

Monks

Our line of Monks, originally "Monk" came from Navestock, 4 miles from Rufford, County Essex, England. George Monk came here from England in 1675 to make his home in Boston, Mass. He was a vintner (wine merchant) His tavern named "at the Sign of the Blue Anchor". He married the widow Lucy (nee' Gardner) Turner before 1683 and was the father by her of two sons, George and William. His grandson William Monk, born Nov. 2, 1739 was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and fought in the Battle of Quebec on the Plains of Abraham in 1759. He was Captain of the Grenadiers and over six feet tall. He was under the command of General Wolfe and saw General Wolfe fall on the battleground. His son William Monks, my great-grandfather, was born Sept. 15, 1777. It was he, who settled in our old home-place, Stonetown, New Jersey, and bought his farm from his father-in-law John Allen, who owned a tract of land three miles long, extending from West Brook to Monksville.

My grandfather George W. Monks inherited the farm, and all his children were born on that farm. I was born there in a little grey house built by my great grandfather William Monks in 1879. The house was built about 1835.

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