

Royalston Historic District Commission

*Brief History of Royalston Historic District
Houses*

Updated 2018-09-04

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

1 The Common

Greek Revival Style

- 1830** The presence of the school is attested in the deed of the home lot from the daughters of Reverend Joseph Lee to Joseph Estabrook Jr. They reserve the school land to the Royalston Inhabitants, “provided they make it appear that they have a legal right to said spot”.
- 1860** – The building was lengthened by inserting a center section. The belfry was added or modified, some ells were removed and the building was possibly rotated 180 degrees.
- 1946** On July 12, bought by the Village Improvement and Historical Society of Royalston, Inc (formed in 1943, incorporated on June 29, 1946), together with some land from the meadow to the South, for \$200.
- 1964** U.S. Post Office moves onto first floor.
- 1964** Historical Museum begins formation.
- 1974** The Museum officially opens.

DONNELLY HOUSE

2 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1853 by Anthony Donnelly.

*The house incorporated the Jerrel Hat and Fur Shop (c. 1780)
which was moved to its current location in the 1840's from the area of the
Pierce-Stow House.*

- 1854** Anthony and Catherine Donnelly
- 1871** William Parke
- 1920** Luke F. Carter.
1925 Pasture land sold to Florence J. Carlisle
- 1928** Edwin G. Lawrence. May not have lived in it.
1930 Second story on south wing and rear wing added.
- 1937** Olga L. and Carlton Wilcox
1938 SW triangular piece acquired from Mary E. Raymond
- 1947** Harold Newton, married Joyce Wilcox (Carlton Wilcox's daughter)
- 1982** Nancy Newton, Harold's third wife, added.
- 1994** Jason Fortunato (Jennifer added in 2002)
- 2008** Christopher and Dawn Dawson
- 2016** Nancy Ferron
- 2017** Shawn Kennedy & Rachel McMahon

LIGHTNING RODS

4 The Common

Name came from a family joke about the large number of lightning rods installed by Calvin Bullock
Modified Greek Revival Style with 8 Square columns.
Built in 1839 by J.E.P. Austin.

The land was part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee and acquired by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830. Ownership then passed to the Holman and Blodgett families. The Blodgetts had a store on the premises, nearly across the boundary between the Adams-Burr house and the Pierce-Stow house lots.

- 1839** Joseph E.P. Austin
- 1858** Dr. Isaac Willis
- 1863** Dr. Horace T. Hanks
- 1868** William W. Clement
1868-69 Dr. Henry Deane (renter)
1869-71 Dr. Francis Adams (renter)
- 1876** Joseph T. Nichols, son of Elijah and Asenath Nichols
First undertaker in Royalston, retired in 1908.
- 1918** Martha G. Nichols, wife of Joseph T. Nichols
- 1931** Mary Nichols Wheeler, Frederick Nichols, Leonard Nichols & May Edmonds Nichols
- 1936** Calvin Bullock, owner of the property to the North.
- 1944** Estate of Calvin Bullock (occupied by his daughter Katherine Cole)
- 1995** Estate of Katherine B. Cole
- 1997** Henry P. Cole Jr. & Alice Jones (son & daughter of Katherine Cole)

2005 Marie C. and Pierre A. Humblet

THE COLUMNS

4 South Royalston Road

*Greek Revival Style with 4 Columns.
Built in 1838 by Moses Nichols for Dr. Isaac Willis.*

The land was part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee and acquired by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830. Ownership then passed to the Holman and Blodgett families.

- 1838** Dr. Isaac Willis
- 1859** George F. Miller (Musician and Music Teacher)
1863: Acquires the land of the Union Meeting House, to the East.
- 1875** Sarah E. Miller, who lived in the house with her sister Mary E. (widow of Calvin Bullock 2nd) and her nephew, Calvin Bullock 3rd. Another sister, Emily B., her husband Herman M. Partridge and son Edward M Partridge also lived there from 1879 to 1887, when they moved to 8 South Royalston Rd
- 1902** Mary E., Emily B., and G. Edward Miller
Emily and her husband moved into the house from 8 S. Royalston Rd. , which she sold.
- 1905** Emily B. Miller-Partridge
Edward M Partridge inherited and sold the property.
- 1915** George Everett Pierce
- 1917** Calvin Bullock 3rd, son of Mary E. Miller-Bullock (he had sold his rights to Emily Partridge in 1906)).
Between 1917 and 1936 acquires parts and then all of the adjoining property from the Nichols family.
- 1944** Estate of Calvin Bullock
1997 Part of the former Nichols property is separated.
- 1999** Edward T. Dangel III and Bonni Widdoes

2017 Louis Comeau Jr and Andrea L. Lunden

THE BASTILLE

10 The Common

Name came from destruction of the barn on north side.

Federal Style

Built in 1819 by Rev. Ebenezer Perkins.

Most of the property is on the ministerial land granted to Rev. Joseph Lee. The western strip is on the part of the Common sold to Rev. J. Lee in 1774 in exchange for the Center Cemetery lot.

- 1819** Rev. Ebenezer Perkins
- 1861** Joseph L. Perkins, son of Rev. Perkins
1870 Charles W. Cragin (renter)
- 1873** Joel R. Howard
1874 subdivided the property
30' 10" of Common frontage to O. Walker.
7 S. Royalston Rd land to Joseph Raymond & Joseph Walker
Land to R. Knight to enlarge 9 S. Royalston Rd.
5 acres in the NE corner of the property to Horace Fisher
- 1874** Charlotte B. and John Pierce
- 1892** George E. Pierce.
In 1899, at age 63, improved the house after marrying Emma Reed, aged 29, daughter of William Reed, Henry C. Reed's brother. She died within the year.
1901 Sold 80' of Common frontage to Millard W. White.
- 1903** William Frye
1927 – Balustrade added by Mrs. Calvin Bullock
- 1930** Calvin Bullock 3rd
Also bought the meadow to the north from Bertha Lee Empress Zita of the Austria-Hungary Habsburgs and 7 of her 8 children spent 4 to 6 weeks in the summers 1942-1944 as a guest at the Bastille.
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In the **1940s** and **1950s** there was a golf course located in the fields behind the house.

- 1944** Estate of Calvin Bullock
Occupied by his son Hugh Bullock, who bought back the land sold to Horace Fisher in 1870.
That land was conveyed in 2001 to Mark and Gia Smith to enlarge 7 S. Royalston Rd. and in 2003 to Malcolm Rogers (see below) .
- 1997** The Landmark Trust USA
- 2003** Malcolm Rogers
- 2012** Donald and Jeanne Stanton

SIBLEY HOUSE

12 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1824 by Rebecca Sibley.

The land is on the part of the Common sold to Rev. Joseph Lee in 1774 and to his successor Rev. Ebenezer Perkins in 1819.

- 1824** Rebecca Sibley, widow of Lt. Jonathan Sibley
- 1853** H. C. Bartlett refers to the house in this period as the Gleason house. Title somehow passed to Mary P. Turner and her daughter Martha G., spouse of J.T. Nichols, and from them to John Pierce. He had married both Susan and then Charlotte, daughters of Jonathan Pierce and Huldah Sibley, sister of Lt. Jonathan Sibley. The titles are not recorded and only Mary P. is thought to have lived in the house.. J. Pierce had a farm at 5 Stockwell Rd.
- 1870** Obadiah and Harriet Walker
1872 – Built the store and post office on the north side. Operated until 1960.
1874 – Bought 30’ 10” of Common frontage (S side) from J. R. Howard
- 1881** John L. King
- 1882** Aurin C. Gordon
- 1885** George E. Blandin
- 1889** Sumner C. French
1903 – Bought 80 ft of Common frontage (S side) from Millard W. White
- 1952** Clifford H. and Hazel L. Wilcox (daughter of Sumner French)
- 1960** Lillis Wilcox, daughter of Clifford & Hazel Wilcox, married William F. Bowers
- 1963** Royalston Academy

1977 James P. and Marlys E. Kelley

2017 Robert G. Hendrie and Janace M. Wamboldt

1872-1960 – Post office located at the General Store.

1812-1872 – Post office was in the J. Estabrook Store.

Town Weight Scale located in front of store

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WHITE HEATHER

14 The Common

Federal Style

*Built around 1901 by John H. Lee for his daughter, Bertha Lee.
Possibly incorporated part of J. Estabrooks rental house c.1807 or the palm
leaf factory c.1802 which had been converted into a home in 1858.*

- 1901** John H. Lee
1910 Bertha Lee
1944 Polly Confers Vickery (niece of Bertha Lee)
- 1963** Eugene McNamara
- 1969** Jay and Colleen Richardson
- 1982** Ronald and Barbara Chenevert
- 1991** Richard and Ann Swindells
- 1996** Mark and Karen Pickford
- 2003** Paul Tortorella
- 2015** Joseph and Linda Migliozi

GEORGE PEIRCE HOUSE

18 The Common

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1840 by George Peirce.

1820 Original House built by General Gregory

1836 George Peirce

1840 – Original House destroyed by fire. New home built by George Peirce in current Greek Revival Style

1863 – Peirce buys the old Union Society (Baptist Church) building and moves it from the east side of the Columns to north side of his home to use as a stables. 1897-1923 used as town fire house, burns down Nov. 20, 1923.

1892 Donald M. Hill

1920 Frederick and Josephine Waters

1951 Josephine Waters

1979 Alfred and Mary Waters (Alfred, son of Josephine)

1991 Charles P. Fisher

2005 Dwight Stowell

WHITNEY HOUSE

24 The Common

Greek Revival Style

2 houses joined at right angles

Built in 1836 by George F. Miller (S) and in 1851 by George Whitney (N).

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- 1836** George F. Miller
- 1843** Joseph Raymond & Joseph Estabrook Jr.
Must have rented out, perhaps to the Miller family.
- 1851** Col. George Whitney
1858 – 3 story steam mill built on N.E. corner of property. Panic of 1857 caused it to never operate. Sold and removed to Fitchburg in 1866, at Main and North St. as a piano factory. Later became part of Simmons Mfg. Co.
- 1898** Mary Evelyn Carter Whitney (2nd wife of George Whitney)
- 1935** George E Whitney **1939** Minnie R., wife of George E., added.
- 1944** Malcom S. and Mary G. Patton
- 1944** John W. Bodman
- 1961** Martin M. and Lyla M. Kamerbeek
- 1966** John W. Bodman
- 1967** Charles A. and Suzanne L. Bosco
- 1978** Peter B. and Jenny L. Pap
1980 Gave an easement to 3 NE Fitzwilliam Rd. for a septic field
- 1984** Donald R. and Jeanne Stanton **1997** Sold a sliver of land to 6 NE Fitzwilliam Rd.
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GODDARD HOUSE

25 The Common

*Georgian Colonial Style
Built in 1765 by Ebenezer Elliot.
Originally built as a cape.*

- 1765** Ebenezer Elliot
- 1793** Capt. William Raymond
Perhaps moved the house from the head of the original Common to this location. Enlarged it and changed it from a cape to current style. Together with H. and S. Goddard and J. Estabrook, sold land to the Town for a low price to extend the Common to his house.

1847 - House rebuilt by William Raymond and 2nd story added to North Wing. ?
- 1820** John Holman
- 1828** Willard Holman, son of John
1847 Rev. Norman Hazen (renter until 1852)

1848 H.C. Bartlett born in house
- 1848** Benjamin J. Barton
- 1850** Elmer Newton
- 1850** Ashbel and Betsey Goddard
Robert H Goddard, the rocket scientist (1882-1945), is a direct descendant of the Goddards who operated a farm and a tannery on Warwick Rd. (West of Rt. 32) from about 1778 to 1895. The relationship between Ashbel Goddard and the Warwick Rd. Goddards is not known.
- 1866** Betsey Goddard
- 1870** William B. (son of Ashbel) and Fannie E. Goddard
- 1893** Leonard Byam (born in Fitzwilliam NH, married the widow of W. Goddard)
- 1916** Sylvia S. (née Byam, perhaps a cousin of Leonard) and Fred H. Sherwin
- 1922** Karl B. and Alice F. Smith
- 1940** Margaret (C.) Nash, owner of the 23 on the Common,
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The deed claims the lot is as conveyed by S.S. Sherwin but in reality it is only the East side. The Smiths kept the West side.

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- 1942** Margaret A. Nash, sister in law of Margaret C. and wife of Humphrey L. Nash
- 1961** Humphrey L. Nash, Jr. and other life tenants
- 2005** Jennifer Morgan–Johnson, Cedric C. Nash (daughter and son of Humphrey L. Nash, Jr.) and Gisela R. Nash (wide of Cedric)

MARGARET NASH HOUSE

23 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1820 by William Raymond for Barnet Bullock.

Built on land successively owned by Ebenezer Elliott, William Raymond and Rufus Bullock (1816)

- 1828** Horace Pierce, blacksmith
A building is already mentioned in the deed.
The 1831 map shows on this lot both Barnet Bullock at the NW corner of the field (or perhaps further West) and Horace Pierce on the Common.
- 1833** George C. Richardson, trader
Worked with Gen. Franklin Gregory
- 1835** George Pierce
Bought Gen. Franklin Gregory house (18 on the Common) in 1843
- 1843** Joseph Raymond
Rufus Bullock conveyed the property. His title is unknown.
- 1874** Jasper Elliott
- 1875** Timothy M. Longley
– Added 2nd story to ell and bay windows in front.
- 1924** Caroline W Raymond
– Removed Barn
- 1925** Margaret Nash (Sister of Humphrey Nash Sr.)
- 1967** John II and Joseph T. Nash
- 1978** John Nash II (Joan L. Nash added in 1982)

2005 David L. and Edith Felker (daughter of Joan Nash) House is rented to John and Joan for 10 years

2018 Louis E. Comeau Jr.

RAYMOND HOUSE

21 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1825 by Solomon Tenney.

- 1825** Solomon Tenney
- 1852** Rev. Ebenezer Bullard
- 1870** Rev. John P. Cushman
- 1872** Joseph Raymond
- 1893** Caroline Willis (d. 1938) and Mary Elizabeth (d. 1952) Raymond
(daughters of J. Raymond)
- 1952** David Bruce Findlay
- 1963** John and Ann Spaulding
- 1976** Robert and Linda Kymalainen
- 1985** Robert and Lorraine Casinghino

BARNET BULLOCK HOUSE
2 Warwick Road

Federal Style
Built in 1825 by Barnet Bullock.

- 1825** Barnet Bullock
- 1884** Brigham N. Bullock (son of Barnet Bullock)
- 1906** Richard Bullock (son of Brigham Bullock)
- 1946** Russell Frye
- 1950** Cortland Bassett
- 1968** Katherine Cole (great-granddaughter of Brigham Bullock)
- 1974** Dwight K. and Barbara Stowell

PHINEHAS S. NEWTON LIBRARY

19 The Common

Greek Revival Style

*Built in 1911. Land donated by William Hill.
\$10,000 donated by Phinehas S. Newton*

BULLOCK MANSION – THE MAPLES

17 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1807 for Rufus and Molton II Bullock.

Possibly rear wing part of the Lemuel Fales house c.1764.

- 1807** Rufus and Molton II Bullock
- 1816** Rufus Bullock (father of Alexander H. Bullock who was Governor of Mass. from 1866 to 1868) **1816** Buys the J. Estabrook land on the S side of Warwick Rd.
1849 Buys from B. Bullock part of the Dr. S. Bacheller Jr. property.
- 1858** Emily Bullock Ripley, Rufus' daughter. After the 1880 death of her husband, William Ripley, she lived partially in Philadelphia. The house was also occupied by Candace, Rufus' sister, until her death in 1885.
- 1891** William H. Hill
- 1913** Donald M. Hill (son of William)
– Donald and his son Malcolm were U.S. Amateur National Tennis Champions.
His sons Donald M. Jr., Malcolm T. and Calvin A. inherited the land.
- 1963** Royalston Academy
- 1978** Werner and Patience Bundschuh

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
15 The Common

Greek Revival Style

*Built in 1852 by Chauncey Chase to replace an 1840 meeting house
destroyed by fire in 1851*

TOWN HALL

13 The Common

Victorian Mansard Style

*Built in 1867 by Chauncey Chase. Land donated by C. Chase.
Civil War tablets donated by Joseph Raymond.*

BACHELLER – CHASE HOUSE

11 The Common

Georgian Colonial Style

Built in 1768 by Dr. Stephen Bacheller.

- 1768** Dr. Stephen Bacheller
– Rebuilt by Dr. Bacheller in present style
- 1829** Dr. Stephen Bacheller, Jr. (son)
- 1859** Chauncey Chase
– extensive remodeling
- 1879** Caroline M. Chase (wife of C. Chase)
- 1894** Elizabeth W. Chase (daughter of C. Chase)
- 1896** Millard W. White
- 1910** John S. Moore (Natalie Wells grandfather)
- 1917** Percy Moore (son of J. Moore)
- 1920** Alfred C. Turner (Mrs. Donald Hill's brother)
- 1929** Dr. Harry Hill
- 1944** Howard Lawton
- 1950** Dr. Frank Austin
- 1964** Royalston Academy
- 1979** Lynn and Guyola Shackelford
- 1992** Dr. George Krasowski and Theresa Ann Quinn (wife)

PIERCE - STOW HOUSE

7 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1837 by William O. Brown.

The land is part of the original Common. It was given to Rev. J. Lee in 1774, in exchange for the land of the center cemetery, and it became his garden. Bought by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830, and then by John Holman and associates who created an easement requiring buildings to be located away from the road and the front to be kept as Common.

1835 John Clark (perhaps a dummy acting for W.O. Brown)

1837 William O. Brown
Removed to Fitchburg in 1854.

1854 Horace Pierce (renter)
Lived in the house until his death in 1883.

1872 Emma Louise Pierce (daughter of H. Pierce)
Married M.V. Stow in 1888 and lived in Granville MA. Returned around 1900. Died in 1937 near her nephew Col. Junnius Pierce in Redlands, CA.

1938 – Barn destroyed by hurricane.

1939 Calvin Bullock .
House was used by the chauffeur and staff of the Bastille

1944 Estate of Calvin Bullock

1997 Henry Cole Jr. (son of Katherine Cole, grandson of C. Bullock)

2016 Michael R. Adams

ADAMS – BURR HOUSE

5 The Common

Federal Style

Built in 1836 by Elijah Nichols.

The land is part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee bought by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830 and then by John Holman and associates who created an easement forcing buildings to be located away from the road.

Elijah Nichols' lot included the Rev. J. Lee's house and the carpenter shop of Loring Chase. The store of George Blodgett was across the road, almost opposite the North line of the property.

- 1836** Elijah and Asenath Nichols
Bef. 1849: Sell the parsonage house and lot to R. Morse.
1851: Property is foreclosed by Lucius Willard
The Nichols remain as occupant but the owners become:
1851: Henry Nichols (son of Moses and nephew of Elijah)
1851: John. P. Gregory (son of Gen. Franklin Gregory)
Gave the front lawn, former garden of Rev. Lee, to the Town to extend the Common.
1853: Isaac Nichols (half brother of Henry)
- 1856** Joseph T. Nichols, son of Elijah, who had just died.
Buys the interest of Betsey, his stepmother and 2nd wife of E. Nichols. No deed from I. Nichols found.
- 1871** Anthony and Catherine Donnelly
- 1875** Dr. Frank Adams, grand-nephew of John Adams and John Quincy Adams
- 1938** (Mabel) Winifred Adams Burr, daughter of Dr. Adams.
She was a poet and painter, member of the Rochester Art Club.
- 1964** Henry P. Cole, husband of K. Cole, and associates
- 1966** Katherine Cole, daughter of Calvin Bullock
Summered in the house across the road, left this lot unoccupied.
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1976: Gives land for the Fire Station to the Town

1996 Kenneth P. and Andrea L. Lively
1996: Obtain easement for septic field on the parsonage land

2017 Matthew and Teresa Valliere

PARSONAGE

3 The Common

Greek Revival Style

*Built in 1874 to replace the Old Parsonage of Reverend Joseph Lee
removed in 1874.*

Owned by First Congregational Church.

The land is part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee bought by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830 and then by John Holman and associates, who created an easement forcing buildings to be located away from the road, and by Elijah Nichols..

HEARSE HOUSE

The Center Cemetery

Built in 1858 to house the town's horse drawn hearse.

PARTRIDGE HOUSE

8 South Royalston Road

Greek Revival
Built in 1810 by Major John Norton.

Land was in the Eastern part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee bought by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830

The deed reserves to the occupants of a small piece of land along Winchendon Rd the right to keep using the horse stables on that land, according to the lease.

1833 Major John Norton
Fought at Bunker Hill. Retired here from his Prospect Hill farm.

1836 Oliver Swain, Jr
1836 Sells what is now 10 and 12 South Royalston Rd. to Dr. Stephen Batcheller, Jr.

1842 Isaac and Nancy Nichols
Acquire the lot to the East.

1856 William W. Clement, son of William Clement Jr.

1866 Franklin Richardson
1873: sells the lot to the East and part of this lot to H. Fisher.

1886 Emily B. and Herman M. Partridge
1887 Sell land to 12 S. Royalston Rd

1904 Benjamin H. Brown

1912 Isabelle C. (daughter of Benjamin Brown) and Rev. Augustus M. Rice

1919 Damon C. Aiken

1945 Christina C. Aiken

- 1945** Mabel E. (Grant) Crumb (wife of Lynwood) and Bernice O. Crumb
- 1972** Gerald L. and Bernice Chiasson (Bernice, daughter of Lynwood and Mabel Crumb).
- 2013** Glenn B. Hastings

FISHER BATTERSBY HOUSE

10 South Royalston Road

*Greek Revival Influence
Built in 1840 by David P. Foster.*

Land was in the Eastern part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee bought by Joseph Estabrook Jr. in 1830, and then owned by J. Norton and O. Swain Jr.. Dr. S. Batcheller Jr. bought what is now 8 and 10 South Royalston Rd in 1836 . The deed does not mention any buildings.

1839 Sarah B. Lee and Lucy Lee, daughters of Rev. Joseph Lee.
A house is already mentioned in the deed. The well was shared with the house to the West, which was called the Chase house.
Lucy died in 1840. Sarah was still cited in a 1849 deed for the house to the East.

Between 1849 and 1856

Isaac Nichols

Lived in the Partridge house, to the West, which he bought in 1842.

1856 William W. Clement, son of William Clement Jr.
Bought together with the property to the West.

1866 Franklin Richardson Bought together with the property to the West.

1873 Horace Fisher This lot is separate from the one to the West but larger than that of the Lee sisters.
Acquired and farmed the land located behind the houses across the road.

1899 Leila B. Battersby, daughter of Edwin Fisher, son of Horace, and Ralph R. Battersby

1904 Nellie M. and Herbert A. Smith

1922 Ralph R. Battersby

- 1930** William A. Frye
- 1931** W. Russell Frye (son of William A.)
- 1944** Kenneth C. and Maxine E. Wilcox
Built the garage and ran a gas station.
- 1971** Maxine E. Wilcox (wife of Kenneth)
- 2004** Benjamin P. and Kristin L. Scott
- 2016** Stephen F. Chase and Elizabeth Gospodarek

CHARLES DEAN HOUSE

12 South Royalston Road

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1840 as shoe shop and rental house.

Land was in the Eastern part of the ministerial lot of J. Lee bought by Joseph Estabrook in 1830, and then owned by J. Norton, O. Swain Jr. and Dr. S. Batcheller Jr in 1836. No building is mentioned in the deed to S. Batcheller.

1839 A house, called the Chase house, is mentioned on this lot in the deed for the lot to the West. The 2 lots share a well.

1849 Martha (Butler) Bacheller, widow of Dr. Stephen Bacheller, Jr., buys this lot, with a small house and barn, at a “public vendue” of the real estate of her late husband.) She marries William Clement, Jr., a widower.

1849: W. Clement Jr. buys at a “public vendue” the wood and pasture land of Dr. S. Batcheller, Jr. located N of the pond at 1 Winchendon Rd. Probably exploits it from this house. Enlarges it in 1853 by buying land from Asa Batcheller. Sells it to his son William W. Clement in 1874, who sells it to C. Donnelly in 1875.

Bartlett p. 251 writes that William and Martha died in this house, the latter in 1881. This is implausible in view of the following deeds.

1875 Catherine Donnelly, wife of Anthony

1875 Maria H. and Charles W. Dean

1887: Acquire land to the South from Emily B. Partridge

1933 S. Madella Stimson , daughter of Charles W. Dean, and Charles A. Stimson

1948 Lawrence D. Stimson (son of Charles & Sarah Stimson)

1975 Hyman J. and Josephine Steinhurst

1978 Ethel S. Turner

1981 Mary Jane Turner Green (daughter of Ethel)

1982 John M. and Rona F. Kahn

1992 Andrew J. and Kristen A. West

WILCOX HOUSE

7 Old Winchendon Road

Federal Style

Built in 1780 by William Brown.

- 1780** William Brown
- 1830** Isaac Prouty
- 1852** William Prouty (son of Issac Prouty)
- 1869** George Chase
- 1889** Mary L. Wilcox and Calvin H. Wilcox
- 1930** John P. Matsen
- 1946** Josephine Matsen (wife of John Matsen)
- 1967** Harry Carden
- 1988** Stephen and Nancy Schnetzer
- 1999** Pat Jackson 2001: Acquired the land in the NW corner of the junction of Brown Rd. and South Royalston Rd. and placed it under conservation with part of the original land.
- 2016** Nancy Schnetzer

CHASE HOUSE
1 Old Winchendon Road

Federal Style
Built in 1780 by Reuben Walker.

- 1780** Reuben Walker
- 1816** Asa Bacheller (son of Dr. Stephen Bacheller)
- 1863** Franklin H. Goddard
- 1923** Elliot B. Chase
- 1974** H. Byers

OBADIAH WALKER HOUSE

9 South Royalston Road

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1850 by Obadiah Walker.

The land is a part of the ministerial lot of Joseph Lee bought by Ebenezer Perkins in 1819 to create 10 on the Common.

- 1846** Daniel and Hannah E. Mason, cordwainer.
27.5 yd x 27.5' yd lot, 5.5 yd west of the apple tree in the corner of the orchard, nearly opposite the Sarah B. Lee house.
- 1854** Obadiah and Harriet W. Walker, newlyweds
Obadiah held the store at the south end of the Common and peddled.
- 1865** Rebecca and Newell Knight
Were previously on Barnet Bullock's Farm, 19 N.E. Fitzwilliam Rd.
1874 Buy additional land from J. Howard to create the current lot.
- 1880** Laura A. Barnard, of Boston
- 1890** Warren.R. Wheeler
- 1891** John Lecain
- 1903** Henry S. Wood
- 1913** Sarah C. Wood, widow of Henry Wood
- 1935** Clayton S. Wilcox
- 1959** Edith B. Wilcox, daughter of C.S. Wilcox
- 1966** Merton Wilcox, son of C.S. Wilcox
- 1968** Kenneth C. Wilcox and Calvin B. Wilcox, sons of C.S. Wilcox
1970 C.B. Wilcox share to C.B. Wilcox and Kathleen A. Cygan
C.B. Wilcox died within the month.

- 1970** K.A. Cygan share to K.C. Wilcox
- 1971** Donald L. Langlois
- 1973** Gene A. and Marita K. Cauthen
Built the studio in the N.E. corner of the lot.
- 2018** Brian Walden and Laura Hanley

THE OLD PARSONAGE

7 South Royalston Road

Federal Style

Built in 1768 as a Center Chimney Colonial by Rev. Joseph Lee.

Until 1874, the house was located at 3 on the Common.

- 1768** Rev. Joseph Lee (b. 5/12/1742. d. 2/16/1819)
- 1819** Lucy Lee (d. 1840) and Sarah B. Lee (daughters of Rev. Joseph Lee)
- 1830** Joseph Estabrook Jr. (B276_P563-565)
Buys the estate of Rev. Lee.
- 1832** John Holman and Co.
Part of the Rev. Lee home lot
- 1836** Elijah and Asenath Nichols
Same lot as the Adams-Burr house.

Between 1836 and 1849 Russell Morse

- 1840** William H. Emerson, future husband of Elvira Morse, niece of Russell (store)
- 1841** – An addition was added to include a tavern and 2nd story lyceum (20x30).
- 1853** – Emerson took on a partner and named the store the **Warren and Emerson Store.**
- 1857** A “Union” Store (Obadiah Walker, manager)
- 1860** Isaac and Nancy (Walker) Nichols (owner) Reserving the land on which the Town House now stands.
- 1858** Obadiah Walker (store) (b. 10/28/1826)
- 1863 – 1865** – Franklin Richardson (store)

1866 – 1868 – Russell Morse Jr. & Co. (store)

1867 Henry Nichols (half brother of Isaac Nichols) (owner)

1868 – 1873 – Hubert Carlton Bartlett (store)

1870 – The large 5' square chimney top was reduced, leaving the large chimney inside with fireplaces in every room. Large lights of glass replaced the small lights and dentil detailing was added to some of the windows.

THE OLD PARSONAGE HOUSE

7 South Royalston Road

(Continued)

- 1874** Dea. Joseph Walker (b. 6/30/1825, d. 6/16/1888, brother of Obadiah) and Nancy S. (Thomas) Walker (b. 6/27/1826)
1874 – Moved the house from 3 on the Common using oxen and logs, probably during the winter. Rotated the house 180 degrees and placed between the Bastille and the Obadiah Walker house. Center chimney and fireplaces replaced by 3 evenly spaced stove chimneys.
- 1874 – 1883** – Ell constructed in east end (formerly west end)
- September 27, 1883** – Barn constructed on east end of ell, saltbox shed added on back barn later.
- 1888** Michael B and Millard W. White
M. W. White also owned the Bastille.
- 1889** George E. Whitney and Charles W. Forristall
- 1896** Sumner Clayton French (Postmaster for many years)
Also owned and operated the store and post office at 12 on the Common since 1889 until his death. Used this house merchandise storage.
- 1952** Mildred (Aunt Millie) French (daughter of S.C. French)
At one time, nation's oldest living news correspondent. Lived in Royalston her entire life. Never married. (b. 1896, d. 1991)
- 1987** Lillis Bowers (granddaughter of S.C. French), Ann L. Johnson (daughter of Lillis Bowers), Nancy K. LaFortune, and Alan W. Bowers (son of Lillis Bowers). Estate of Mildred French, they never occupied the house.
- 1994** Mark D. and Gia Smith (Mark Smith, born in the David P. Foster House, 5 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road, 9/10/1961)
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2011 Mark D. and Susan Smith

THE OLD PARSONAGE HOUSE
7 South Royalston Road

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2017 Anthony J. and Christine L. Statuto

WELLS HOUSE
6 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style
Built in 1842 by Ebenezer Cheney.

- 1842** Ebenezer Cheney
- 1848** Capt. William Chase
- 1867** Huldah Chase Howard (sister of William Chase)
- 1876** Colin and Emeline MacKenzie
- 1910** Herbert A. and Nellie Smith
- 1930** Nellie Smith (wife of H. Smith)
- 1952** Natalie (Smith) Wells (daughter of H. Smith)
- 1997** Boyd Estus

WHEELER HOUSE

8 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1843 by Leonard Wheeler.

- 1843** Leonard Wheeler (Town Blacksmith)
- 1889** Martha Dunn (widow of L. Wheeler, married Rev. Dunn)
- 1912** George Everett Pierce
- 1925** Edward O. Fuller
- 1967** Mrs. Anderson
- 1970** William and Diane Forward
- 1974** Eric A. Richard
- 1975** Gordon E. and Sandra M. Poirier
- 1978** Harold and Joan Evans
- 1983** Donald and Jeanne Stanton
- 1991** John T. and Stephanie P. McClure

BETSY DEAN HOUSE

3 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style

Built by Obadiah Walker for Betsy Dean. 1845 Betsy Dean

- 1855** Flora H. and Joseph L Perkins (son of the Rev. E. Perkins).
Flora's maiden name was Perry. Bartlett's book indicates that the Perry family lived in this house. A previous version of this work had a J. Perry owning the house in 1845.
- 1863** Nancy S. and Joseph Walker (moved to 7 S. Royalston Rd)
- 1875** Henry O. Peabody
- 1886** Harriet W. Walker (widow of Obadiah Walker)
Leonard Wheeler conveyed the property. His title is unknown.
- 1901** William B. Lovewell (cousin of Fred Sherwin)
– died suddenly at the fire house (old Baptist church) located on North side of the George Pierce house.
– shared the Goddard House barn with Fred Sherwin.
1916: Acquired land from 25 on the Common
1918: Acquired land from 25 on the Common
- 1922** Myrtie M. Lovewell (wife of William Lovewell)
- 1937** Julia M. Johnson
- 1978** Louis M. Johnson (son of Julia M. Johnson)
1980: Estate sells some land to 5 NE Fitzwilliam Rd.
- 1980** Steven E. and Cynthia Savoy 1980: Buys easement for septic field at 24 on the Common

DAVID P. FOSTER HOUSE

5 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1850 by David P. Foster.

- 1850** David P. Foster
1859 – Married widow Bartlett and moved next door
- 1882** Hattie and George Carkin
- 1928** Natalie Wells
- 1932** Jennie Moffitt Jewett (mother of Ralph Jewett)
- 1961** Beatrice A. Allen (Exec. of Jewett estate)
- 1961** David Cloutier and Mary Jane Smith
(parents of Mark D. Smith, future owner of 7 S. Royalston Rd.)
- 1962** Leslie and Colleen MacManus (Colleen is sister of David Smith)
- 1983** Colleen MacManus

BARTLETT – FOSTER HOUSE

7 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1843 by Ebenezer Cheney.

- 1843** Ebenezer Cheney
- 1848** Benjamin Bacheller Bartlett
- 1852** Mary Bartlett (wife of B. Bartlett)
- 1854** David P. Foster (married Mary Bartlett)
Annexed land from number 5
Added barn to house
- 1903** Mary Bartlett Foster (wife of D. Foster)
- 1908** Colin and Emeline MacKenzie
Enlarged the property by buying land in back from Sheila
Sherwin and on east side from the estate of Cyrus P. Reed.
- 1927** Emeline White MacKenzie (wife of Colin)
- 1932** Mary J. Gosselin
- 1938** C. Forrest and Edna F. Barlow
- 1971** Charles R. Geske
- 1973** John and Patricia Poor
- 2014** Ivan and Dannielle Cardona
- 2018** David Pushor

SHOEMAKER SHOP

9 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1844 by Leonard Wheeler.

Built as a shoemakers shop and residence.

- 1844** George Colburn (first renter and shoemaker)
- 1858** Cyrus P. Reed (married Sarah Wheeler, daughter of Leonard Wheeler)
– remodeled home
- 1903** Sarah Wheeler Reed (wife of Cyrus P. Reed)
- 1915** Emily Hale
- 1935** George Theodore
- 1962** Elsie Vangel (daughter of G. Theodore)
- 1998** Kenneth Vangel (son of Elsie Vangel)
- 2007** Royalston Theodore Realty Trust
- 2017** Demolished

THE ANCHORAGE

11 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Federal Style

Built in 1790 by John Sawyer.

- 1790** John Sawyer
- 1822** Joseph Sawyer (son of John Sawyer)
– Joseph Smith worked with Franklin Richardson in Joseph Sawyer’s Cabinet shop in the late 1820’s. Joseph Smith was the founder of the Mormon religion (1831 in NY).
- 1851** Seth Holman
- 1860** Seth N. Holman (son of Seth Holman)
- 1871** William F. Bigelow
- 1900** Henry O. Curtis
- 1913** Charles H. Brown
- 1950** Harold McClellan
1960 – 1964 – Post office located here
- 1962** Peter Davis
- 1976** James M. Barclay

JONAS PIERCE HOUSE

19 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Greek Revival Style

Original house built by Jonas Pierce in 1831.

Rebuilt by Barnet Bullock in 1857.

- 1831** Jonas Pierce
- 1857** Barnet Bullock
- 1866** Hervey W. Bliss
- 1876** George E. Pierce
- 1922** Lincoln J. and Luella Holden
- 1924** Luella S. Holden (wife of Lincoln Holden) and Lincoln J. Holden Jr. (son)
– Son stoked stove at the old baptist church and went to the post office. Church caught fire and only the fire engine was saved.
- 1959** Thelma Wood (A professional chocolate candy maker)
- 1972** Mario Carbone
- 1994** Estate of Mario Carbone
- 2001** House torn down

JOSEPH SAWYER HOUSE

1 Frye Hill Road

*Modified Greek Revival Style
Built by Joseph Sawyer in 1831.*

- 1831** Joseph Sawyer
- 1851** Seth Holman
- 1860** Seth N. Holman (son of Seth Holman)
- 1871** Herman M. Partridge
- 1876** Henry C. Reed
- 1897** Frank E. Ellis
- 1899** Frank Curtis
- 1912** Carlton K. Wilcox
- 1926** Ralph and Elsie Jewett
- 1936** Morton Comee and Margaret Jewett
- 1987** Werner Bundschuh and Rae Linefsky
- 1988** Daniel and Elizabeth Schodek

DANAHAR HOUSE

7 Frye Hill Road

Federal Style

Built by Lewis Brewer in 1805.

- 1801** Ebenezer Frye
Buys land from William Raymond, south of his residence at 9 Frye Hill Rd. A house is built there before 1841.
- 1841** David P. Foster
- 1844** Lydia and Lewis Brewer

Susan Brewer
- 1892** Frederick E. and Florence Graves
1895 Acquire land on South side from Fannie Byam at 25 on the Common
- 1936** Everett A. Graves (son of Frederick Everett Graves)
- 1970** Catherine M. Danahar
1971: Acquires the land in the rear of the house from the Langlois
- 1988** Lawrence H. Meier and Bonnie Christie
- 1992** Paul Guimond and Theresa Burnham

LANGLOIS HOUSE

9 Frye Hill Road

Federal Style

Built by John Frye Jr. in 1814.

- 1814** John Frye
- 1865** Solyman and Harriet H. Heywood
- 1885** Harriet H. Heywood
- 1898** Albert E. Wyman
- 1912** Arthur Bowers
- 1942** Kate Bowers (wife of Arthur Bowers)
– William Bowers (son) married Lillis Wilcox French
- 1944** Henry Bowers II (son of Arthur Bowers) held in trust for Henry
Bowers III (son of Henry Bowers II)
- 1948** Floyd A. and Marguerite Clark Langlois (sister of Walter Clark Jr.)

OLD FRYE HOUSE

18 Frye Hill Road

Federal Style

Built by Capt. John Frye in 1765.

- 1765** Capt. John Frye
- 1814** Benjamin Frye
- 1861** William W. Frye
- 1892** Benjamin A. Frye
- 1931** Alice Frye (wife of Benjamin A. Frye)
- 1933** William A. Frye
- 1939** Val Lawrence (Brother of Olga Wilcox)
- 1948** Carlton Wilcox (Val Lawrence's brother-in-law)
- 1981** John C. and Marilace Rix
- 1995** Marjorie Chase and Ted Chase (brother and sister)
- 1996** Marjorie Chase

HUGH BULLOCK HOUSE

4 Warwick Road

Federal Style

Built by Barnet Bullock for Hugh Bullock in 1835.

- 1835** Occupied by Hugh Bullock
- 1837** Barnet Bullock, rented out
1837 Luke Bemis
Afterwards Gibbs Eddy
1865 Charles H. Newton
- 1898** Brigham N. Bullock (son of Barnet Bullock)
- 1913** Richard Bullock (son of Brigham Bullock)
- 1936** William and Lillis Bowers
- 1959** Lillis Bowers (wife of William Bowers, daughter of Hazel French and Clifford Wilcox)
- 2000** Dwight Stowell, Jr.

LORD WHEELER HOUSE

6 Warwick Road

Greek Revival Style

Built by Barnet Bullock in 1845.

- 1845** Barnet Bullock
- 1854** Lord Nelson Wheeler (husband of Rebecca Bullock)
- 1856** Stephen P. White
- 1864** Lucinda P. White (wife of Stephen White)
- 1926** Emeline White MacKenzie (daughter of Stephen White)
- 1926** Miss Howes and Miss Pottinger
- 1930** Margaret Burrage
- 1976** John F. and Ann Spaulding
- 1979** Glenn M. and Mary Freden
- 1985** Brian E. Cone and Signe LaFrance
- 1992** Henry S. Felt
- 1996** Wendy Fink
- 2002** Carl Kamp

SMITH HOUSE
13 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road

Dutch Gambrel Style
1st House built in 1889 by Walter Sawyer for William S. Bemis.

1889 William S. Bemis

1913 Henry O. Curtis

1914 Mrs. Hattie Sweezey

1918 – 1st house destroyed by fire

1928 – 2nd house - Elbridge Smith moves old Doane's Falls School to cellar hole

1928 Elbridge and Pauline Smith
(Ethel Avery – Deed holder)

1977 Pauline Smith (wife of Elbridge Smith, sister of Bernice Crumb Chiasson)

1991 Estate of Pauline Smith

1994 Stephen Chase and Elizabeth Gospodarek

JEWETT HOUSE

3 Frye Hill Road

Greek Revival Style

Built by Ralph Jewett in 1936.

- 1936** Ralph and Elsie Jewett
- 1967** Fay Jewett (son of Ralph Jewett)
- 1983** Dorothy Jewett Comee (daughter of Ralph Jewett, husband Morton C. Comee)
- 1988** Werner Bundschuh and Rae Linefsky
– Rebuilt Greek Revival Style retaining only north wing of cottage
- 2000** Roger O'Donnell and Raeann LeBlanc

BOWERS HOUSE

19 Frye Hill Road

Ranch Style

Built by Parker Bowers in 1930.

- 1930** Parker and Eldora Bowers
- 1977** Eldora Bowers (wife of Parker Bowers)
- 2006** Stephen Chase and Beth Gospodarek (B38757_P276)

WHITE HOUSE

5 Frye Hill Road

Cape Style

Built by Fred E. White in 1935.

- 1935** Fred E. and Mildred White
Land is split from the Graves property at 7 Frye Hill Rd.
- 1954** Mildred E. White (wife of Fred E. White)
- 1970
- 1996** Stephen F. Chase and Beth Gospodarek
- 1999** Barbara E. Dean

THE RAYMOND SCHOOL

The Common

Greek Revival Style

Built in 1939 on land donated by Mary and Caroline Raymond.

Built as a WPA Project.

THE ENGINE HOUSE
17a The Common

*Built in 1851 to house town fire engine after first church destroyed by fire.
Town of Royalston*

TRAILER
10 Frye Hill Road

- 1962** Walter E. and Alice B. Clark (Alice added in 1967)
- 1986** Richard E. and Walter E. Clark Jr. (sons of Walter E. and Alice B. Clark)
- 2000** Norma J. Butterworth

FAVREAU HOUSE

9 Frye Hill Road

Cape Style

Built in 1997 by Randy & Angelica Favreau.

1997 Randy K. and Angelica Favreau

2015 Randy K. Favreau

