

The General John Sullivan House

"The most conspicuous man among Durham citizens in the Revolution was John Sullivan, born in the parish of Summersworth, in Dover, February 17, 1740; son of the famous schoolmaster, John Sullivan, and his wife, Margery Brown.

He was given a good education by his father, and completed his study of law, with Samuel Livermore of Portsmouth, when he was twenty years old, and was married that same year, commencing housekeeping at Berwick, Me., where his father lived (not South Berwick).

Later he settled as a lawyer in Durham, and on December 19, 1764, purchased from the heirs of Dr. Samuel Adams the well known Sullivan house, near the Sullivan monument on "Broth Hill," where the old meeting house stood.

That house Parson Hugh Adams, father of Samuel, had purchased of Joseph Burnham, August 7, 1717. It was then a new house, but now (1913) must be near, or quite, two hundred years old. That house was General Sullivan's home until his death, January 23, 1795, and the home of his family for many years after that".

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