



Crossman Farmhouse built about 1820.

THE CROSSMAN FARM

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Just a little history of the "Crossman" Farm on the East Road. It was settled by William Crossman who came from Easttown, Mass. in 1777. He first located in Brandon and told the story of how General Burgoyne's men came as far as his home there and took his oxen and grain from him. He came to Clarendon in 1781 and settled on this land. He was a Revolutionary soldier who died at the age of 88 and is buried in Clarendon.

His Son, William Crossman, Jr., and his wife, Olive, lived here also. It is believed the present home was built about 1820. In 1837 William Crossman, Jr. deeded the home farm to his children and one of these children, Washington Rush Crossman, stayed on the farm and took care of his parents in their later years. During this time there was an appraisal made, listing everything on the farm. Some of the interesting articles mentioned in this record are:

- 158 acres of land and buildings
- 247 sheep and 60 lambs
- 3 yearling hogs and 6 pigs

- 1 two-horse sleigh and box
- 2 buffalo skins
- 1 13-ft. cherry table
- 1 old pine chest
- 2 M thousand feet of spruce and hemlock
- 12 old cider barrels
- 160 lbs. of pork
- 7 bushel corn
- 4 bushel rye

Later, when Washington Rush Crossman's wife, Martha, became bed-ridden, one of their daughters, Harriet Crossman Glynn, and her husband Lewis, moved to the farm to take care of her. They stayed on here for many years, later moving to Rutland.

Through the efforts of Burton F. Smith of Rutland, a grandson of W. R. Crossman, the farm continued to remain in the family.

Presently the home is occupied by a daughter of B. F. Smith, June Smith Soine and her husband, Peter.