

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NH COVERED BRIDGES NEXT EHA TOPIC

Joyce Bickford and her daughter Mary Jane will be our guests at the May meeting of the Epsom Historical Association. The pair has been researching the existing covered bridges throughout the state, and in particular, photographing them. The results of their efforts will be of interest to all members and the subject of our next meeting.

The date of the meeting is Sunday, May 21 starting at 2:30 in the afternoon. The location for this meeting will be the home of the Epsom Scout Troop 80 - the rebuilt New Rye Schoolhouse.



*For some history of the Short Falls Covered Bridge, visit the Epsom Early Settlers Website at:
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~epsom/bridge.htm>*

GOSSVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Gossville Cemetery is located between Route 4 and Goboro Road; directly behind the Gossville General Store.

It is one of the oldest cemeteries in Epsom. It is one of the last cemeterys that is "privately" being taken care of with the monies generated from the trust funds.

As we all know, the interest earned from these trust funds have not and cannot keep up with inflation. Therefore in order to keep the cemetery mowed, the grave stones repaired and the fence maintained we need to generate more funds.

If you have relatives or friends buried in the Gossville Cemetery or have an interest in keeping the cemetery solvent, any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Contributions may be made out to the Gossville Cemetery Association and mailed to it's treasurer:

Douglas Osborne
118 Black Hall Road
Epsom, NH 03234

Thank you - the Gossville Cemetery Association

HOST & SITE NEEDED FOR SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Epsom Historical Association is looking for someone interested in hosting the July meeting, the annual Ice Cream Social. The officers have several ideas for the meeting, but a location is needed to host the event. Anyone interested should contact Carleton Rand at the next meeting or call 736-9695

DUES NOTICE

Effective July 2000
Annual Dues will increase
to a yearly family rate of
\$5.00

INDEX of Epsom Early Settlers Website

RESEARCH DATA

- Epsom Early Settlers Data @ Rootsweb
- Epsom Cemetery Book
 - Listing of Cemeteries
 - Location of Gravesites (NHOGA site)
 - Photos of Revolutionary War Graves
- Dolbeer Death Records 1819-1874
- Epsom 1790 US Census
- Epsom 1800 US Census **NEW**
- Epsom 1830 US Census *coming soon*
- Epsom 1840 US Census **NEW**
- Epsom 1850 US Census
- Epsom 1860 US Census
- Epsom 1870 US Census
- Source List

SPECIAL FOCUS FEATURES

- Brief History of Epsom, NH
- Epsom Revolutionary War Soldiers
 - Association Test Signers
 - Photos of Revolutionary War Graves
 - Maj. Andrew McClary - Biography
- Epsom Civil War Soldiers
 - Epsom GAR Post 66 with Photos
 - Bixby Recollection of Prison Life
 - Walter Brackett's Letter Home
 - Charles Quimby Bible - Photo
 - Jonathan D. Leavitt - Photo
 - James W. Marden - Photo
 - Benjamin Bickford - Photo
 - Jefferson A. Edmunds - Photo
 - Charles W. Leighton - Photo
 - John Calvin Brown - Photo
 - Samuel S. Johnson - Photo
 - George H. Rand - Photo
 - Diah Lovejoy - Photo
 - Rufus S. Marden - Photo
 - Jeremy H. Nute - Photo
 - Henry C. Lovejoy - Photo
 - John Perkins - Photo
 - Christopher S. Heath - Photo
 - Austin E. Sanborn - additional info
 - Jeremiah/Henry Marden - add. info

- Free Will Baptist Church
- Congregational Church
- Christian Society at New Rye
- Short Falls Covered Bridge **NEW**
- Epsom One Room Schools **NEW**

PERSONALITIES

- John Dolbeer
- William Goss
- George Benjamin Wallace
- Andrew McClary, Maj.
- Benjamin Lovering Locke **NEW**

OTHER ITEMS

1858 Map of Epsom

Aerial Photos of Epsom

EPSOM EARLY SETTLERS WEBSITE UPDATE

The Epsom Early Settlers Website has a new URL (address) on the World Wide Web - it can now be reached at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~epsom/>

The change represents more server space at Rootsweb.com - a large Genealogy research website. The Epsom Early Settlers database is now part of the Rootsweb World Connect database, but can still be searched independently at Rootsweb. The database is the same, but now it has many more features in displaying the data than the way it was before.

Also new is census data for Epsom 1800 and 1840, plus articles on the Short Falls Covered Bridge and Epsom One Room Schools (which will be expanded). Thanks goes to Elsie Fife for taking time to research the GORDON surname and adding significant information to the database.

Visiting the Website lately has been Julia Brittain, Houston Texas (McGaffey); Mary Young, Pittsburg, NH (Marsh); Joanne Bruce, Australia (Leavitt); Bruce Fortin, Germany (Cilley); Ellen Dionne, Ipswich, MA (Dickey) and Samuel Cartledge of Decatur, GA, (Murby).