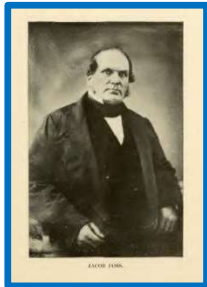


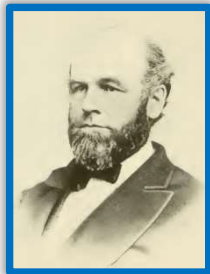


Foss-Kimball Fund

1889



Jacob Foss



William Kimball

Purpose:

Aid to the poor.

History:

An initial fund to aid the Cornish poor was established in 1867 from a bequest by Jacob Foss. A subsequent fund for the same purpose was established in 1889 through a gift from William Dorr Kimball. The Foss fund for the needy (1867) and the Kimball fund (1889) were combined into the Foss-Kimball Fund, managed by the Trustees of Trust Funds, Cornish NH.

Jacob Foss (1796-1866) was born in Cornish NH in October 1796, the son of Walter and Lucy (Cook) Foss. He moved to Massachusetts and went to work at the Putnam & Pratt distillery in Charlestown. He became very active in the distillery business and later formed the Foss & Gilmore distillery, which became one of the largest in Charlestown. On his death in 1866, his will provided for patriotic remembrances: He gave \$2000 to establish the Foss Trust Fund for the poor and \$1000 for the maintenance of the Town's flags (see Foss Flag Fund) among other donations.

William Dorr Kimball (1825-1906), a native of Cornish who was raised on the family homestead on Dingleton Hill and educated at Kimball Union Academy. He moved to Watertown, MA and became a partner of J. P. Squires & Co., Boston. Kimball married Jeanette Ripley Treat of Weathersfield, CT in 1860. In 1866, he and his family returned to Cornish and it was there that their only child, Mary Treat Kimball, died in a tragic accident. They relocated to Chelsea/Boston where he formed a partnership with George N. Squires in provisions at Faneuil Hall Market ultimately becoming sole owner. In 1884, he was made a special partner of John F. Lennon, Flour and Grain dealers of Pawtucket, RI, retiring in 1889. Mr. Kimball clearly never forgot Cornish because in 1889 he gave the town a gift of \$3000 to establish a trust to be used to aid the town's worthy poor.

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