

A view of the old Peck homestead built in 1780, this reproduction of a painting by Amira Simons about 1820. The highway (4th N.H. Turnpike) originally ran down the hill away from the house to what is now Mechanic St. The School house was a little west of the home.

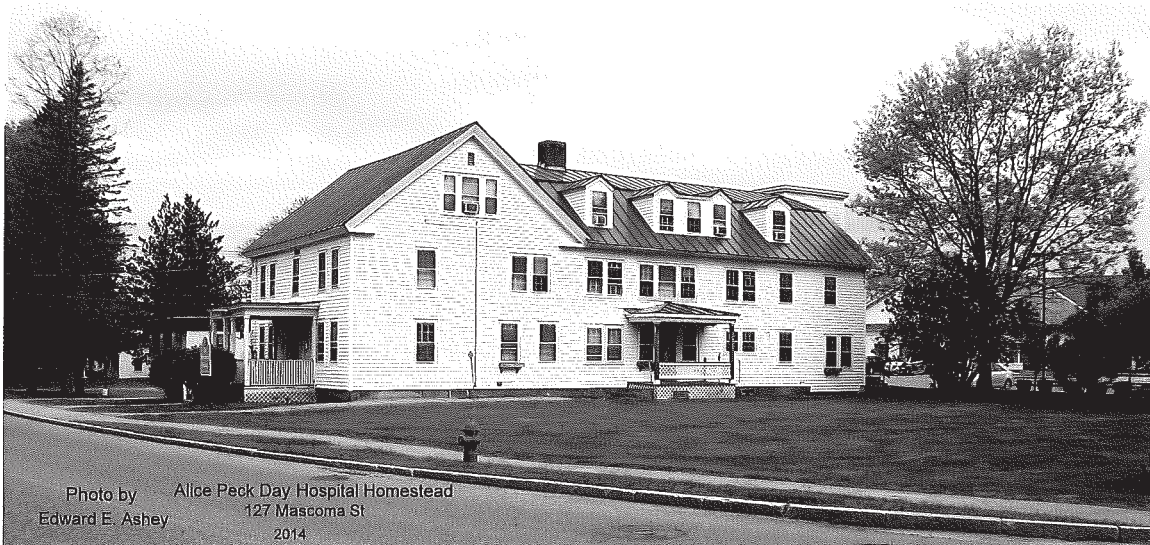


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Built by Simeon Peck (1731-1814), an early resident of Lebanon who arrived in 1774 from Norwich, CT, the ca.1780 early Federal-era home consists of a clapboarded 5 bay center hall on a granite foundation with 3/4 sidelight entrance and 6 over 6 double-hung windows. Later additions of a front porch and a 20th C. rear ell greatly increased the size. The house replaced a short-lived log structure that was the original family home.

The house was at the center of a 400 acre parcel of timber and cleared land which extended along the North side of the Mascoma River from near Foundry St. at the East to the oxbow near Longacre's Nursery at the West and ran North from the river. In addition to his farming and timber operations Peck operated a clover seed separating mill and sawmill on the Mascoma. The house served as the residence for 5 generations of Peck's descendants before Alice Peck Day (1860-1927) directed the Trustees of her estate to form a cottage hospital in the home.

The hospital originally opened in 1932 with 9 beds but went through a renovation in 1937 which increased the capacity to 17 beds through conversion of the attic into patient rooms. Additional renovation at that time converted the 2nd floor to a maternity ward, operating room, nursery, laboratory, and a doctors dressing room. The first floor held the waiting room, office, kitchen, dining room, both the women's and men's ward as well as the x-ray facility.

In 1964 the new hospital was built and the homestead went through various uses including administrative offices.