

8 WALTER F. HEATH (1858-1931) was born in Jaffrey three years after his parents, Eleazer W. and Mary L. were married in Lowell, Massachusetts, and had moved to town. Walter's father had purchased land near Gilmore Pond, and with his brother-in-law, one of the Gilmores, bought a saw and grist mill nearby and became engaged in the manufacture of chair stock. But none of this was of interest to young Walter. He instead enjoyed the wonders of nature around him, the birds and other wildlife. He began cultivating flowers and vegetables. He also began composing little poems about the things around him and about life as he saw it. Some of his poems were printed in local newspapers. Soon his gift of verse became so much in demand that a little collection called *Mountain Echoes* was printed. Two thousand copies were sold and the booklet, at the time of Walter's death, had gone into a third printing. His death was sadly felt by many. His wife remarried and stayed on the Heath homestead. Walter and Mary had no children. **Lot 33** 🍀

9 ALBERT S. PIERCE (1845-1909), Co. G, 14 N.H.V., served in the Civil War. He enlisted in 1862, at the age of 17. He was wounded in 1864 in Opequan, Virginia. He became a corporal on December 25, 1864 and mustered out on July 8, 1865. He was part of the 14th NH Regiment which enlisted thirty-four Jaffrey men. Each volunteering for nine months was paid \$100 as a bounty and a monthly wage of \$20. Drills were held on the Baptist Common through the summer. In September 1862, the Jaffrey Company was joined by a squad of twelve men from Dublin. Following his service, he was a machinist in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Later, he was a mail carrier for many years. He married Mary B. Chamberlain. Mary was born in 1849 and was the daughter of Ermina Cutter Chamberlain and great granddaughter of John and Abigail Cutter. Albert died in 1909 at the age of 65. **Lot 26** 🍀

10 COL. GEORGE BRIANT (1814-1865) lived on the family homestead, Lot 14, Range 4, now known as Bryant Road, in a brick house built in 1829 by his father, John Briant. George was captain of the Jaffrey Military company in 1820, and afterward colonel of the Twelfth Regiment State Militia. He married Elvira Elizabeth Hodge (1826-1875) of Rindge in 1845. Also buried here is their son George Edwin Bryant (1848-1897) and his wife Clarissa Ballou (1851-1911). According to the Jaffrey Town History, the spelling of Briant changed to Bryant with son, George Edwin. George Edwin was familiarly known as "Short Ed" in distinction from his second cousin Edward G. who was known as "Long Ed." **Lot 32** 🍀

11 WALTER HUGO GENTSCH (1907-2000) was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, where he started school and moved to Jaffrey where he graduated from Conant High School in 1925. He went on to earn degrees in Accounting and Finance. Eventually, choosing the legal profession, he earned his LL.B. at Northeastern University's Law School. Walter opened his law practice in Jaffrey in 1933 and offered legal services and counsel, and served as a tax attorney to the people of Jaffrey and surrounding towns for 30 years. He married Doris Eddy of Southern Pines, North Carolina, in 1935. In Jaffrey she became involved in town activities and women's groups. Walter also served as town and school district clerk and was appointed Special Judge of the Municipal and District Courts. **Lot 71** 🍀

12 COBURN KIDD (1909-1982) was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He attended the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, earning his Masters and Doctoral Degrees. He went on to Georgetown University School of Law in Washington, D.C. During World War II he served with the Office of Strategic Services as a First Lieutenant. Following his military service Coburn was for many years a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State, serving in Vienna, Washington, Tokyo and Bonn, Germany. His final post was as Consul General in Hamburg, Germany. On a visit to the Monadnock Region, Coburn and his wife Mary discovered Jaffrey and retired here. Coburn took an interest in town affairs and became an active member of the Village Improvement Society and served as Chairman of the Amos Fortune Forum. His lasting contributions to the town were the book *Jaffrey Center, New Hampshire*, a historical look at the homes of the village, and a work that entailed countless hours of research, *Jaffrey Streets and Roads, 1773-1980*. The work was left in manuscript form at Coburn's death in 1982; Mary saw it through to publication. She died in 2017. Coburn and Mary remembered their adopted town well, bequeathing generous gifts to many of the area's individuals, organizations and causes. **Lot 60** 🍀

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Cutter Cemetery Walking Tour

SUNDAY · JUNE 27, 2021 · 2-3:30 PM



About the Cutter Cemetery

"In Jaffrey Center there is an old cemetery sacred to the Cutter tribe who gave it. If you would find the place, leave the Center Village to the west, and branching off on the old road over Cutter Hill you will come after a few rods to a well-kept, shaded, and beautifully situated cemetery, laid out and owned for many years by an association of the Cutter family and its connections. It was founded in 1836 in accordance with the wishes of John Cutter, a prosperous tanner, whose home was the large house at the fork of the roads nearby. This yard was entrusted to the care and ownership of the town in 1927."

— *Volume I of the Town History.*

THE most pleasing appeal of Cutter Cemetery is its allée of maples many of which date from the Civil War era. The newer maples replaced older ones and were planted by the Monadnock and Dublin Garden Clubs as a joint project back in 2012 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Garden Clubs of America.

The Cutter Extension which adjoins the northwest corner was laid out in 2004. Both Town and private funds were used to purchase the land, a happy confluence of cemetery expansion and land protection. 🍀

The Cutter Cemetery is located on Harkness Road close to its intersection with Main Street.

NOTE: This Cutter Cemetery Walking Tour is also available online at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/cctour.pdf>

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THE HAMLEN FAMILY Monadnock Mountain has attracted summer visitors to Jaffrey since the 1800s. In 1906 three prominent families bought property here. One was the Hamlen Family. Capt. Ewing W. Hamlen (1863-1950) came to town in 1906 and bought the farm of Elias Mann on the mountain. It has remained in the family to the present time. Capt. Hamlen was among the WWI veterans who were charter members of the American Legion Post in Jaffrey. Three sons were born to Capt. Hamlen and his wife, Mary, the first dying at the age of three. Two sons lived on and spent many summers on the mountain. Richard K. Hamlen attended Harvard College and Harvard Business School and became an executive of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York. His brother, Capt. Charles R. Hamlen also attended Harvard and the Harvard School of Architecture, going on to teach the History of Architecture at Harvard and the University of Minnesota. The original Mann house bought by Capt. Hamlen burned to the ground in 1971 and was replaced by the house presently standing. The Hamlen names on the cemetery marker here display the names of the third generation of the family in Jaffrey. **Cutter Ext.** 🏡

REV. WILLIAM WALLACE LIVINGSTON (1832-1910) was a highly respected citizen of Jaffrey and for thirty-one years was the pastor of the First Congregational Church at Jaffrey Center. He was born in Canada and he graduated from the University of Vermont in 1856. He entered Andover Theological Seminary and was ordained and appointed by the American Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions to Turkey for ten years. In 1860 he married Martha Tracy of Andover, Massachusetts. He served as pastor in North Carver, Massachusetts, before beginning his pastorate in Jaffrey. During this long period of service Rev. Livingston, in addition to his unfailing devotion to parish affairs, displayed an untiring interest in whatever concerned the welfare of the community and gave largely of his time and his abilities to the duties of citizenship. He was trustee of the Jaffrey Public Library, superintendent of schools and later served on the school board. He represented the town in the State Legislature for two terms. Rev. Livingston was widowed when he arrived in Jaffrey in 1878 and married Ermina Cutter Campbell (1846-1922) in 1880. Ermina was the great granddaughter of John and Abigail Cutter. Rev. Livingston had five children with his first wife Martha. Here lie his two daughters, Alice (1861-1933) and Rebecca (1867-1889). Rev. Livingston died in 1910. **Lot 16** 🏡

FREDERICK ALEXANDER MAGOUN (1896-1968) was born in Ohio where he started his schooling. He entered M.I.T. in 1914, graduating in 1918 as a Mechanical Engineer. But realizing that his heart would be pledged to humans and not machinery, his focus turned to human relations, and he spent thirty-four years as a Professor of Human Relations in Industry at M.I.T. He lectured widely and wrote newspaper articles on human relations, and authored more than fifteen books, the most familiar being *Love and Marriage*. Prof. Magoun and his second wife Carolyn came to Jaffrey around 1938 when their names first appear on the tax lists as owners of land on Thorndike Pond. In

Jaffrey Dr. Magoun became active with the Amos Fortune Forum, serving as Chairman for four years. He became deeply interested in the life of Amos Fortune and in 1964 published a book about his life, *Amos Fortune's Choice*. F. Alexander Magoun, the name he preferred, and his first wife, Flora Robertson Lindsay Magoun, had three children whose names appear on stones nearby: Richard, Theodore, and Priscilla. Professor Magoun died at the age of 72. **Lot 46** 🏡

HARRISON TWEED BLAINE (1920-1944) Harrison was born in Boston on August 7, 1920. His parents, Graham and Katharine Tweed Blaine, lived in Hewlett, New York, and summered in Jaffrey for many years. Harrison was a graduate of Harvard Law School, class of 1942. He entered the service with the Marine Corps as an officer candidate at Quantico, Virginia, in July 1942. In January 1944 Harrison was en route to the Pacific. In February of 1944 he led his infantry platoon in the first landing on the Marshall Islands. In June 1944, the 23rd Division landed on Saipan. Surrounded by the enemy, Lt. Blaine was killed in action on June 14, 1944. He was buried on the island in a military cemetery. In 1949, his remains were moved to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Harrison's aunt and uncle were Lawrence (1885-1967) and Josephine Blaine Wetherell (1887-1974). They moved to Jaffrey and were active in community affairs. Over half a lifetime, until her death on January 1, 1974, no benefactor did more for Jaffrey Center than Josephine Wetherell. Mrs. Wetherell assisted both in guidance and in material aid. Lawrence Wetherell with unmatched generosity shared his wife's interest in Jaffrey. The village is largely indebted to them for the restoration of its historic public buildings. **Lots 44 & 17** 🏡

COL. GILMAN MOWER (1801-1889) was born on the family homestead on Peabody Hill Road, but removed to East Jaffrey where he built a house on the old Dublin Road, now North Street. He married Roxanna Jewell of Jaffrey in 1825. He served as Captain of the Jaffrey Rifle Co. and was Colonel of the Twelfth Regiment of Militia. The Jaffrey Rifle Company was part of the Twelfth Regiment of New Hampshire, which included organizations from eight towns. For many years he was a business man in Jaffrey and served as selectman in 1844. He owned a sawmill and a woodworking shop on the river on the old Peterborough road. He and his son-in-law, Nathaniel Holmes, manufactured boxes and wooden wares. The mill burned down in 1868. In 1889, at the age of 88, he died at his daughter's home in Gill, Massachusetts. Roxanna, his wife, died in 1873 at the age of 72. **Lot 19** 🏡

BRIG. GEN. WHEELER MERRIAM (1911-1997) was born in North Brookfield, Massachusetts. After attending local schools he enrolled at the University of Maine, earning a B.S. in Engineering. He joined the U.S. Army, receiving a reserve commission as a Second Lieutenant. He next entered Harvard and earned a Masters Degree in Education. He was called into active duty in an Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, and saw action in Africa, Sicily and England. Following promotion to Lt. Colonel he saw further action in France, Holland and Germany where the unit he was leading was the first to meet the Soviet troops at the Elbe River. After assignments in Kansas he was promoted to full Colonel. He was at Panmunjom, Korea, where he had a role in the truce negotiations at the end of the Korean Conflict. In 1962 he received the promotion to Brigadier General. During his military career he was awarded numerous decorations. General Merriam retired from the Army in 1966 and at this time he and his wife Erica moved to Jaffrey. His second career was as Dean of Students at Franklin Pierce College. Erica, Gen. Merriam's wife of 47 years, died in 1985. **Lot 35a** 🏡

JOHN CUTTER (1765-1835), descendant of Nathaniel, son of Richard, was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, married Abigail Demary (1768-1866) of Rindge. In 1789, soon after their marriage John and Abigail came to Jaffrey. He succeeded Samuel Foster as tanner in Jaffrey Center village. He was a man of singular energy and soon built up a prosperous business which continued for many years and was later taken over by his son Benjamin. He built the substantial home described in a road survey of 1804 as "John Cutter's new house" known many years later as the Wetherell house. His tannery was at the foot of the roads leading to East Jaffrey and to the Cutter homestead on the hill later occupied by Miss Lucia B. Cutter. It is said that John was the first person in Jaffrey to keep his accounts in dollars and cents, or Federal money. He was one of the founders and principal supporters of the Universalist Church in East Jaffrey. He died in 1835 at the age of 70. His wife Abigail was the mother of twelve children and had fifty grandchildren and many great grandchildren. She died at the age of 97. **Lot 34** 🏡

