



Worth House, 18 River Road, Epsom, NH

Lena Worth, who lived in the homestead for many years, dated the building of the house as 1780, but it is unclear who occupied it at the time. It is likely that William Tripp and Benjamin Robinson occupied the home and Levi T. Yeaton bought it in 1821. He died age 42 leaving all minor children. James Tripp acquired the property in March 1848 and it went to his brother Richard in June of the same year, who died within two months. Jeremiah Burnham owned it for a few years until sold to Thomas Cotterell, the husband of Jane Tripp, who was sister to James and Richard. It went back into the hands of James Tripp who sold it to a later generation William Tripp and son Warren, William being the son of James' brother Jeremiah Tripp. It was sold to James Spurlin in 1867, and stayed in his wife's family (she previously married Samuel Worth) until 2005.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Original right of Nathaniel Rand, lot 83; 1778/79, Capt. James Gray from the town of Epsom; 1791, John Dolloff from James Gray; 1796, William Tripp from John Dolloff, all land on road, west end of lot 83, 40 acres more or less; 1799, John Sanders Jr. from William Tripp, part of lot 83 & 84; abt. 1800, Nathaniel Kenniston from John Sanders Jr.; 1806, Levi Haynes from Nathaniel Kenniston; 1811, Benjamin Robertson Jr. from Levi Haynes; 1821, Levi Yeaton from Benjamin Robertson (Robinson) part of lot 82 & 83, 35 acres more or less; March 1848, James Tripp from Guardian (John Yeaton) for the children of Levi T. Yeaton, 4/5th land and buildings and from Nathan Bickford, Guardian, 1/5th; June 1848, Richard Tripp Jr. of Chicopee, Ma. from James Tripp of Epsom, land and buildings, corner of roads; 1849, Jeremiah Burnham from T.D. Merrill, Guardian for Marzett Tripp, a minor heir of Richard Tripp Jr., late of Epsom, 1 undivided half, 40 acres, no buildings, Nancy Tripp released \$333.00 her right of dower; 1853, Thomas Cotterell from Jeremiah Burnham, 1 undivided half of the corner lot (Worths), 40 acres, no mention of buildings; 1855, James Tripp of Epsom from Thomas Cotterell of Epsom, 1/2 of barn on the land, 40 acres; 1864, William & Warren Tripp from James and Isabel Tripp all of Epsom, 34 acres; 1867, James Spurlin from William Tripp, wife Nancy E. Tripp and Warren Tripp & wife Kate M. Tripp, all of Epsom, land and buildings, 34 acres; 1875, Gorham Worth from Sarah Spurlin, mother; abt 1915, Almon Worth from estate of Lizzie Worth, wife of Gorham Worth; abt 1952, Richard Worth from Almon Worth (Probate).

GENEALOGY: William Yeaton married Hannah Towle and had children: John, Joseph, William, Jonathan, Samuel, Sally, Hannah, Hopley and Levi T.. Levi T. married Mary Mathes and had for children: John Augustus, Horace, Levi, George W. and Angie, he died leaving all minor children. William Tripp was the son of Richard Tripp and Ann McClary, and married 1796 Sally Langmaid. William's brother was John Tripp who married Sally Gordon. They had for children: Jane, who married first George Robinson and second Thomas Cotterell; Jeremiah who married Chloe Prescott; Susan who married John Critchett; Nancy who married George R. Carleton; John and Andrew who died young; James who married Isabella D. Prescott; Richard who married a Nancy unknown and had daughter Marzett; and Sally who married Richard Baker. James and Isabella had son James H. Tripp. Jeremiah who married Chloe Prescott had for children: Harriet, Chloe, William who married Nancie Preston; Ann Marie and Warren who married Katie M. Bickford.

Sarah Fife, daughter of Jeremiah Fife and Abigail Holt, married in 1837, Samuel Worth and had children: James, Abby J., Sarah V., Samuel Mark and Gorham Rumsey. Samuel died and she married second, James Spurlin. Gorham Rumsey Worth married Lizzie S. Marden and had children Frankie T. and Almon Marden Worth. Almon Worth married Florence Seaver and had Richard Gorham Worth who married Lena Colby.



Barn that accompanied the Worth House