

THEIR HOMES

Not many of the old homes have survived the wear and tear of time, but we have records of a few, and so know where some of the old "First Settlers" lived.

Captain Benjamin Stites, 1724-1805, (probably a soldier in the French and Indian War), married Rachel ———, 1724-1779, and 2nd, Betsey Wilcox, 1741-1821. All are buried in the old church-yard, though Betsey, the second wife, directed in her will that she be buried "by the side of my father, Peter Wilcox." Her wishes were carried out

Captain Stites bequeathed the old home to his son, Isaiah, as the other sons had removed to Ohio, shortly after the Revolution.

Isaiah, in turn, bequeathed the old home to his son, Henry; reserving for the widow, Mary, "the use of the front room in the east corner of the house, and the west room in the back part." After many changes of ownership, the old house was last occupied by the family of the late Mr. Edward Johnston.

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The Darby family, likewise, lived on the road leading through the village to the mountain. William Darby's will, made in 1775, directs his executors to sell his home plantation, as his sons William and John had homes of their own.