



Tarleton House, 5 Mountain View Road, Epsom, NH

Aaron Burbank established the first house on this lot as early as 1781 which he sold the next year to David Dickey of Chester, NH. Dickey moved in with his large family, keeping his ties to the church in Chester, and not paying the church tax in Epsom, and appeal for which he lost with the town. Many of his sons lived in Epsom for many years, and Hanover in particular, was very active in town affairs. David Dickey and his wife Rachel are buried in a small family cemetery just off the side of Swamp Road on the old Dickey property, next to a corner of Bosiak's field.

William Tarleton started his family in the New Portsmouth area of Epsom, on what is still called the Tarleton Road. In the woods is a cemetery with his parents, his first wife and several of his children. He later bought the old Dickey homestead where he and his second wife raised their family, including son Charles William, who inherited the farm. William and his second wife, along with his first son and wife from the first marriage, are buried in the nearby Brackett Libbey Cemetery.

Charles and his wife lived in Concord, but came out to the farm during the summer months. On November 1, 1897, a fire destroyed the property as was reported in the Epsom Newsletter Newspaper - "A most disastrous fire occurred here on Monday night, when neighbors living in the vicinity of the farm of C.W. Tarleton discovered flames issuing from the barn a little before 10 o'clock. The fire spread rapidly to adjoining sheds, and thence to the large two story dwelling house till all the commodious farm buildings were destroyed. Mr. Tarleton moved to Concord six years ago but his family have spent summer vacations here, while people from cities have at the same time occupied the other tenement. The barn was filled with hay, the most of which belonged to J.H. Tripp. The most of the furniture was saved but the farming tools were lost. No insurance. Mr. Tarelton was informed of his loss Tuesday morning by telephone. The origin of the fire is unknown but supposed to have been set by some tramp who had taken shelter in the barn." A second house was built about the time William Ford owned the property in 1918 which was later dismantled after 1979

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

1732, Lot No. 69 drawn by original proprietor, Samuel Dowst; Bef. 1762, Ozem Dowst from Samuel Dowst, land lying in Epsom which I bought of my brother Samuel Dowst; 1781, Aaron Burbank of Epsom from Ozem Dowst of Rye, one half of a sixty acre lot in the second range, original right of Samuel Dowst, on which the said Burbank now lives; 1782, David Dickey of Chester from Aaron Burbank of Epsom, 120 acres containing part of one sixty acre lot (69) and part of two thirty acre lots (Aaron Burbank earlier having purchased additional land from Ozem Dowst and outlot No. 8 from