

Trucking Industry – 50th Anniversary



In the last issue of the M. P. we mentioned the fact that the farm scene on the Trucking Industry commemorative postage stamp was one that had been used on a rejected design of the Future Farmers stamp. We can now give the name of the owner of that farm and the fact that his sons all belong to the Craft.

James Kenworthy Howe of Tunbridge, Vermont is the owner of the farm that is featured in the background of the trucking stamp and the smaller farm nearer to the background city on the stamp is owned by one of his sons, Charles Howe. James Howe is not a Mason but all of his four sons are and their wives are all members of the Eastern Star. Their lodge is Rising Sun Lodge No. 7 of South Royalton, Vermont, and the wives belong to Rising Sun Chapter No. 12 of South Royalton.

In the family portrait of the Howe family (illustrated), Father and Mother Howe are seated in the second row center. In the same row are eight of their four sons and five daughters.

Left to right is Mark A. Howe with his wife Barbara behind him and his children before him. Mark served four years with the Armed Forces (1942 to 1946) and owns a large adjoining meadow farm with a model cow stable and a herd of 25 registered cows and heifers. The next son in the row is John A. Howe with his wife Shirley and two boys behind him and boy and girl before him. John owns a large farm across the road from his father's farm, with his home and barns across the river that flows under the covered bridge that is seen in the background in the trucking stamp. He owns a herd of 35 registered animals. He was a director of the State Farm Bureau for three years and has served term as director of the New England States Holstein-Friesian Association and as vice president of the Vermont Holstein-Friesian Association. Has been a selectman for the town of Tunbridge since 1944 and Moderator since 1945.

The next son, Dr. Luke Howe, standing behind his mother, has since the time of the photograph (August 17, 1952), been married and is practicing medicine in the nearby town of Chelsea, Vermont. The son sitting next to his father is Charles, the eldest, who owns the small homestead seen in the stamp background. Charles served as president of the Vermont State DHI Association in 1949 and 1950 and at that same time was president of the Vermont Holstein-Friesian Association. Served two years as director of the New England States Holstein-Friesian Association and was recently elected its president. He is also assessor for the town of Tunbridge and is active in the local Methodist church. His wife, Jean and two boys stand behind him and a girl and boy are seated in front of him.



USA No. 1025. The actual photograph of the farm and the stamp are compared on the next page.



Top: Actual photo of the Vermont farm of James K. Howe which provided the Trucking Industry stamp background.

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Aside: This stamp has a lot of appeal now that its story is known. We cannot help but reflect upon life in rural America with its very close-knit families and strong values. I believe it is still there, and hope that it is, because our urban way of life has greatly deteriorated .