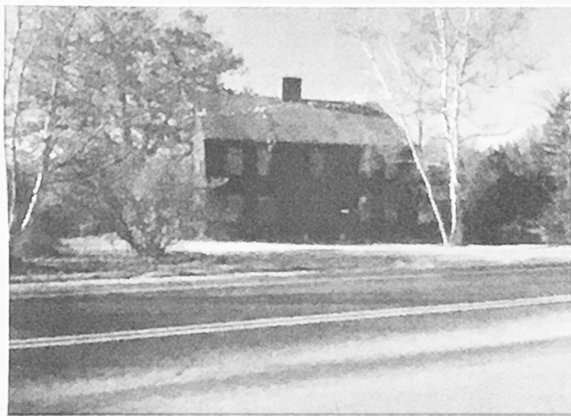


# HISTORY OF THE JOSEPH BEAN HOUSES

## Salisbury, New Hampshire

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This paper will try to establish an accurate date of the first two houses built by the Joseph Bean family, both located in Salisbury, New Hampshire, then, known as Stevenstown. One situated at what is now known as 70 Franklin Road (formerly South Road), owned by David and Dora Rapalyea, and the other located at 155 Old Turnpike Road (formerly Fourth New Hampshire Turnpike) and owned by Roger Heath. One house built between 1749 and 1760, and the other built in 1793 or shortly thereafter. To make things more difficult to understand, both houses were built by a Joseph Bean and the first born of each Joseph Bean was named Joseph for four generations. To make this easier to understand I have identified the Beans as Joseph<sup>1</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, and Joseph<sup>4</sup>. To compound the confusion further, Joseph<sup>2</sup>'s father (Joseph<sup>1</sup>) was also a junior. He signed his name as Joseph Bean, Jun'r on the Grant of Stevenstown. (History of Salisbury, NH, page 37)



Heath House, 155 Old Turnpike Road, US Route 4.



Rapalyea House, 70 Franklin Road, NH Route 127.

In May 2017 Roger Heath had his house aged by Dendrology Analysis. This house is located on old Turnpike Road, Route 4 (4th New Hampshire Turnpike) across from Maplewood Cemetery. The Analysis report on the timbers showed the trees were felled between the winters of 1788-1789 and 1792-1793. This suggests the house was constructed in the year 1793 or shortly thereafter and was built by Joseph Bean<sup>2</sup>. The summary of this Dendrology Report is attached to this paper.

In Dr. Paul S. Shaw's book titled "Historic Salisbury Houses" copyright 1993, with the latest printing in 2018, it was stated the Heath house was built in 1745, on Calef Hill, removed and relocated to present site on Old Turnpike Road. Calef Hill is located behind the Blackwater Veterinarians office on Old Turnpike Road. This information was obtained from the History of Salisbury page 466. However this is not correct as the Analysis Report, on the Heath house shows a date of 1792-1793. The house that was relocated from Calef Hill was placed on the south side of South Road, now Franklin Road, and the west side of the so called Collage Road. This road was closed and discontinued at the 1947 Town Meeting, however