

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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TOWN FOREST & CONSERVATION AREA TOPIC FOR MARCH MEETING

Sunday afternoon, March 21 at ~~2:30~~^{2:30} pm will be the time the Epsom Historical Association resumes its schedule of programs for the year. Our guest this day will be Ron Klemarzyk from the Forest Resource Consultants (FORECO). Ron has worked closely with the Epsom Conservation Commission in establishing the town forest and as our town forester. This region, on the Tarlton Road, was once a thriving community, often referred to as "New Porstmouth", and was home by 1863 for up to as many as 20 families. One hundred years later there were only three homes still suitable to live in, and now that number is even lower. The history of this part of Epsom remains a mystery to many, but descendants of those of Cofran, Dowst, Griffin, Foss, Babb, Wells, Langley, Appleton, Dickey, Hill, Nelson and Ames, all have ties there. In this area once flourished mills, and sections of the area were named after its inhabitants - places such as Sand Hill, Allen Hill, Simeon's Gulch and Mountain Brook. Once in this area were at least one, and perhaps more (as some of us suspect) burying grounds, large fertile fields and running brooks.

Mr. Klemarzyk will speak on the process of mapping, locating natural and historical features, such as cellar holes, wells, cemeteries, dams, mill sites, waterways, ledges and stone walls. These have been used to develop several walking trails. He and many volunteers have cleared brush from the top of the land to open up the view of the northern mountains.

Small maps of the area will be available at the meeting. Whether you wish to re-familiarize yourself with this important part of Epsom's past, or have recollections and information relative to the people and places of the Tarlton Road, this informative meeting won't want to be missed!

Some Town History Trivia for your amusement

Some may be trick questions - have fun!

1) Which Ministers are buried in Epsom?

- A. Jonathan Ayer Knowles
- B. John Tuck
- C. Moses A. Quimby
- D. Ebenezer Hazeltine
- E.. Jonathan Curtis

2) In which year was the old GAR Hall dedicated?

- A. April 6, 1867
- B. July 4, 1876
- C. Sept. 20, 1883
- D. May 30, 1911

3) The monument in this picture was erected in 1902 by:



- A. Epsom Historical Assn.
- B. McClary Grange
- C. Centre Hill Historical Club
- D. Epsom Womans Club
- E. Epsom Preservation Society

4) How many apple trees were able to bear fruit in Epsom in 1747?

- A. one
- B. fifteen
- C. none
- D. 32 in Barton's Orchard on New Orchard Road
- E. 102

5) The name of the bridge at the end of Black Hall Road, prior to the intersection of Route 4 is the _____ Bridge.

- A. Goss
- B. Prescott
- C. Parson's
- D. Morrill
- E. Suncook

6) Which name does not belong in this list ?

- A. Cilley Tavern
- B. Sherwood Inn
- C. Suncook Valley House
- D. Hotel Sumner
- E. Gossville Hotel
- F. Pine Grove Inn

7) Isabella McCoy was the ____ wife of Charles McCoy.

- A. first
- B. second
- C. third
- D. fourth

8) Nat's Mountain was named for the McCoy family.

TRUE

FALSE

9) Of the following, who was NOT a Doctor in Epsom?

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| A. J.S. Osborn | H. John Proctor |
| B. Stephen Swett | I. Hanover Dickey Jr. |
| C. Obidiah Williams | J. Leonard W. Peabody |
| D. David Morrill | K. Sullivan Taylor |
| E. Samuel Morrill | L. Albon H. French |
| F. Josiah Crosby | M. M.F. Smith |
| G. James Babb | N. Roscoe Hill |

10) Of the following Epsom Residents, who went on to become Governor of the State of New Hampshire ?

- A. John McClary
- B. David Morrill
- C. Noah Martin
- D. William Marden Jr.
- E. Daniel Plummer Cilley

11) Deacon Ephraim Locke drowned himself in

- A. Pleasant Lake
- B. his well
- C. the bathtub
- D. Cass Pond
- E. the horse trough

12) The Epsom Town Hall was built in

- A. 1850
- B. 1862
- C. 1874
- D. 1881
- E. 1911

13) Which of the following did NOT run a store at Short Falls ?

- A. Jeremiah Tripp
- B. Nathan Badger
- C. James Tennant
- D. Eben Dutton
- E. O.C. Lombard
- F. Jeremiah Prescott

14) If in 1825 you visited Simon Heath, followed by Joseph Lawrence, followed by Daniel Cilley, spent two hours at each place, what would likely be your condition on your return home ?

15) Which of these two Epsom residents was oldest at the time of death ?

Widow Mary McCoy Woods or Widow Olive Pitman

16) These people, Elijah Pettingill, John Dickey, Moses Locke, in 1852, were

- A. On the Poor Farm
- B. Congregational Church Deacons
- C. Share Holders - Epsom Shoe Factory
- D. Selectmen
- E.. 1812 War Veterans

17) The value in 1805 of the gravestone of Fanny Davis (1799-1805), daughter of Mr. Samuel & Mrs. Abigail Davis was

- A. \$1.19
- B. \$3.92
- C. \$12.37
- D. \$26.98
- E. \$147.00

18) Mary McCoy, daughter of Charles and Mary McCoy was the first white person born in Epsom, 1731. She still has an unbroken line of descendants living in Epsom.

TRUE or FALSE

Why attend the March Epsom Historical Association meeting ? TO GET THE ANSWERS. - and why wait - the fun is in the searching for answers - give it a try!

19) This cemetery is located



- A. Off the Tarlton Road
- B. Behind the home of Harvey Harkness
- C. Sanborn Hill
- D. Off Route 28 North toward Pittsfield
- E. Kimball's Field

20) The person in this picture was a Civil War Veteran Sixth Regiment, 10th NH Volunteers, Company I. He celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary Dec, 7, 1911. He was town moderator for 15 years. A member of the house of representatives in 1895. For 17 years he was the miller at the old Short Falls Grist Mill retiring the fall of 1911.



Is he

- A) James W. Marden
- B) Simeon Towle
- C) Charles Sumner Hall
- D) Jeremiah Prescott
- E) Samuel T. Bickford

BOOK UPDATE

In the January Newsletter two upcoming books were mentioned - and both have been delayed. EPSOM VITAL STATISTICS by William Haslet Jones, should appear as a pre-release book in the April Heritage Book catalog. When it does we will give you information as to how to order. The second book, on the HEATH's and ALLIED FAMILIES has been delayed until the end of the year, due to some computer crashes. We will keep you updated on the progress of this book as well.

EPSOM EARLY SETTLERS WEBSITE

The Epsom Early Settlers website has been averaging nearly 50 visits a week since the beginning of March. New on the website are the following:

- the database at 14,100+ individuals
- information on the William Goss family
- the complete 1850 US census for Epsom
- updated cemetery information

The cemetery information has been linked to the website of the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association, and to that of INTERMENT.NET, a web site dedicated to burial site information in the United States.

The Epsom Early Settlers website can be found through the US GenWeb project - New Hampshire - Merrimack, CO.

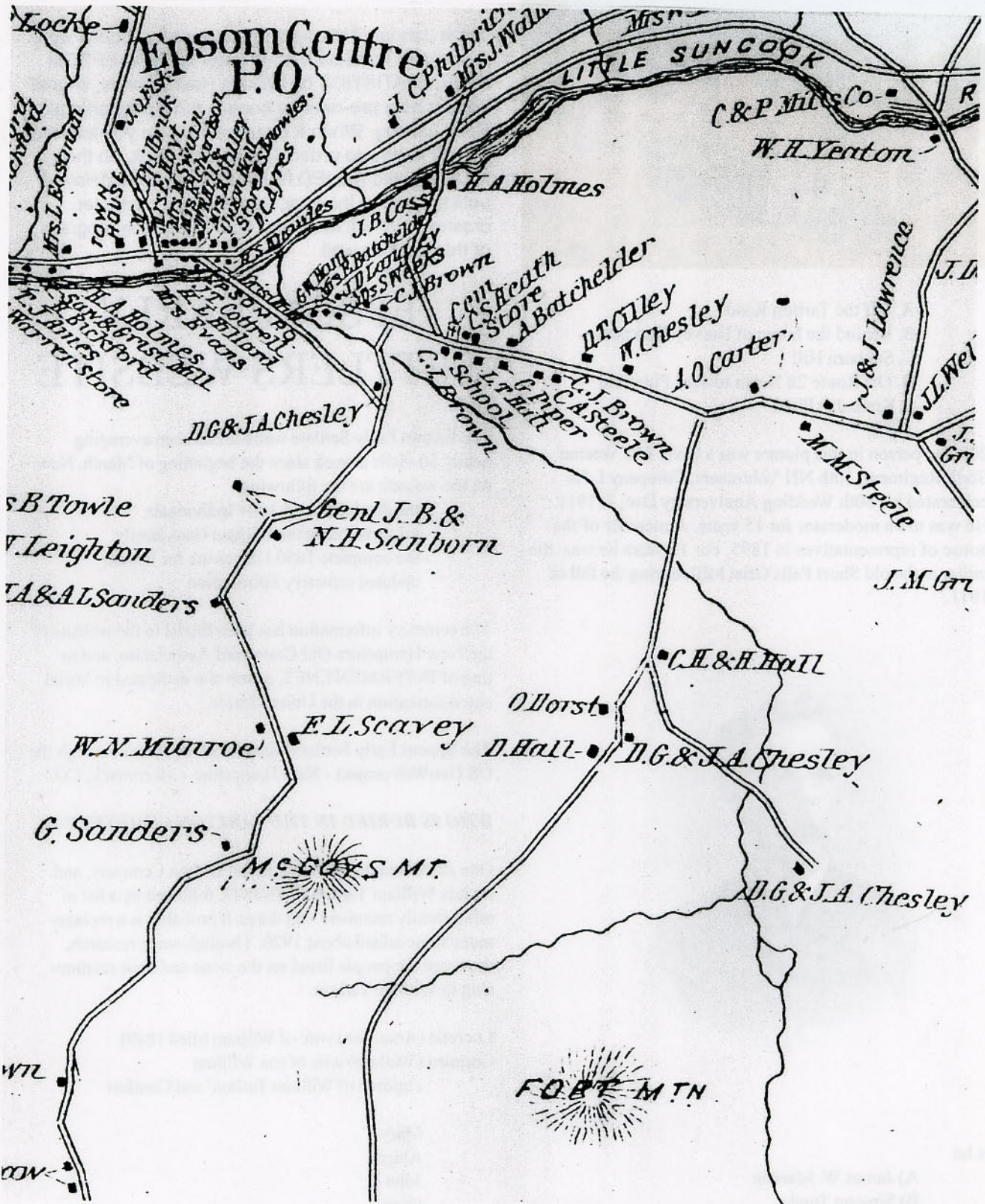
WHO IS BURIED IN THE TARLTON CEMETERY ?

One stone remains standing in the Tarlton Cemetery, and on it is William Tarlton 1763-1847, followed by a list of other family members - no dates. It probably is a replacement stone added about 1920. Through some research, these are the people listed on the stone and their relationship to William Tarlton:

Lucretia (Amazeen) wife of William (died 1849)
Comfort (Wallace) wife of son William
children of William Tarlton² and Comfort

Mary
Abigail
John E.
Dennis

William Tarlton² remarried after the death of his first wife Comfort and is buried in the rear of the Brackett-Libbey Cemetery.



Circa 1892*

* from Hurd's Atlas