathan Yeaton; 1831, Nathaniel White from Hannah Yeaton, widow of Jonathan (dower rights); 1835, William Jenness from Nathaniel White; 1853, Nathaniel White from William Jenness and wife Mary Jane; Theophilus and Lucy Wells from Nathaniel White; 1858, Moses Critchett from Theophilus and Lucy Wells; 1859, William Burnham from Moses & Mehitable Critchett; April 1860, George W. Swain from William Burnham, 1/2 acre with building; July 1860, George W. Swain from George Sanders and others 1/2 acre land only; April 1865, Horace G. Silver from George W. Swain 1 acre; May 1865, Levi and Sally Robinson from Horace G. & Mary B. Silver; 1867, Eben S. Dutton from Levi and Sally Robinson of Pittsfield; 1869, Arthur Tennant from Eben and Betsey Dutton 1 acre land (location of store); 1874, James B. Tennant from Arthur Tennant; 1910, Warren Tripp from James B. Tennant; 1919, Oliver C. Lombard from Warren Tripp; 1958, William and Patricia Moore from Helen M. Lombard; 1967, Hans Wendler from William B. and Patricia Moore.

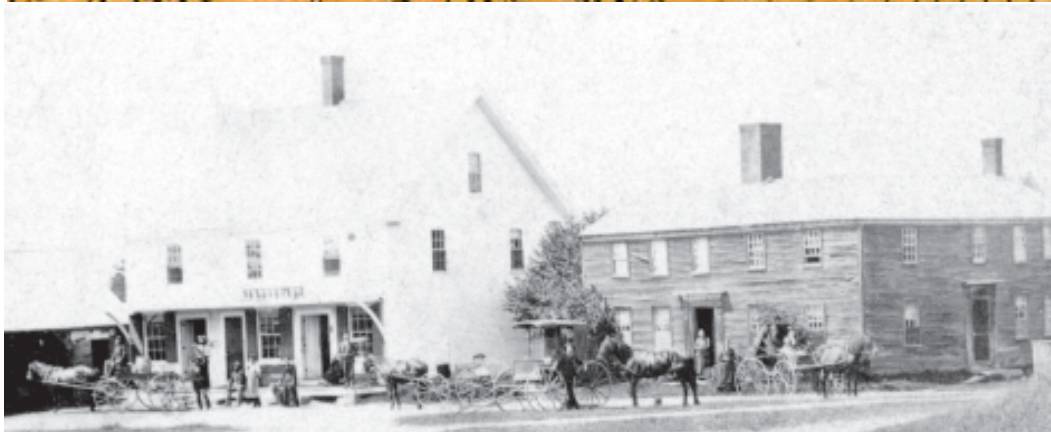
GENEALOGY: Jonathan Yeaton married Hannah Towle and had children: Susannah G., Jonathan, Mary, James, William, Ebenezer Hazeltine, and Charles. Father Jonathan died in November 1828 leaving minor children.

Theophilus Wells married Lucy Critchett, daughter of Benoni Critchett and Sarah Marden.

Eben S. Dutton married Betsey R. Bickford. Levi Robinson married Sally Fowler, daughter of Samuel Fowler and Betsey Davis.

James B. Tennant was the son of Arthur Tennant of Deerfield and his wife Ruth O. Sanborn, James married Ella Maria Fowler, daughter of Samuel Fowler and Elvira Critchett.

Warren Tripp married Katie M. Bickford and had children Florus and Annie. Walter H. Tripp was the son of James H. Tripp and his wife Sarah L. Moses. Oliver Lombard married Helen Marcy and had children: Everett, Stephen, Nancy and Janet.



The Jenness house (right) may have served as area store prior to construction of current building.



The store (on left) operated by James Tennant, then W.H. Tripp, and after that O.C. Lombard (on right).