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Cracker Barrell Discussion

The Epsom Historical Association resumes its meetings Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000 at the IOOF Hall, beginning promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Our guest will be Carroll Stevens, long time Epsom resident, who will engage in an old style 'cracker barrell' discussion with Dick Fowler. Members in attendance will also be asked to ask questions and join in the discussion. The topics are open ended but will focus on Epsom's past, and in particular Jug City Road - and will include the trials and tribulations of farming. Those familiar with Mr. Stevens know this will at the very least be most informative and naturally highly entertaining. This is a "don't miss" meeting!

The items in this newsletter are obituaries gleaned from the scrapbooks in the Epsom Historical Association archives. These items are often important tools in genealogy research, and also give a glimpse of some of the names and families in Epsom's past.

Mrs. Annie B. Yeaton, Oldest Resident, Dies

Special to the Union. (1934) Epsom. Jan. 30 - Death came to Mrs. Annie B. Yeaton on Monday evening, January 29, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice B. Silver. Mrs. Yeaton, who was the oldest resident of Epsom, was in her 93rd year. She was born in Chichester on March 14, 1841, the daughter of Asa T. Rowell and Abigail S. Moulton Rowell. As a girl she attended school in Chichester and high school in Epsom. She later taught in the schools of her native town. On May 8, 1872, she was married to Daniel Yeaton, and that fall moved into the house on Black Hall Road, where she made her home for nearly 60 years. In early life she united with the Chichester Congregational Church and after coming to Epsom joined the Epsom Baptist church. She was clerk of the Epsom church for a long term of years, and was an active worker in the interests of the church and Sunday school. She has been a faithful attendant at the Sunday services as long as her health permitted. She is survived by three children, Alfred D. Yeaton of Chicago, Ill., Minot R. Yeaton of Flemington, N.J., and Mrs. Alice B. Silver of Epsom, also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Epsom Baptist Church Thursday afternoon, and burial will be in the family lot in the Gossville Cemetery.



Annie Yeaton on her 86th birthday, March 14, 1927. Picture taken in front of the "Leighton Bridge". Photo from the Wm. Haslet Jones collection.

Clarence O. Wells

Epsom, March 6 (1937) - Funeral services for Clarence O. Wells were held at the Union Congregational church in New Rye Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. John Mason officiated, assisted by Rev. Ralph Osborne, pastor of the Baptist church in Epsom. The service was largely attended. The bearers were W.B. Wells, Jesse Hunt, Oliver C. Lombard and George A. Skinner. Eugene Wells and Edward Wells were ushers. Burial was in the family lot in the New Rye cemetery and committal prayers were said by Rev. Mr. Mason. Gideon Petit, Jr., Suncook, was funeral director and furnishing undertaker.

Mrs. Sophronia Yeaton Wells

(1941) Funeral Services were conducted by Rev. John Mason of South Walpole, Mass., for Mrs. Sophronia Yeaton Wells at the New Rye church on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Manuel H. Snow and Rev. Leonard P. Edwards gave the prayer and invocation. Soloist was Ray Crowell of Concord. Bearers were nephews of Mrs. Wells, Forrest Bartlett, Kenneth Bartlett and Stanley Bartlett of Concord and Theodore E. Yeaton of New Rye. Burial was in the family lot in the New Rye Cemetery.

Mrs. Augusta W. Fisk

Special to the Union. Epsom, Dec. 24 (1934) - Funeral services for Mrs. Augusta W. Fisk were conducted at her home on Saturday afternoon by Ralph T. Osborn, pastor of the Epsom Baptist church. Mrs. Fisk was born in Deerfield on June 30, 1849. Bearers were Burt D. Young, George H. Yeaton, Charles S. Bickford and Walter H. Quimby. Joel W. Steward of Northwood was undertaker. Among the relatives present were Dr. and Mrs. George V. Fisk and Dr. Reginald Fisk of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Kidder Fisk and family of Epsom, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Clark of Pembroke. Burial was in the family lot in the Gossville Cemetery.

Mrs. Annie M. Wells

Short Falls, March 14 (1934) - Mrs. Annie M. Wells died at her home in New Rye on Wednesday morning, March 14, after a long illness. Mrs.

Wells was born in Concord on Sept. 6, 1862, and was the daughter of John S. Green and Maria Flanders Green. She taught school in Hopkinton, and in the New Rye and Mountain schools in Epsom. On Nov. 29, 1888, she was married to Clarence O. Wells of New Rye. This last November marked their 45th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Wells was a member of the New Rye church and of Buntin chapter, D.A.R. of Pembroke; also a past noble grand of Ivygreen Rebekah lodge. She was the clerk of the New Rye church and the Church society for many years. She is survived by the widower, Clarence O. Wells; two sons, Andrew J. Kyle of Somerset, O., and Arthur A. Wells of New Rye; two sisters, Mrs. Helen G. Yeaton of Flemington, N.J., and Mrs. Emma F. Piper of Concord and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, March 17, at the New Rye church. Rev. Milton C. Froyd of Suncook, pastor, and Rev. John C. Mason of West Somerville, Mass., will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the New Rye cemetery. The bearers will be Oliver C. Lombard, Jesse A. Hunt, Walter B. Wells and Kenneth J. Yeaton. Funeral arrangements are being made by Kilkenny and Calkin of Concord.

Mrs. Rosetta L. Libbey

Epsom - Special to the Union (1935) - Mrs. Rosetta Langley Libbey. Epsom's oldest resident, died at her home in the Mountain district on Wednesday noon, after a brief illness. Mrs. Libbey was born in Deerfield on May 8, 1841, and would have observed her 94th birthday next week. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Langley. Mrs. Libbey was married to Moses Libbey of Allenstown in 1864. She had six children, all of whom survive her. She is also survived by two brothers, John Langley of Suncook and F. Judson Colcord of Exeter. The children are Mrs. Etta L. Babb of Deerfield, Walter Libbey of Suncook, James T., Kidder, John L. and Clarence M. Libbey of Epsom. The funeral services will be held at the home on Friday afternoon with Rev. Ralph T. Osborn, pastor of the Epsom Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in the Langley lot at the Short Falls cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Victor E. LeBlanc of Suncook.