



Vesper - Pickering House, 198 New Rye Road, Epsom, NH

This lot was originally that of Dowst Rand which was sold to Bickford Lang, and later became the farm of Daniel Clough. Clough sold some of the property bordering New Rye Road, as small house lots, one to Benjamin R. Fife, the other to Ambrose D. Haynes. The Haynes family had a large presence in New Rye, and the Caleb Bartlett Haynes family, father to Ambrose, had some 16 children, many staying in the area. This house lot does not exist in 1858, and the house most likely was built by Ambrose shortly after he purchased the land in 1860, a house he did not get to enjoy having been killed in the Civil War in 1862. His widow stayed in the house until selling it to Abbie Weeks, widow of John M. Weeks, and her brother Joseph Chapman having owned property just down the road. After being sold to John Mitchell, it was sold to the son of John M. and Abbie Weeks, Waldo G. Weeks.

The house does not appear on the 1858 County Map, and is Mrs. E.O. Haynes in 1892.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1770, Dowst Rand from Solomon Dowst, 60 acres, my original right; 1798, Bickford Lang Jr. from Dowst Rand, original right 60 acres where Dowst Rand now resides; 1820, David Lang (son of Bickford) of Epsom, David and family moving to Ohio; circa 1833, Land and buildings sold to James Wiggin; 1839, Daniel Clough from James Wiggin, land and buildings, Lang farm; 1863, Benjamin R. Fife from Daniel Clough, 48 square rods on New Rye Road, no buildings; 1860, Ambrose D. Haynes from Daniel and Mehitalbe Clough; 1883, Ambrose D. Haynes estate from Elizabeth O. Haynes, foreclosure; 1896, Abbie M. Weeks from Elizabeth O. Haynes; 1898, John M. Mitchell from Abbie M. Weeks; 1907, Waldo Weeks from Sarah J. Ela (land) and John Mitchell; 1909, Julius Peter West of Stow, MA from Waldo G. Weeks; 1935, John J. and Ella Rae Sheehan from Julius Peter West; 1943, Walter B. & Harriet Chase from Ella Rae Sheehan, John Sheehan having died April 1, 1943; 1947, Carl A. & Edith M. Flagg from Walter B. and Harriet A. Chase; April 1948, Alva D. Hughes of Nashua from Carl A. and Edith M. Flagg; August 1948, Herbert R. and Annie M. Seldon from Alva D. Hughes; 1958 Arthur and Louise I. Vesper from Herbert and Annie M. Seldon; 1962, Hilda and John Pickering from Louise I. Vesper, widow; 1997, Hilda C. Pickering, John F. Pickering to Hilda, John and Bruce C. Pickering, join tenants with right of survivorship; 2001, Hilda C. Pickering, Bruce A. Pickering and Linda S. Pickering from Hilda C. and Bruce Pickering, all joint tenants, John F. Pickering having died 1997.

GENEALOGY: Ambrose D. Haynes was the son of Caleb B. Haynes and his second wife Hannah Sanborn. He married first Eliza Goss, and they had two children before she died in 1850. He married second Elizabeth O. Goodhue in 1851, and they had for children; Charles A. who died young, and Meroa who died about age 7. Ambrose D. Haynes died in North Carolina in 1862 as a soldier in the Civil War. His wife Elizabeth had married prior to Ambrose D. Haynes, Lewis Brown, son of Enoch Brown and Eleanor Rand and had two surviving children.

Waldo G. Weeks was the son of John M. Weeks and Abby Chapman, she the daughter of Samuel T. Chapman and Deborah Dow. Waldo married Clara Olive Cass, daughter of Levi Cass and Elizabeth B. Philbrick. They had for children: John Harold Weeks who married Elsie Cofran Sanborn of Chichester; and Chester Russell Weeks who married Ruth A. Gray.

