



Moses Q. Burnham House, 36 Goboro Road, Epsom, NH

William Goss owned the area which later bore his name, Gossville. Formerly land of Colonel Daniel Cilley, it was Goss who quickly populated the area by moving and erecting buildings, and selling house lots along lower Goboro Road. This particular tract was about 3/4 of an acre and sold to Eleazer Twombly. Twombly mortgaged the land and “a certain house one and one half stories high with an ell, new and nearly finished” in 1877 which dates the building of the home. In later deeds it was referred to as “the Twombly place” when it was sold by Morrill D. Bickford, who held one of the mortgages, to William Burnham of Epsom. William, and his wife Emma resided there until 1904 when they sold the home to Moses Q. Burnham, who ran a blacksmith shop nearby, across from the old Gossville store. Moses Quimby Burnham died in 1930 and their daughter, Marion sold the home in 1950 to William A. and Addie L. Young.

CHRONOLOGY of owners (not necessarily resident):

Willam Goss to Eleazer Trombly of Epsom, December 22, 1876 land “on the easterly side of the Goborough Road, and bounded on the south by land of Stephen O. Wescott, on the west by said Goborough Road, and on the north and east by land of Hoarace Bickford, containing three fourths of an acre more or less; William Goss to Morrill D. Bickford, November 15, 1882, “land with the buildings thereon in Epsom known as the Twombly place; Morrill D. Bickford to William Burnham of Epsom, “the Twombly place”; William Burnham of Epsom to Moses Q. Burnham, November 4, 1903; about 1948 upon the death of Josie Burnham, widow of Moses to daughter Marion S. Burnham; Marion S. Burnham of Pittsfield, April 4, 1950, to William A. and Addie L. Young; Willial A. and Addie L. Young of Northwood, to George and Helen Chelland, September 28, 1950; George and Helen Chelland of Epsom to Henry Dowst Jr. of Epsom, August 23, 1951; Henry Dowst Jr. and Louise Dowst to Diane D. Minzner of Derry, August 4, 1957; Diane D. Ash (formerly Minzner) to Kevin and Brenda Mitchell, October 31, 1997.

GENEALOGY: Eleazer Twombly was born in Elderham, Canada, May 23, 1843 son of Francis and Clara (Rendia) Twombly and resided in Epsom with his wife Salina. According to deeds they removed to Northfield, where she died and he married second at age 41, Adelle Mercier in 1885. He died in Tilton, Oct. 6, 1899 at the age of 56.

Morrill D. Bickford was the son of Nathan and Eliza W. (Dickey) and married Eliza J. Hoyt. William E. Burnham was the son of Benjamin and Eliza (Gordon) Burnham and was born in Epsom January 8, 1838 and died in Concord, Dec. 27, 1906. He married in Epsom, April 13, 1860. Emma Clara Wells, daughter of Theophilus and Lucy M. (Critchett) Wells. He was a Civil War veteran CO. e, 11th Regiment. He also operated a grist mill at Short Falls in Epsom. Moses Q. Burnham, blacksmith was born in Epsom September 5, 1870, son of James McCutcheon Burnham and Mary Jane (Wells). James McCutcheon Burnham and William E. Burnham were brothers. Moses Q. married in Pittsfield January 7, 1893, Josie B. Shaw. He died June 2, 1930, and his wife Sept. 16, 1948, both buried in Floral Park Cemetery, Pittsfield, NH. Henry Dowst Jr. was the son of Henry and Emma (Dauth) Dowst, born Dec. 30, 1920. He married first Roberta C. Cross, March 18, 1844; second, widow Elizabeth Louise (Manion) Moore, Feb. 18, 1984.

