



# Epsom Historical Association

## NEWSLETTER

*Catch up to the Past*

July 2007

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL - SUNDAY, JULY 15th 2:00 PM - Bring a lawn chair

The annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Epsom Historical Association will be held at the home of Harvey and Barbara Harkness, Sunday, July 15th beginning at 2 pm. Phil and Charlie Yeaton will bring some interesting items of historic interest, and a short program on the cemetery on the Harkness property and

the Cass family will be presented. In case of inclement weather, the program will be at the New Rye Church vestry. The Harkness home is at 65 Baybutt Road (left after the New Rye Church, New Rye Road). This was our largest gathering last year, so we hope to see you there !!



### OLD LIBRARY READIED

Through the efforts of many individuals, phase one of making the old Epsom Public Library into its new function as an historical center is complete. The Epsom Historical Association has moved its office and files into the downstairs after the room was painted and cleaned. Working closely with the library trustees, the remaining items left by the old library have been removed and soon the old stacks will be removed

clearing the way to transform the upstairs into a display area for historical items and artifacts. All items to be displayed, as well as those in the files, have begun to be databased and recorded in the new computer system. Once the work is complete, the downstairs will serve as a research facility and work area, and the upstairs will be open as a museum. The completion date depends on the availability of funds and the volunteer's ability to complete the work.

## No. 19 Cass Cemetery

[Samuel Cass](#) DIED Oct. 31, 1863, ae 77 (War of 1812)

[Polly \(Mary Chesley\)](#), His Wife died Nov. 19, 1866 ae 78.

[Rachel D.](#), dau. of Samuel & Mary Cass, died Feb. 27, 1825, ae 1 y'r 5 mo.

[Rachel D.](#), dau. of Samuel & Mary Cass, died Sep. 20, 1810, ae 11 mo's 17 days

[Levi Cass](#) DIED Feb. 3, 1827. ae 72.

[Mary \(Sherburne\)](#), wife of Levi Cass, DIED Feb. 26, 1838 ae 88

[Sarah](#), dau. of Levi & Mary Cass, died Aug. 20, 1788, ae 6 y'rs.

(Above reprinted from Sept. 2003 Newsletter)

### ASSOCIATION TEST

*April 12, 1776*

In order to carry the underwritten RESOLVE of the Hon'ble Continental CONGRESS into Execution, You are requested to desire all Males above Twenty One Years of Age (Lunaticks, Idiots, and Negroes excepted) to sign the DECLARATION on this Paper; and when so done, to make Return hereof, together with the Name or Names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY, or Committee of Safety of this Colony. - *M. Weare, Chairman* In CONGRESS, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1776 - *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, *immediately* to cause all Persons to be *disarmed*, within their Respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of AMERICA, Or who have not associated, and refuse to associate, to defend by ARMS, the United Colonies, against the Hostile Attempts of the British Fleets and Armies. - *Extract from the Minutes*. Charles Thompson, Sec'ry. In Consequence of the above Resolution, of the Hon. Continental CONGRESS, and to shew our Determination in joining our American Brethren, in defending the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of the Inhabitants of the UNITED COLONIES, - WE, the *Subscribers*, do hereby solemnly engage, and promise, that we will, to the utmost of our Power, at the Risque of our Lives and Fortunes, with ARMS, oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets, and Armies, against the *United American* COLONIES.

NOT Signing from Epsom - John Cass and William Odiorne

## COMPUTER SYSTEM PURCHASED

At long last the Epsom Historical Association, with the aid of your donations and recent DVD sales, has purchased a new computer, monitor, laser and ink jet printer. This is the first step in getting the tools and equipment needed for the Historical Association to begin to properly archive and inventory its holdings. The computer system still needs additional software in order for any of this work to begin - office, OCR, and document storage are among the programs and items needed. In addition, paper, photo paper, storage disks and a portable back-up drive will be needed to begin to make information available to researchers. If you can help as a volunteer or perhaps contribute towards our goal to add to our computer system, either email us at [epsomhistory@aol.com](mailto:epsomhistory@aol.com) or call Harvey Harkness at 736-4571. Thanks to our donors!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Historical Association has finally begun to organize and archive its holdings. The work will require filing and organizing papers in the files; databasing and archiving properly documents and photos; organizing old town reports; and databasing historic items that have been donated. Your help in setting up our research library and museum would be greatly appreciated. Donations towards office supplies are appreciated. Email us at [Epsomhistory@aol.com](mailto:epsomhistory@aol.com) or call Harvey Harkness at 736-4571 if you are able to participate in this worthwhile effort.

### 2007 Historical Association Officers

President - Harvey Harkness

Vice President - Phil Yeaton

Secretary - Elsie Fife

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