



### **Thomas R. Yeaton House, 24 New Orchard Road, Epsom, NH**

This house does not appear on the county map of 1858, and deeds show that it was sold with buildings first from Samuel Batchelder to Varum Fiske who established a home there. The land included pasture and woodland, and the woodland rights were given for three years in 1907 to Charles Sumner Hall, with the land being 60 acres. Neighbor Dr. Roscoe Hill had a well dug nearby and had rights to access it through the property.

Edwin Place sold the property to Charles Walker shortly after the death of his first wife in 1925, and the property went to Melvin Pratt of Exeter who conveyed it to Fred E. and Cora Knight, parents of Joseph Fred Knight who married Katherine Chase, a teacher later in Epsom. The property, under Melvin Pratt was foreclosed upon and bought by Thomas R. Yeaton.

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

1850, Samuel Batchelder from Dearborn Batachelder, 3 pieces of land, including one of 40 acres, no buildings; 1868, Varnum Fiske from Samuel Batchelder, with buildings and right to manure; 1878, James O. Fiske from Varnum Fiske, the homestead farm of Varnum Fiske formerly owned by Samuel Batchelder of Epsom; February 20, 1907, Charles S. Hall from James O. Fiske, 60 acres with 3 years timber rights to C.S. Hall; March 6, 1907, Edwin J. Place from Charles S. Hall; 1925, Charles E. Walker from Edwin J. Place, widower, my homestead farm, 60 acres more or less, *and* Melvin L. Pratt of Exeter from Charles E. Walker of Hopkinton, premises later conveyed to Fred E. and Cora K. Knight and then sold to Olive A. Walker; 1931, Thomas R. & Augusta Judith Yeaton from Loan & Trust Savings, foreclosure on Olive A. Walker, 1978, Robert W. Schroeder of Goffstown, from Judith Yeaton, widow; 1979, Gene and Rose Hilliard of Epsom from Robert W. Schroeder; 1987, A.M. Builders (Anthony Merullo) from Gene and Rose Hilliard.

**GENEALOGY:** Dearborn Batchelder was the son of Henry Batchelder and Sally Reynolds. Dearborn married Sally Neally and had children: Sally, Ira, Neally, Betsey, Henry, John, Gordon, George W., Charles N., Adaline, and Samuel B.

Varnum Fiske married Dolly Cloudman and had children, Frank L., James O. and a daughter who died young. James O. Fiske married first a Mary J. unknown and had two daughters, Stella L. and Elma D..

He married second Augusta A. Wiggin, daughter of John Wiggin and Esther Langley. They had for children: George Varnum Fiske who married Stella Morrison, and a daughter who died young. Augusta A. Wiggin married first Calvin D. Johnson, and they had a son, Kidder C., who was Kidder C. Fiske who married Emily Blanche Brown.

Edwin J. Place was born in Alton and married Alice Smith who died in 1923, and he married second in 1925, Bertha Burnham, daughter of George and Flora (Marden) Burnham.

Thomas R. Yeaton was the son of Alvah L. and Etta Bartlett. He married Augusta Judith Merrill of Deerfield, and they had for children; Herbert I. and Eris May.

