

Moody Parsonage  
Rockingham, N. H.

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of New Hampshire

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Eugene W. Clark, Deputy Officer  
Durham, New Hampshire

MOODY PARSONAGE  
Rockingham, Rockingham County  
New Hampshire

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| <u>Owner</u>                     | Ralph Waugh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <u>Date of Erection</u>          | 1730                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>Architect</u>                 | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <u>Builder</u>                   | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <u>Present Condition</u>         | Structurally sound.<br>Changed from one room<br>deep to a room and a<br>half deep about 1786.<br>The chimney was re-<br>built about the same<br>time. Later additions<br>were made to accomo-<br>date a tavern. The<br>interior trim is large-<br>ly of the 1786 period. |
| <u>Materials of Construction</u> | Stone foundation. Sup-<br>erstructure wood. Clap-<br>board finish. Wood<br>shingle roof. Chimney<br>brick.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>Number of Stories</u>         | Two.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>Other Existing Records</u>    | Fitt's History of New-<br>fields. Granite Month-<br>ly, Feb. and March,<br>1908. Biographical<br>sketches by Charles C.<br>Moody.                                                                                                                                        |

JOSEPH JACOBS to  
JOHN MOODY

Book 20, Page 223  
CONCORD, N. H.

To all people to whom presents shall come Greetings  
know ye that I, Joseph Jacobs of Stratham in the Province  
of New Hampshire for the sum of 9 pounds, 15 shillings  
and for many other considerations hereto I do by these  
presents for myself and my heirs freely, clearly, remise  
to John Moody of the Parish of Newmarket in Exeter his  
heirs assigns forever the right, title interest etc. that  
I Joseph Jacobs have had or shall have in a piece of land  
situated in Newmarket, containing 14 acres, 100 rods,  
by the lane more or less, bounded as follows: Beginning  
at the Cross Gutter by the highway leading at the head  
of William Perkins land running Northward half a point  
East to Robert Smarts land from thence running North  
west half a point North to the highway; running south  
by the highway till it comes to the bounds first mentioned

Dated: March 26, 1734

Recorded August 9, 1734.

JOHN MOODY to #4488 WILL PROBATE  
JOHN MOODY SMITH EXETER, N. H.

WILL OF JOHN MOODY:

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I John Moody of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham Clerkm being under Bodily In-  
disposition but of perfect Mind & Memory, thanks be given to God therfor, calling to Mind the Mortaility of my Body & knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my Soul to God, who gave it me & my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the almighty Power of God, & as to such wordly Estate wherewith God Hath Elefs'd me in this life, I give, demise & Dispose of the same in the following manner & Form-----

Excerpt from Will:

----that all my real estate shall be held & improved by my said Executors from my Deceased untill my Grandson John Moody Smith shall arrive to the age of Twenty-one years, & that the neat proceeds thereof, if any there be more than to discharge my Debts & Legacies be paid to my said Grandson-----

-----I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Moody  
Smith all my Estate both Real & Personal not herein  
otherwise bequeathed to be yo him from & after he shall  
arrive to the Age of twenty-one years & to his heirs  
and assigns Forever & if he shall die under Age & without  
any legal Heir of his Body Lawfully begotten not haveing  
sold or disposed of the premises that then the said Legacy  
given to him or so much thereof as shall then remain  
undisposed of I give and bequeath to my said grandson  
Ezra Smith his heirs & assigns forever-----

Signed: John Moody

April 16, 1774.

JAMES MOODY SMITH to Book 119, Page 542  
 JAMES HILL EXETER, N. H.

Know all men by these presents that I John Moody Smith of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire Gentleman For & in consideration of the Sum of Twelve hundred pounds lawful money to me in hand before the delivery hereof well and truly paid by James Hill of Newmarket foresaid Esq. the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained & sold & by these presents do give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said James Hill his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or piece of land situate and lying in Newmarket aforesaid containing thirty five acres bounded as follows: Westerly on the highway leading from Durham to Exeter, Southerly on Capt. Hubartus Neal's land, Easterly on the said James Hill's land & land in possession of Widow Ann Brackett & Northerly on the said Hubartus Neal's land together with the Mansion house & buildings standing on said lands. Also one other piece of land situate in Newmarket aforesaid containing twenty five acres-- between Ash Swamp Road and the Main Road--Also another certain tract of land situate in Newmarket aforesaid being part of that tract of land commonly called by the name of Gilman's Neck---containing by estimation ninty seven acres including the salt marsh there unto belonging it being the same that my <sup>grand-</sup>son's father John Moody deceased & the afore-

said John Burley bought of James Pike & Sarah Pike as  
may appear by their deed dated the 22nd day of April AD 1755  
& by Paul Wentworth & John Burleigh bearing date the 28th  
day of March 1765 reference thereto being had-Also a cer-  
tain piece of salt marsh joining upon said land which the  
said John Moody bought of Isaac Manton as may appear by  
his deed dated 7th Day of September, 1769 containing three  
acres, -Also one other certain piece of salt marsh in New-  
market aforesaid on the creek commonly called by the name  
of Wood Creek containing two acres more or less it being  
the same that the said John Moody bought of Samuel Rollins  
as may appear by his deed dated 3d day of July, 1738, all  
the before mentioned tracts & pieces of land & marshes  
was given to me by my hon'd grandfather John Moody afore-  
said as may appear by his last Will & Testament-To  
Have and To Hold-----In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 25th day of March A Dom: 1786

Dated & Recorded: 27th Day of April, 1786

WILL OF GENERAL JAMES HILL

#8457

PROBATE

EXETER, N. H.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I James Hill in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Esquire being infirm of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executors out of the Estate herein given to my Son Amos Shepard Hill.

Item- I give and bequeath to my sons Daniel Hill, James Hill, William Hill, John Burleigh Hill, Joseph Hoit Hill and Benjamin Hill, likewise to my daughters, Sarah Smith, Mary French, Eunice Longfellow, Elizabeth Smith, Deborah Perkins, Apphia Wiggin, Mehitable Burleigh Boardman and my grand-daughter Sukey Wiggin, a child of my late daughter Hannah Wiggin, one dollar each to be paid them by my Executors in one year after my decease.

Item- I give and bequeath to my daughter Olive Rindge Hill all my household furniture, one half of my books and one half of the debts due to me.

Item- I give and bequeath to my son Amos Shepard Hill  
and all of the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate  
not herein otherwise bequeathed.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said  
sons John Burleigh Hill and Amos Shepard Hill Executors  
of this my Last Will and Testament

And I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all  
former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made  
and do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other to  
be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this 31st day of December A. D. 1810.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced  
and declared by the said James Hill as  
his last Will and Testament impressed  
by us, who have hereunto subscribed our  
names as witnesses in presence of the  
said Testator and of each other

Signed: James HILL

Nath Kidder  
Joseph Doe  
Joseph Neal

HABS NOTE: Because of the attachments on the property  
it never went to the son Amos Shepard Hill as the above  
will shows. Gen. James Hill died insolvent and his debts  
were very heavy.

JOSEPH DOE to  
EXETER BANK

Book 192, Page 169  
EXETER, N. H.

Know all men by these presents, that I Joseph Doe of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, Trader- for and in the consideration of Three thousand dolloars to me in hand before the delivery hereof well and truly paid by the President, Director & Company of the Exeter Bank the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have released and quit-claimed & by these presents do release and quit-claim unto the said President, Directors and Company of the Exeter Bank, their successors and assigns all my right, title, interest, estate and demand of, in and unto all the land and buildings lately owned by James Hill of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire, Inholder on which I levied an execution the 26th day of August Anno Domini 1809 with all the priviledges and appurtenacnes to the same land and buildings belonging situate in said Newmarket aforesaid-To Have and To Hold

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Dated: June 12, 1810.

Recorded: August 6, 1810.

JOHN MELCHER

Book 192, Page 170

EXETER BANK

EXETER, N. H.

Know all men by these presents, that I John Melcher of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire Gentleman- For and in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars to me in hand before the delivery hereof paid by the President , Directors and Company of the Exeter Bank, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have released and quit-claimed, & by these presents do release and quit-claim unto the said President, Directors and Company their successors and assigns all my right title, interest, estate & demand of in and unto two tracts of land in said Newmarket in said County with the buildings thereon and three parcels of marsh being the same premises whereon Joseph Doe levied an execution, which issued on a judgment recovered by him against James Hill Esquire for about the sum of three thousand dollars, which levy was made on the 26th day of August last past-& in the said James Hill's right in equity to redeem said lands I levied an execution on the 2nd day of Sept. last which was returned into the Clerk's Office of the Common Pleas for said County January term 1810 & recorded Lib. 2nd, Folio 71, reference to said Levies and returns being had-To Have and To Hold-----

Dated: July 28, 1810

Recorded: August 6, 1810

EXETER BANK to Book 206, Page 51

NATHANIEL TREADWELL EXETER, N. H.

Know all men by these presents that we the President, Directors and Company of the Exeter Bank in consideration of four thousand five hundred dollars paid us by Nathaniel Treadwell Senior of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in the State of New Hampshire, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have bargained, sold and released & by these presents do bargain, sell, remise, release & forever quit-claim to him the said Nathaniel Treadwell Senior, his heirs, and assigns forever, all our right, title, interest, claim, estate, challenge and demand of in and to the following tracts and parcels of land all situate in Newmarket in said County of Rockingham, namely: A tract with all the buildings thereon, said tract containing by estimation seventy nine acres and ten rods and adjoining the road leading from Stratham and Newmarket Bridge to Dover and thus bounded beginning at the Easterly side of said road at the Wouthwesterly corner of Joseph Neal's land, from thence running Northeasterly adjoining said Neal's land forty four rods and twenty two links, thence Southeasterly by said Neal's land forty two rods eleven links, thence Southerly by said Neal's land forty four rods and a half to Ebenezer Thompson's land, thence Northeasterly by said Thompson's land,

forty nine rods three links, thence Northwesterly adjoining said Thompson's land one hundred and thirteen rods and fourteen links to a great oak tree in the fence, thence South forty three degrees West forty rods and one half to the Easter corner of said Joseph Neal's orchard lot, thence Southwesterly by said Neal's orchard lot, thence Southwesterly by said Neal's orchard lot thirty eight rods seventeen links to the said road, thence Southerly by said road to the place begun at. Also a certain tract of land---pieces as described in Smith to Hill-----

---the said several tracts of land before mentioned and described were set off to us on an Execution which issued on a judgment we recovered against James Hill then of said Newmarket Innholder at the Court of Common Pleas for said County of Rockingham August Term 1809, the said execution issued on the twenty fifth day of August in the last mentioned year, and was levied on the sixth day of September then next ensuing and is recorded in the records of the said Court of Common Pleas, and is the same premises released and quit-claimed to us by Joseph Doe by his deed dated the 12th day of June 1810, and the same which was released and quit-claimed to us by John Mekcher by his deed dated 28th day of July 1810.

Dated: August 29, 1814.

Recorded: Sept. 3, 1814.

NATHANIEL TREADWELL to

#9646 PROBATE

GRANDCHILDREN  
(Children of Son Charles)

EXETER, N. H.

## WILL OF NATHANIEL TREADWELL

Exerpts from Will.

- Item I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Treadwell one third part of all my personal Estate to be hers forever and one third part of all my real estate to be hers during her natural life.
- Item \$20.00 to my son Nathaniel-"he having no children and needing only as provision for his own life".
- Item I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Treadwell-- Twenty Dollars it being my purpose to give my estate, as herein is after apprised to his children, considering him as in a state and condition that he can do and provide for himself.
- Item All the residue and remainder of my Estate real, personal and mixed, and of every nature kind and description wherever found or situated, including of course that valuable part thereof, my Farm whereon I now live, in Newmarket aforesaid, and all my other lands and tenements, I give devise and be-

queath to my grandchildren , the children of my son Charles Treadwell herein after named and their heirs and assigns forever, to wit, to Lydia Treadwell, Charles Treadwell, Thomas D. Treadwell, Anna Elizabeth Treadwell, Caroline Treadwell, Franklin Treadwell, William Henry H. M. Treadwell, and Francis Treadwell to be equally divided between and among my said grandchildren now named, To Have and To Hold the same to them their heirs and assigns forever in equal parts and portions share and share alike-----gives a provision for a comfortable life for son Nathaniel out of the Estate.

COLEMAN ET AL to Book 404, Page 362  
THOMAS J. CHESLEY EXETER, N. H.

Know all men by these presents that we Lydia D. Coleman of Somersowrth in the County of Strefford and State of New Hampshire, Thomas D. Treadwell of Exeter in the County of Rockingham, Mathew Newhall of Epping in said County of Rockingham and Anna E. Newhall, his wife in her own right, Philander Wallingford of Clarmont in the County of Sullivan and Caroline M. Wallingford his wife in her own right, Frances Mary Treadwell and Napoleon B. Treadwell of Newmarket and Sarah W. Locke of South Newmarket in said county of Rockingham and all of said State, Charles Treadwell of Belfast, County of Waldo and State of Maine and William H. Treadwell of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts for and in consideration of the sum of six thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars to us in hand before the delivery hereof well and truly paid by Thomas J. Chesley of said Newmarket, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff convey and confirm unto the said Thomas J. Chesley and his heirs and assigns forever- A certain tract of land and buildings thereon situated in New Market aforesaid containing----a tract of land with all the buildings thereon said tract containing by estimation seventy nine acres

and ten rods and adjoining the road leading from  
Stratham and Newmarket Bridge to Dover and thus bounded;  
Beginning at the Easterly side of said road at the  
Southwesterly corner of Joseph Langley's land, and from  
thence running Northeasterly adjoining said Langley's  
land forty four rods and twenty two links, thence South-  
easterly by said Langley's land nine rods twenty links,  
thence Northeasterly by said Neal's land forty two rods  
eleven links, thence Southerly by said Langley's land  
forty four rods and a half to Ebenezer Thompson's land  
thence Northeasterly by said Thompson's land forty nine  
rods three links, thence Northwesterly adjoining said  
Thompson's land one hundred and thirteen rods and fourt-  
een links to a great oak tree in the fence, thence South  
forty three degrees West forty rods and one half to the  
Easterly corner of said Joseph Neal's orchard lot, thence  
Southwesterly by said Neal's orchard lot thirty eight  
rods seventeen links to the said road, thence Southerly  
by said road to the place begun at. Also a certain tract  
of land-----Meaning and intending to convey to said  
Chesley all the land described in a deed from the Exeter  
Bank to Nathaniel Treadwell Senior, by their deed dated  
August 29th, 1814, and recorded in Rockingham Records,  
Lib. 206, Fol. 51, with the exception of the first named  
piece of salt marsh named in said deed sold, reserving  
to the Boston & Maine Railroad all rights of way over  
any of said premises which they have legally acquired by

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deed, lease or otherwise.

Dated: November, 1, 1864

Recorded: December 6, 1864.

THOMAS J. CHESLEY to

Book 525, Page 169

BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD

EXETER, N. H.

Know all men by these presents

That I Thomas J. Chesley of Newmarket, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire

For and in consideration of the sum of \$7500.00 to me in hand before the delivery hereof, well and truly paid by the Boston & Maine Railroad, a corporation existing by and under the laws of the States of Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire, and doing business in said State of New Hampshire, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell alien enfeoff convey and confirm unto the said Boston & Maine Railroad its successors and assigns forever,

A certain tract of land situated in Newmarket in said County and bounded and described as follows, to wit, being all my real estate in said Newmarket, lying on the Easterly side of the highway leading from Newmarket Junction, so called, to the village of Newmarket, together with all the buildings thereon, containing one hundred acres more or less, Beginning at the Easterly side of said road at the Southwesterly corner of Joseph Langley's land and from thence running Northeasterly adjoining said Langley's land forty four rods and twenty two links, thence Southeasterly by said Langley's land nine rods twenty links

thence Northeasterly by said Langley's land forty two rods eleven links, thence Southerly by said Neal's land forty four rods and a half to Ebenezer Thomason's land, thence Northeasterly by said Thomason's land forty nine Rods three links, thence Northwesterly adjoining said Thomason's land one hundred and thirteen rods and fourteen links to a great oak tree in the fence, thence South forty three degrees West forty rods and one half to the Easterly corner of said Joseph Langley's orchard lot, thence Southwesterly by said Langley's orchard lot thirty eight rods seventeen links to the said road, thence Southerly by said road to the place begun at, Also a certain tract of land-----

Intending hereby to convey to said Boston & Maine Rail road all my land and buildings in said Newmarket and in said South Newmarket lying on the Easterly side of the old highway leading from said South Newmarket to said Newmarket, and it is hereby agreed that the right of occupation of said estate shall be reserved to said Thomas J. Chesley free of rent until the first day of October AD 1891-----but said Boston & Maine Railroad may take possession of such part thereof as may be necessary for the laying of their tracks or erecting of their new station house or other railroad buildings at the Junction, so called, or change of location in the highway

Dated: April 22, 1891  
Recorded April 28, 1891.

BOSTON &amp; MAINE RAILROAD to Book 882, Page 59

RALPH A. WAUGH

EXETER, N. H.

This Indenture made this 24th day of January in the year 1931, by and between the Boston & Maine Railroad, a corporation duly established under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and Ralph A. Waugh of the City, County and State of New York

Witnesseth: That in consideration of one dollar and other valuable considerations paid by the said Ralph A. Waugh, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Boston & Maine Railroad does hereby give, sell and convey unto the said Ralph A. Waugh, his heirs and assigns, forever, three certain pieces or parcels of land with the buildings thereon situated in Newmarket in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, bounded and described as follows: A certain tract of land situated in Newmarket in said County and bounded and described as follows: to wit: lying on the Easterly side of the highway leading from Newmarket Junction, so called, to the village of Newmarket, together with all the buildings thereon, containing one hundred acres, more or less, Bounded as follows: Beginning at the Easterly side of said road at the Southwesterly corner of Joseph Langley's land and from thence running North-

easterly adjoining said Langley's land forty four rods and twenty two links, thence Southeasterly by said Langley's land nine rods twenty links thence Northeasterly by said Langley's land forty two rods eleven links, thence Southerly by said Neal's land forty four rods and a half to Ebenezer Thompson's land, thence Northeasterly by said Thompson's land forty nine rods three links, thence Northwesterly adjoining said Thompson's land one hundred and thriteen rods and fourteen links to a great oak tree in the fence, thence South forty three degrees West forty rods and one half to the Easterly corner of said Joseph Langley's orchard lot, thence Southwesterly by said Langley's orchard lot thirty eight rods seventeen links to the said road, thence Southerly by said road to the place begun at, Also a certain tract of land-----

Jan. 24, 1931.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Boston & Maine Railroad, duly called, notified and held on January 13, 1931, a quorum being present, the following action was taken:

"VOTED: to convey to Ralph A. Waugh three parcels of land with the buildings thereon in Newmarket, N. H. containing about 45 acres, about 53 acres and about 3.7 acres, respectively, and being shown upon a blueprint herewith submitted entitled 'Land in Newmarket, N. H. Boston &

Maine Railroad to Ralph A. Waugh. W. F. Cummings Ass't  
Chief Eng'r Jan. 1931. and Arthur B. Nichols, a vice-  
president of this Company is hereby authorized to deliver  
in its name and behalf, to execute and acknowledge a  
deed of the same

Attested: Arthur B. Nichols, Clerk

Recorded May 2, 1932.

HABS NOTE: Ralph A. Waugh is the present owner.

## HISTORICAL REFERENCES.

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