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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 Thompson, with headquarters at the

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 sixtimes great-grandfather, John Andover, circa 1940.

Tuttle (1610-1663), sailed from England Tuttle Farm [the Homestead]." on the "Angel Gabriel" in 1635 and Maine.

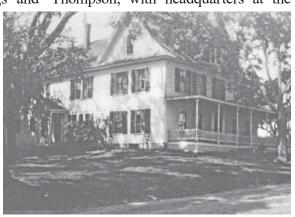
longest continuously run family farm.

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), list.

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.



"The Homestead" at 47 Maple Street in East

Weare and Nellie lived the rest of survived its wreckage off the coast of their lives at the Homestead. Nellie had a successful dressmaking and hat John was granted land to farm in business out of the Homestead, as well. Effingham, near what is now Dover, by Stella Tuttle Thompson, their third-England's King Charles II. This farm born, lived there until her death in 1968. has become known as the country's 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 selectman, and supervisor of the check- Homestead was passed down to Alan's son, Mark E. Thompson, and his wife Sandy Rayno Thompson. They had See Tuttle on page 13