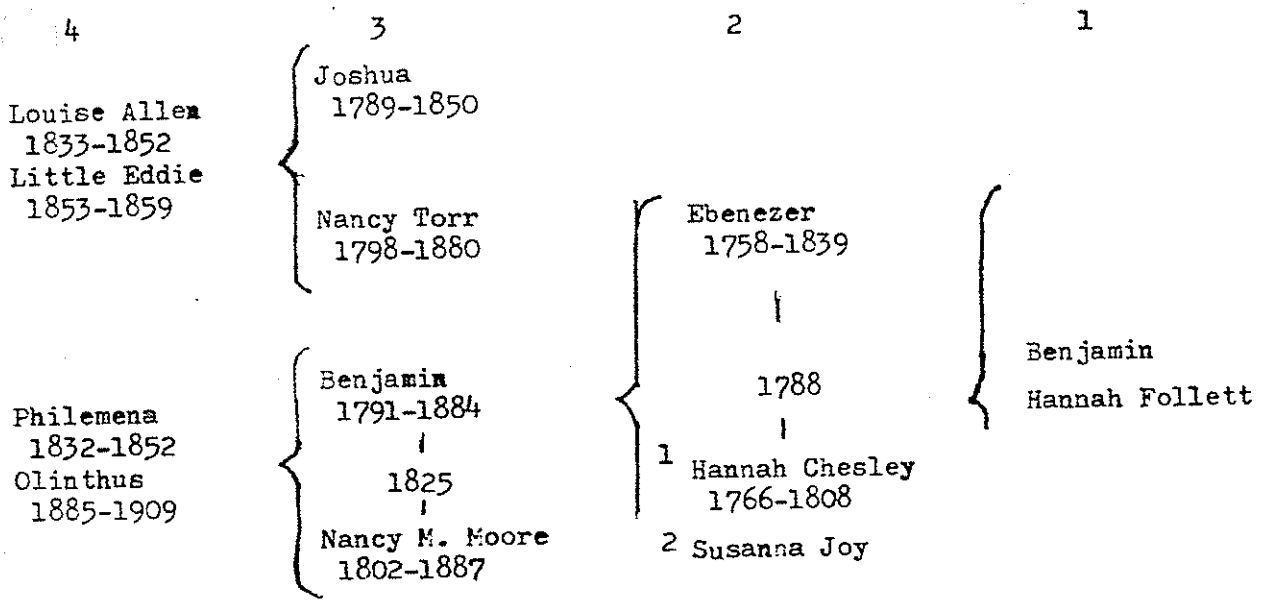


Doe Farm

Generation



According to the History of Durham, 1913, Stackpole, p 134, both Philemena & Olinthus were children of Benjamin & Nancy Moore; as the marriage date would allow. However, the birth date as appears on his grave marker makes him only 23 years old. As he was the last survivor it is questionable that this may be wrong. However, again, there is 20 years difference in the birth dates of the children of Joshua & Nancy Torr, also.

The Does were teachers, and one of the was a student of Dudley Lavitt of Center Harbor, an exceptional instructor & almanac maker (1772-1851). The Museum has three Doe almanacs, circa 1825- , published by Benjamin.

The road green-lined was never a town highway, but was a private access from Bennett Road to the Newmarket Road, being in use before the railroad was even thought of. The Does did business in Newmarket, attending church and banking, Benjamin being a director of the bank. The earliest Does lived in the Doe garrison on the point extending out into Great Bay, and a primitive oil painting of the garrison is in the Newmarket Historical museum.

The existing cellar hole shows a central chimney. Unoccupied after Olinthus's death, it was discovered completely burned. Its destruction will ever be in question, for a tramp could have taken shelter there or it could have been struck by lightning, as there had been a severe storm prior to its discovery. The graveyard is of no recent construction, for the fence was established before Olinthus' death in 1909. That he was forehanded enough to have made such a specific will seems unusual, for the land was "to forever hold and improve and never expend any portion of the principal, to keep the burial place in a neat and repaired condition, and that net inc me from the property be applied and expended in support of the common schools in said Durham, in no event sell my homestead in said Durham".