

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Meetings Resume Sept. 26 - 2:00 pm

The Epsom Historical Association resumes its meetings Sunday, Sept. 26, 1999 at the IOOF Hall, beginning at a special time - 2:00 p.m.

Our guest will be Eric P. Orff, Certified, Wildlife biologist with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Eric is originally from Maine, moving to New Hampshire in 1962. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management. In addition to being the biologist for the southeastern section of the state, he also is the statewide fur bearer project leader and co-leader of the black bear project.

His presentation "Mending the Web of Life: Living in the Golden Years of Fish and Wildlife in New Hampshire" will be presented to us with a look at the management of the state's wildlife today compared to that of earlier in the state's history.

From his presentation "We can all look at our home, office or car windows to witness the success of our concern for the environment over the last several decades. Stitch by stitch, waste treatment plant by fish ladder, we have mended the web of life, the fabric of all life in New Hampshire. Our investments in the environment and social attitudes are paying off handsomely. We are living in the golden age of fish and wildlife."

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.

WANTED: Birth date, death date and marriage date for Roscoe "W." Quimby.

WANTED: Information on James S. Hartford and family. He died in Epsom, June 21, 1908, and was born in Wilmot, NH. He married (date unknown) Esther J. Cate of Hooksett. Most likely the parents of Isabel "Belle" (Hartford) Cofran.

WANTED: Information on Samuel Wells who died in Epsom March 14, 1870. His wife was Harriet Wicome. It is believed his parents were Daniel Wells and Lucy Emerson. Their son was James L. Wells who married Abbey Meserve. Possible originator of family in Epsom is a John Wells. Probably lived at the top of Tarleton Road.

WANTED: Information on Benoni Critchett, who married in Epsom Sarah Marden on June 13, 1799. Interested in their children and his disappearance from Epsom. Any information on Benoni's parents or where he went when he left Epsom would be helpful.

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

Another Productive Epsom Citizen...



*Who is this
man born
in Epsom ?*

His Children:

James Barnay b. ?
Emma A. b. 1841
Ellen S. b. 1844
Mary Melissa b. January 08, 1847
George Crowell b. June 12, 1848
Louisa King b. Sept. 20, 1849
George Edward b. July 24, 1853
Sarah Elizabeth Davis b. August 15, 1853
Martha Melissa Davis b. Aug. 27, 1853
Samuel Davis b. August 04, 1854
William Heber b. Oct. 06, 1854
Lucy Davis b. August 04, 1855
Jacob Davis b. August 01, 1856
Emily Davis b. November 08, 1856
Mary Elizabeth b. June 10, 1857
Lydia Davis b. March 21, 1858
Brigham b. September 02, 1858
Heber b. September 02, 1858
George Benjamin b. October 02, 1858
Joseph Bates b. October 12, 1859
Lois Davis b. March 22, 1860
Josiah Davis b. August 28, 1860
Erastus b. June 09, 1861
Georgianna b. February 05, 1862
William Denny b. September 27, 1862
Rachel b. February 12, 1863
Dorothy Ann b. February 28, 1864
Amey b. April 16, 1864
Alonzo Davis b. July 04, 1864
Loretta Davis b. January 01, 1866
Moroni b. June 13, 1866
Zina b. October 03, 1866
George Alfred b. December 08, 1867
Henry D. b. March 25, 1868
Daniel Spencer b. Nov. 25, 1868
Henrietta b. December 30, 1869
Arthur Noble b. February 21, 1870
Thomas Davis b. December 25, 1871
Maude b. April 09, 1872
Ida Davis b. February 03, 1873
Noble Davis b. August 29, 1876
Malcomb b. October 05, 1876

Oh - not all of them lived to maturity

Clue - one child bears his namesake.

Stumped ? Attend the meeting Sept. 26 !!

Reminder: Are your dues paid? Just \$2.00

ANSWER to last months mystery photo:
The Samuel Blake Homestead on
Sanborn Hill Road, now the home of
Edward and Glenna Nutter.

EPSOM HISTORY PRESERVATION TOPIC OF TWO DISCUSSIONS

The Northwood Historical Society will host Carleton and T.J. Rand on Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 1999, to discuss how the Epsom Historical Association preserves its history by scanning old photographs, and how it stores the information in a computer database. The program will also discuss the other projects that are on-going, including the Cemetery Book, Genealogy Database of Epsom Early Settlers, and the online website. The meeting will be held at the Advent Christian Church School in Northwood Narrows starting at 7:00 pm.

Additionally, the Merrimack Society of Genealogists will host T.J. Rand in a broader discussion of the above topics on Wednesday evening, September 29, 1999 beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Barrows Activity Center, Heritage Heights Retirement Center, 149 East Side Drive in Concord, NH. The public is cordially invited to attend both events.

EPSOM EARLY SETTLERS WEB SITE ADDS CONTENT

Congratulations on the website came from Ashton Welch this month - just one of over 100 people who have visited the site in the last month. The genealogy database is headed near the 20,000 person mark, and will be uploaded to the website before the end of the year. In addition the site will shortly have a section on Epsom Civil War Soldiers, with the majority of information coming from the GAR Personal War Sketches book which was presented to the George H. Hoyt Post 66 in 1894. Besides being a list of these Civil War soldiers, many of the veterans will have photos and additional information, such as comments and letters. The number of persons associated with Epsom and the Civil War is 119 soldiers. Check it out this fall ! Part of the US/NH/Merrimack County GenWeb project. The Merrimack County GenWeb page can be found at <http://w3.nai.net/~lmerrell/merrimack.html> - then select *Epsom*.