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Mitchells' Jerseys and Woodside Farm Ice Cream: Let's go from spring water to Jersey milk, and yes, there is a connection. You are familiar with the 21st-century connection every time we go to Woodside Farm Creamery for ice cream. Here is the 19th-century connection: On October 17, 1877, Elizabeth Cloud Mitchell (1854–1930) married Israel Way Marshall (1850–1911) in the stone farmhouse at Woodside Farm. It just happens that they were my grandparents. The Mitchells had been on this farm since 1796, and the oldest part of the house was built in 1804. Elizabeth's parents, Joseph (1829–1919) and Hannah Cloud Mitchell (1830?–1914) were my great-grandparents and also those of Joseph Mitchell, father of Jim (the ice cream man). Israel and "Lizzie" hosted a Golden Anniversary party for them at Auburn Heights in 1903. After her 1877 wedding, Lizzie didn't move far away, less than 5 miles, and took up residence on Marshallvale Farm at Marshall's Bridge. (She and Israel did go to Washington, D.C., on their honeymoon and shook hands with President Hayes.) End of local history lesson.