

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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RESEARCHING EPSOM GENEALOGY MEETING TOPIC NOVEMBER 21st

The next meeting of the Epsom Historical Association will be held Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2:30 pm, at the IOOF Hall. The topic of discussion will be *Researching Epsom Genealogy*, with featured speaker Elsie Fife. Elsie has done extensive genealogical research for many years, helping many families find their ancestors. She donates time at New Hampshire Vital Records, and serves as secretary to the Merrimack County Genealogical Society. Her experience makes her an ideal speaker to inform us all of how to begin and do genealogical research, the do's and don'ts, and the various pitfalls and obstacles one may run into, and what resources are available. Her insight should make this an interesting event for anyone who is currently - or wishes, to trace their family trees.

Following her presentation, the available resources that the Epsom Historical Association has accumulated for such research will be shown before being deposited at the Epsom Public Library for access. Over the last several years, an immense amount of time has been spent in putting together information in formats which would make Epsom research somewhat easier, and for the first time this information will be made available. For anyone doing genealogy on Epsom ancestors, this program should not be missed.

The most important part of this meeting is up to you...as following the above, any person who has Epsom ancestry is asked to bring their family genealogy or information with them for inclusion in the Epsom Early Settlers database, which has now grown to over 20,000 individuals. Family group sheets will be made available to help transfer information. Also - those with Epsom ancestors will be able (for a nominal fee for paper) to get information from the database. It is important for all members to spread the word about this meeting to others, so that all can be enriched by sharing this important information about Epsom's past residents.

Seldom will this opportunity be available for us to both learn about our past, and help learn more about our ancestors. Don't miss it - and spread the word !!



Mystery Photo - Yes - still standing today, and you only have a few days to drive around and find it !

Genealogy Gibberish

A new semi-regular column for those working on Epsom related genealogy. Any person wishing to place a note to find information in this column is urged to do so. Any person reading this column and knows a source for, or has information that can help in finding this information, is asked to please respond.

THANKS !! To Charles Butler, Alice Stearns Haynes, Debbie Cofran Taylor, Dorothy Osborne, Nellie Sinclair, Natalie Monty and Nick Sanborn for sending wonderful information requested in last issues column. It was greatly appreciated.

This columns request is for the following:
ANY Civil War related material - photos, letters, documents, papers and information pertaining to any Epsom related individual, AND/OR the GAR Hoyt Post, which can be scanned to become a part of the Epsom Early Settlers Website, and become part of the Epsom Historical Association archives

Also information on surname GORDON. Specifically, the parents of Jeremiah Gordon (died Oct. 21, 1840 age 73) and Elizabeth Gordon who married 1) Benjamin Burnham, 2) Cochran and 3) Samuel Goss (she died Jan. 24, 1857 age 95-6) Perhaps they are siblings?

If you have information on these "unsolved mysteries, please contact the Epsom Historical Association or drop off info at Rand's TV, Epsom.

NOTICE

This November Meeting, the nominating committee of Nancy Claris, Pat Wilcox and Beulah Yeaton will present to the members a slate of officers for the coming year for your consideration.

Reminder: Are your dues paid? Just \$2.00

ANSWER to last months mystery person: George Benjamin Wallace, born Epsom February 16, 1817 to John Wallace and Mary True. Married 1840 Mary Critchett McMurphy and had 3 children. They separated as he joined the Mormon church. He married second Melissa King, by whom he had three children. On Oct. 15, 1852 he married the Davis sisters, Lydia, Martha and Hannah, having with them an additional 36 children. He was instrumental in the founding of the church at its site in Salt Lake City.

CEMETERY NEWS

New research prompted another look at the Brown Cemetery #2 on the Barton Road in Epsom. Kudo's to the Batchelders for cleaning all the briars and thistles out of this family plot!

Newly revealed were the gravestones of John Page (though illegible) and his wife Huldah (Locke) Page, died May 28, 1849 ae 65-9; and their grandson, William Henry Page, son of John and Mahala B. (Lane), born Apr. 23, 1845 and died Mar. 28, 1849. John and Huldah Page had a daughter Betsey who married Samuel Brown. They and a daughter are also buried in this family plot.

Also through some research, there have been found three references for the burial of members of the family of Hiram Hartford, in or near the Robinson Family Cemetery. This cemetery is located past the little Red School House on the right. A recent examination has not revealed any evidence of Hartford burials, but a more extensive look may be warranted in the future. If anyone has further information, it would be appreciated.

EPSOM EARLY SETTLERS WEB SITE GETS UPGRADE

Watch for a significant update to the Epsom Early Settlers site in December - a bit of a new look, new links, and new content-including Revolutionary War Info, new Census info, and the database of nearly 21,000 individuals.