



## **DISTRICT No. 6 – Union District with Pittsfield**

District six first appears in the town records as District No. 5, with the following bounds in 1808 when the town maintained six school districts:

*Limits of District No. 5 – Commencing on Gilmanton Road at a small Bridge about 22 rods southeasterly of Stephen Brown's extending from thence to Pittsfield line; on the Turnpike Road from the Mile Stone marked P. 31 C. 12 to its intersection with the Northwood Road on Hind's Hill; on the Road by Samuel Davis's Juniors from Pittsfield line to the southerly side of Aaron Lamprey's land including the Estates of Moses Gove, Daniel Philbrick, John Page, Daniel Page and John Philbrick.*

The Gove, Philbrick and Page families all lived on North Road. In March of 1819 a town meeting voted a committee be formed with one person from each school district, except from the one district from which an alteration may be made, that being District No. 5, to make an alteration to said district if they would agree to one. If any changes were made by the committee, the results do not survive. The districts were renumbered prior to 1822 when a portion of School District No. 1 were united and became part of District 6. The number of students may have gotten quite large, as was the area the district served, so a voluntary district meeting was held at the home of Enoch Brown in February of 1823. The meeting minutes, such as they were, and without punctuation (which has been added below to help it make more sense), broke the district into two parts. The names contained give a great picture of the families living on North Road at the time. The minutes read:

*The inhabitants of the District No. 6 on the North Road met at the house of Enoch Brown in said district, voluntarily agreed to divide said District – agreed that the North end shall extend as far south as Mr. Perkins Philbrick's house, the south end having one half of said Perkins Philbricks school money yearly, all southeast and west shall belong to the south district – it is agreed that Perkins Philbrick belongs on the North end district, we the undersigned agree to the above - Wm. Yeaton Jr., Edward Gove, Jno Page, Daniel Philbrick, John Babb, Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stephen Johnson, Ebenr Foss, Isaac L. Ham, Elijah Gove, Enoch Brown Jr., Ezra Allen, William Brown, Perkins Philbrick, David Philbrick, Jon Ham, John Yeaton Jr., Jesse Emerson, Saml Prescott.*

*February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1823, we the Selectmen of Epsom hereby agree to the foregoing report.*

*Hanover Dickey, Levi Locke, William Ham, Jr.*

It is not known whether each district maintained their own school buildings, though the District No. 7 building was near the location where it stands today.

District No. 6 continued getting yearly expenditures from the town, with the Selectmen's accounts providing the name of the person responsible for the running of the district. All these prudential committee members lived on the North Road near the town line with Pittsfield. The reports run through 1841, when by an act approved July 3, 1841 by the legislature, School District No. 6 and a school district in Pittsfield were united and incorporated into a single district and given the name of the Republican School District. The district in Pittsfield was probably the Dowboro School. The town continued to report annual expenditures to the district, but any particulars were to be found in Pittsfield records as it was responsible for its supervision. Only the 1884 town report gave any information, including the two teachers, Mr. Frank B. Brown and Cora A. Emerson and 11 scholars. This was the last district report given, and the 1887 school report tells that the Epsom part of the Dowborough (or Dowboro) school was united once again with the North Road School. The school ended its services about 1934 and sold to a community organization.

Beginning in 1887 through 1892, Warren E. Hilliard, who lived on the border with Pittsfield, was paid transportation costs to convey scholars to school. The names of Hilliard children appear in the records of the North Road School District No. 7. By 1900, some students were sent to Pittsfield through a tuition agreement with that town.

### **March 9, 1819, Town Meeting**

Warrant #10 – To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the School Districts in said town. Voted that a committee of one from each School District (excepting from the one proposed to be altered) be appointed to make an alteration in School District No. 5 if such District shall agree to an alteration. Voted that Saml Morrill, Daniel Cilley, John Cate Jr., Richard Tripp and Hanover Dickey be the above committee.

### **March 12, 1822 Town Meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> Voted That such part of the inhabitants of school District No. 1 in said Town of Epsom as are included in the limits here after described shall for this time be united to and constitute a part

of School District No. 6 in said Town, viz: Southeasterly so far as to include Capt. John Ham thence northeasterly so far as to include Saml Prescott.

**1823 - A Voluntary district meeting –**

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**1826 Selectmen Accounts in the town on Schools**

1826 District No. 6 \$35.06

Paid John Page for wood 2.51

Paid Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup> for Boarding Master 9.77

Paid Symonds Fowler as per Acct. 21.47

**1827 Selectmen in the town of Epsom report on schools - \$522.77**

1827 District No. 6 \$33.73

Money not appropriated in 1826 in the town's hands, 1.31

Paid John Cate for attending a district meeting .34

Paid Enoch Brown for wood in said district 1.96

Paid Perkins Philbrick for wood 1.14

Paid Joseph N. Mason for keeping school in said district 2 months 14 days from and after the 28 of January, 31.60

**1828 Selectmen in the town of Epsom \$409.28**

1828 District No. 6 \$19.22

February 7<sup>th</sup>, paid Elijah Gove for expenditures in said district 19.22

**1829 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

1829 District No. 6 \$17.14

Dec. 12, 1829 paid Elijah Gove in full said districts proportion of school money, 17.14

**1830 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$410.27, Interest, 81.56, total \$491.83

1930 District No. 6, \$19.98

November 27, paid Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup> in full said districts proportion of school money, 19.98

**1831 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$492.05

District No. 6, February 25, paid Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup> the proportion of district No. 6, 18.34

**1832 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$494.36

District No. 6 Jan. 26, paid Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup> 16.44

**1833 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$457.61

District No. 6, paid Daniel Philbrick Jr., 15.57

**1834 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

The whole to assessment \$474.629

District No. 6, paid Daniel Philbrick 16.46

**1836 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 18.31

**1837 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 18.57

**1838 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 16.41

**1839 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 18.05

**1840 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 16.91

***From NH State Papers***

1841, July 3 - By an act approved July 3, 1841, school district No 6 in Epsom and a school district in this town (Pittsfield) were united and incorporated into one district by the name of Republican School District.

**1841 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 16.70

**1842 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**

Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 15.38

**1843 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 16.96

**1844 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 16.89

**1845 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 17.00

**1846 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
District No. 6, 15.42  
Henry F. Sanborn, School Committee  
B. L. Locke, School Committee

**A pre-printed chart was filled out by the superintending school committee of Epsom for 1846, and listed the following:**

District No. 6 with Pittsfield, first term 14 students

**1847 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
William Ham, school committee  
B. L. Locke  
Henry F. Sanborn  
District No 6, 16.74

**1848 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Henry F. Sanborn  
B. L. Locke  
William Ham, school committee  
District No. 6, 15.30

**1850 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
William Ham, Superintending School Committee  
Nathan Griffin  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 21.80

**1851 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
William Ham, Superintending School Committee  
Nathan Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup>  
H.F. Sanborn  
District No. 6, 23.01

**1852 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Henry F. Sanborn, Superintending School Committee  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 26.12

**1853 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 19.03

**1854 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Daniel Philbrick, District No. 6, 26.84

**1855 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Benjamin Towle, School Committee  
Paid \_\_\_ Peaslee, District No. 6, 28.66

**1856 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Frances Peaslee, District No. 6, 32.35

**1857 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
B.L. Locke, Superintending school committee  
Paid \_\_\_ Jones, District No. 6, 30.00

**1858 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
George W. Gardner, School Commissioner  
William Ham, Superintending School Committee  
Paid David M. Philbrick, District No. 6, 29.33

**1859 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
B.G. Howe, Superintending School Committee  
Paid D. M. Philbrick, District No.6, 29.00

**1863 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid David P. Locke, District No. 6, 25.32

**1863**  
Annual report of the superintending school committee of the town of Epsom, New Hampshire,  
1864 from the NH Historical Society, 379.778b E641 [manuscript]  
District No. 6 – D.P. Locke, Prudential Committee

Under the supervision of Pittsfield Committee

**1864 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid Daniel Locke, District No. 6, 27.00

**1866 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid David M. Philbrick, District No. 6, 25.29

**1867 Selectmen in the town of Epsom to the several School Districts in said Town**  
Paid David M. Philbrick, District No. 6, 22.45

**The State of New Hampshire – In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 955 of the Pamplet Laws, approved July 12, 1850, the Superintending School Committees of the Town of Epsom submit the following Report of the condition &c of the Schools in said Town the past year. 1867 submitted by D. Gilman Chelsey.**

School District No. 6, Union District – see Pittsfield

**Annual Town Report 1870**

Paid Daniel P. Locke, School District No. 6, 33.92

**Annual Town report 1879**

Paid J. P. Jones for School District No. 6 44.50

**1879 DISTRICT No. 6. UNION.**

Jonathan P. Jones, Prudential Committee.

This school is under the supervision of the committee of Pittsfield.

**1880 DISTRICT No. 6.—UNION. (With Pittsfield.)**

**1881 DISTRICT No. 6.—UNION WITH PITTSFIELD.**

Number of Epsom scholars, 9.

**1883 DISTRICT No. 6.—UNION.**

This school is under the supervision of the committee of Pittsfield.

**1884 District No. 6,—Union.**

Amount of school money, assigned it by town of Epsom, ; \$59.19

Daniel P. Locke, prudential committee.

Miss S. B. Bishop taught the summer term, and Frank H. Sargent the winter term. Wages per month, summer, \$26 ; winter, 36. Length of school, summer, 8 weeks ; winter, 11 weeks. Number of Epsom scholars, 11 . For further particulars, see Pittsfield report.

**1885 DISTRICT No. 6 (UNION).**

This school is reported by the committee of Pittsfield.

**1886 DISTRICT NO. 6.—DOWBORO.**

Summer term, Mr. Frank B. Brown of Chichester, teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Cora A. Emerson, Pittsfield.—This school is under the superintendence of the Pittsfield committee, but it was our good fortune to visit it near the close of the winter term.

Miss Emerson holds rank as an experienced and successful teacher. The school appeared finely.