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Weare Drake Tuttle and Ellen Flanders Tuttle in 1892 with their children Lynford, Stella, Issa, and Ralph.

Historical Society Exhibit Features Tuttle Family and Descendants

In Potter Place, Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society will present an exhibit of photos, memorabilia, furniture, and household items from Weare Drake Tuttle and his descendants, as well as paintings and crafts by his daughter, Stella Tuttle Thompson. The exhibit will be on display in the JC Emons Store Museum at the Andover Historical Society in Potter Place from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. For details, visit AndoverHistory.org.

Weare Drake Tuttle came to Andover in 1860 from Effingham, New Hampshire. His six-times great-grandfather, John Tuttle (1610-1663), sailed from England on the “Angel Gabriel” in 1635 and survived its wreckage off the coast of Maine.

John was granted land to farm in Effingham, near what is now Dover, by England’s King Charles II. This farm has become known as the country’s longest continuously run family farm.

After arriving in East Andover, Weare Drake Tuttle bought the 15-room colonial-style farm with barn at 47 Maple Street. For generations, this Tuttle farm has been called The Homestead. It was built by Squire Brown circa 1824.

In 1866, Weare married Ellen “Nellie” M. Flanders, whose family lived on Cascade Road/ Kearsarge Mountain in Wilmot. They had four children: Issa, Lynford, Stella, and Ralph. Nellie was a milliner and dressmaker. Weare served as a state representative (1900-1901), selectman, and supervisor of the checklist.

He was a very successful businessman. The Homestead became the site

of the Andover Provisions Company. Ralph Chaffee wrote in his History of Andover, 1966: “In the early part of the [20th] century, several meat and provision carts were operated out of East Andover. The most ambitious project of this sort was the Andover Provision Company, consisting of Weare D. Tuttle, F. Carroll Colby, and Ernest B. Thompson, with headquarters at the

“The Homestead” at 47 Maple Street in East Andover, circa 1940.

Tuttle Farm [the Homestead].” Weare and Nellie lived the rest of their lives at the Homestead. Nellie had a successful dressmaking and hat business out of the Homestead, as well. Stella Tuttle Thompson, their third-born, lived there until her death in 1968. She married Ernest Bertelle Thompson, who became a partner in business with his father-in-law.

Bertelle also established the Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Stella and Bertelle had four children: Donald, Katharine, Tuttle, and Alan. Alan K. Thompson (1911-1986) farmed alongside his father, purchasing the farm next door to the Homestead in the 1940s. He married Florence Hall and had five children: Madelyn, Jane, Carolyn, John, and Mark. Alan was successful in the insurance business started by Bertelle.

Following Stella’s death in 1968, the Homestead was passed down to Alan’s son, Mark E. Thompson, and his wife Sandy Rayno Thompson. They had

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