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The following was written by the hand of Minne May Monks on or around November 1948.

Our line of Monks, originally Monk came from Navestock, 4 miles from Rumford County, England.

George Monk came here in 1675 to make his home in Boston, MA. He was a vintner (wine merchant). His Tavern was 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 was my great grandfather, born September 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.

Other interesting items from this early time are:

William Monks according to Minnie was my great, great, great grandfather.

Minne May Monks and my Grandmother Edith (Rhinesmith) Lawson were cousins both having William Monks as their great grandfather. Further Edith (Rhinesmith) Lawson's mother and Minnie May Monks father were brother and sister.

Edith (Rhinesmith) Lawson was my grandmother

Albert P Lawson my grandfather was a steamfitter on the Erie Lackawanna RR and worked out of the roundhouse in Midvale.

Marjorie (Lawson) Mackey was my mother

And John Mackey Jr is me !