

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Program for November: Joann Weeks Bailey

“A Guide to the History and Old Dwelling Places of Northwood, New Hampshire” was written and compiled by Joann Bailey in 1973. Since the Epsom Historical Association has embarked on a similar mission, it would seem an ideal time to learn of Joann Bailey’s motivations and methods in compiling and publishing her book. Though the publication started simply, it ended as being more than a book on the location of old homes. The book is indeed a real glimpse into the History of Northwood.

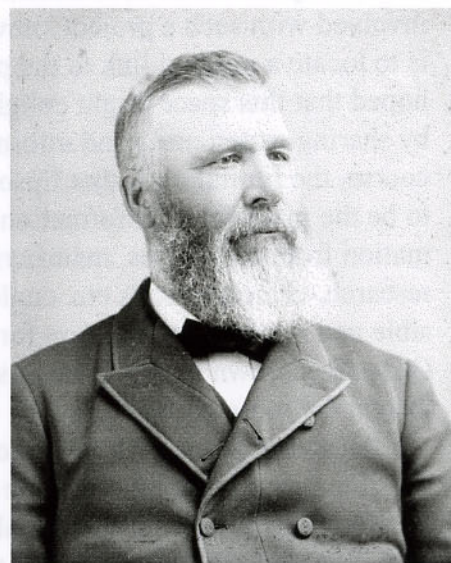
Anyone who has done research into Epsom history will find close family ties with all of the surrounding towns, and Northwood is no exception. Mrs. Bailey’s work coincided closely with the town’s Bicentennial, and has inspired much work to continue since the book was published. This includes a second edition of the book in 1992, and the town of Northwood this year produced “Everlastings the cemeteries and burying grounds of Northwood, New Hampshire.” As a part of this work, Joann Bailey had earlier recorded the names and dates in more than forty of the family yards in Northwood.

With all the above, Joann Bailey has become a qualified historian for Northwood, and her insight and experiences should provide all of us with inspiration. The meeting will be at the IOOF Hall, Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 pm.



In its day this was probably a very busy spot in Epsom. Sink your hooves into this mystery location (no longer standing) and try to identify.

Born in Northwood, April 10, 1829 and died in Epsom, Dec. 17, 1906. A Civil War pensioner and buried in the McClary Cemetery. Photo donated by Susan Yonkers, a descendant, who found the EHA through the Epsom Early



Settlers Web Site. This person helps to demonstrate the ties between the early area towns as he was born in Northwood and later resided in Epsom. The family owned property in Epsom into the early 1950’s. Can you figure out who he is? (First, Middle and Lastname required).

Ramblings.....

New pictures have been loaned to the Epsom Historical Association to be scanned and added to our photo archives. These include nearly 50 picture post cards of Epsom and were loaned to the association by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeaton. Among them is the mystery photo in this newsletter. There collection also includes some wonderful postcards of Pittsfield. Thanks !

DUES NOTICE

The Association recently voted to once again collect a nominal fee for yearly dues. Members will receive notice of upcoming meetings through the EHA Newsletter. If you wish to join, contact Carleton Rand at 736-9695 or attend the next meeting.

GENEALOGY GOSSIP

This is a new column in which any member who is doing any genealogy research is urged to submit any stories or new finds. Anyone who is involved with such a project knows how neat it is to locate a missing link to the past, and it is hoped that this space might enlighten everyone by sharing experiences and information. Of course, the limitation is that Epsom ancestry has to be the main focus. Information such as information from old diaries, manuscripts, archival research, cemetery finds etc. could all be possible and relevant information for this forum. Old passed down stories could also provide insight for those doing research.

If the above doesn't fill the space it would be possible to put requests of people looking for specific information on individuals in the column. For instance, did you know that Mary McCoy, daughter of the first Epsom settler Charles McCoy, married James Woods and lived in town for many years. They had children who also remained here, as seen in various census information, but to my knowledge, I have not seen any information on them or their descendantshave you ?

WEB SITE NEWS

The Epsom Early Settlers website has seen nearly 400 people log on to check it out. Among these have been people from around the country checking on their ancestry. It has gained high praise from the workers at the New Hampshire Historical Society which have added it to the "favorite places" list on the in-house computer. Below is just one of the many notes that have been received -

"It was the most helpful—bar none—of any (website) I've been to under the USGenWeb project, and not simply because I found relevant data there, but because it was so easy to use. I especially found the simple pedigree charts very helpful for keeping lines clear and readily in focus. Again, many thanks!" Barbara Corliss Anchorage, Alaska

New to the Website is the complete Epsom Cemetery Book, searchable by lastname. It will give you the cemetery, and if known, date of death, age, and spousal information. The Death Records of Jonathan Dolbeer have also been added online, and is best searchable by using the find capabilities of your web browser. Depending on how fast new research goes, the website should see updated databases before the first of the year. <http://home.ici.net/~tjrand>

OFFICERS MEET

The officers of the Epsom Historical Association met at the home of Carleton and Joyce Rand with all the officers present plus 5 guests. At the meeting the following were discussed: a) future program ideas, b) update on the renewing of the Charter with the State of New Hampshire and c) reverting to the original charter's schedule of meetings. This will mean that there will be no January meeting, but a special expanded issue of the Newsletter will be sent instead. Also at the meeting a nominating committee was named to present a slate of officers for election at the **Novemeber** meeting.