



Epsom Historical Association

NEWSLETTER

Catch up to the Past

March 2007

HOW'D THEY DO THAT?

The Moving of the Meetinghouse



March 25th, 2:30 at the Community Room of the Epsom Public Library, the Epsom Historical Association will present a program on the moving of the former Epsom Free Will Baptist Church. Members of the committee and many of those involved with the physical moving of the structure will be on hand. In addition, a brief history of the building will be presented. Following the program will be a round table discussion of possible uses for the building in the future - your thoughts and suggestions are most welcome. Refreshments will be served, and the program is open to the public.

MARCH IS DUES MONTH

Family membership dues of \$10.00 is renewable this month, and our next newsletter will be mailed to the updated membership list based on those renewals and new memberships. Checks can be made out to the Epsom Historical Association and mailed to our NEW mailing address:

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Epsom, NH 03234

DOWNLOAD ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM AT <http://www.epsomhistory.com/epsom/eha/Membership%20Form.pdf>

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OFFERS **HISTORIC PHOTOS DVD**

Still available, the Epsom Historical Association offers the EPSOM HISTORIC PHOTOS SLIDE SHOW DVD. The DVD contains 350 old photos and postcards from the Associations archived pictures. There are 15 chapters, and included are the Short Falls Covered Bridge, the McClary House, Trains and Depots, One Room Schools, the Old Parsonage, Early Stores, Lodgings, Churches, the Old Tavern, Industry, the Old Library, Business, Transportation and Road Making. These old photos and cards sell for between 5 and 10 dollars each - but you can have them in a DVD show for \$35.00. Available at the library OR to reserve your copy, email us at Epsomhistory@aol.com.

CAVERNO'S CHARGE TO THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Arthur Caverno was the motivating force and first minister of the Epsom Free Will Baptist Church. He purchased a book as a gift in which would be entered by the clerk, the minutes of their meetings. In the opening pages, he offered the following as observations and preliminary remarks:

As the happiness and prosperity of society depends much upon the principles & administration of its government so it cannot be improper to say that churches should be considered in a like respect. And even if we descend into a view of private families and note the order and regulations by which they are governed, we may generally infer their condition whether in a prosperous or declining situation.

From causes we trace effects. From premises we infer consequences. From proceedings we expect results.

Now in order to come into possession of some ultimate enjoyment, there should be always, a close inspection of the of the cause and means that are necessary to effect it. "Men so not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles," and much less happiness from evil causes, and that too from by evil means.

But though there may be ever so good a government and an impartial and consistent administration of it, there cannot be a perfect perfect peace among and in the members of it, so long as there is a want of moral fellowship.

The strength and happiness of society, however, depends more upon the union of its members than upon its government; for the government may be faulty in several respects, but a due regard for each other among its subjects with will not only increase the strength but the peace of it. It will be readily granted, that a fear of government may restrain many acts of licentiousness, but it must be acknowledged that

this fear cannot create and preserve an internal fellowship, in the order of society. But it is evident still further, that a moral or social union cannot exist, where there is any degree of hatred in possession, neither can an individual bear a regard for another when enmity has a prepossession. "Love and hatred cannot dwell together."

A slavish fear may put a restraint upon many but its general tendency sooner weakens the bands of mutual fellowship, and engenders strife, than it promotes or forwards society. Such are the consequences of such a fear.

But on the other hand love produces peace, quietness, equity, justice, lowliness, long suffering, forgiveness, patience and many other things which, if connected with those already mentioned, constitute the spring of Christian happiness. Epsom July 1st A.D. 1824

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS



December 25, 1861A happy Christmas to us, tho'stormy, in dedication of our new house of worship. For about thirty years the church worshipped in the old house, where we saw much of the power of God in the conversions of souls, from time to time. All

felt that the time had come when we needed a more convenient house to worship in. An effort was made to raise a subscription sufficient to build a new house, and in this were successful. The old house was disposed of without much difficulty and the stockholders of the new decided on the same site as the old. The work was commenced in the latter part of May and completed in December. Brother James B. Stanton of West Lebanon, Me. was the masterworkman and won high esteem as a workman and manager. The pews sold readily and all were perfectly satisfied with the new

house. The house was dedicated to the worship of God, December 25, 1861. Elder M. A. Quimby, the pastor of the church, preached the sermon. 'And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place; this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven. His outline for the sermon:

Some of the appropriate uses of the house of God.

The immense value of Christian opportunities in the house of God

The exercises were interesting and quite satisfactory to all. We felt that the Lord had prepared us beyond our expectations. May this church edifice long stand consecrated to the worship of the Most High, and constantly occupied with an intelligent and spiritual ministry of attentive hearers. The Lord make it the birthplace of many souls, who shall shine as the stars forever and ever. - Thomas Tripp, Clerk Epsom, NH Dec. 25, 1861

(previous photo - Rev. Moses A. Quimby)

CIVIL WAR LETTER of Walter G. Brackett Feb. 1863

THE UNION - IT MUST BE PRESERVED

FIFTEENTH NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT

Camp Parafet

Louisiana February 8, 1863

Dear Parents, I am well but my cough still clings to me but it is only one of the trials of life. It looks like rain this morning and I guess it will before night. I have been on Inspection, our second Lieutenant is not so strict as our first one is. My boots have given out and I have drawn a pair of Army Shoes. They are sowed ones and easy to the feet. Calvin Brown

is in the hospital, he is pretty sick.

Feb. 9 to day is pleasant very warm. I got your letter today and the stamps but I have got enough of them now. I was sorry to hear that Mr. Seavey's family are so afflicted, hope they will not be long. I was glad to hear that you are all well and at present I am able to do duty. We do not drill any today for we had orders to change our ground but the order was countermanded.

February 10 very warm today. Battalion Drill this forenoon. We are now Brigaded under Neal Dow, he is an oldish man, rather small in stature, but I guess he is some Pumpkins. I have got to go on guard at three this afternoon and stay on till three tomorrow. My cough today is better and I am in hopes to get rid of it soon. I do not have to drill this afternoon because I am on guard.

Feb 11 I came off guard not long ago, weary enough for I had slept but little through the night. We had little shelter but the weather was pleasant for the most part. We have now to salute Officers by a motion of the hand, it came a little odd at first, but I soon got used to it. If our Major comes along when we are sitting we are obliged to rise and salute him. Three out of our tent are on guard tonight. I have just been to carry some gun oil to one of them. Our Captain is some better but still weak and feeble, our Drummer was buried today, two have died out of our Company and a number are sick. For the most part I have been blessed with good health. I think I will close now. Good night.

Friday Feb. 13, 1863 Two of our Company were sent to the Hospital yesterday. Albian Bean that lives by Pleasant Pond was one of them, he had been sick for some time. It is very warm here today, while sitting in my tent the sweat starts out of me in drops. I have just come off from Battalion Drill. We did not have a very hard one. The Major sent one man to the guardhouse from our Company for talking in the ranks. I was sorry for it for it is a disgrace to the Company. There is talk that we shall be started home in May, but I do not think that such will be the case but I do not think that we shall move far from here.

GO WEST !!

from the JOURNAL OF STICKNEY ROBINSON

Many Epsom residents left town to seek their fortunes and make money out west, among them John Dolbeer and David Clark. Stickney Robinson, a relative of David Clark, spent several years in California near Clark's Mill, and spent time also working for Col. Fremont. His journal covers several years, and it shows that the expertise gained by his building mills in Epsom served him well in the west. This is from a photocopy of the original secured by Roena Wilson of California, a David Clark descendant. This excerpt is from the first entries.

Queen Victoria's Message By Telegraph Acrost the Atlantic Ocean August 16th 1858

When the sky falls We shall catch Larks

Stickney Robinson's Book Written in the Mountains of California

Commencing Jan. 1st 1858

I have been walked over, rough shod by mosquitoes, bed bugs, lice and fleas in this Western World.

The African Baptist Church in Augusta, GA owns its minister, the Congregation having bought him of his former master, notwithstanding this fact, the Congregation (slaves themselves) contribute a good sum yearly to the support of their pastor.

Jan. 1st 1858

Bear Creek, Mariposa Co., California.

Friday ground froze ½ an inch. Very pleasant, sun the same as the mid of Sept. at home in the Granite State, no clouds to be seen. Commenced building me a Cabin on Bear Creek.

2 Saturday, weather same as yesterday, warm and clear, worked on my cabin.

3 Sunday, frosty morning but pleasant and clear sky through the day, spend the day in reading and writing.

4 Monday, very warm and clear but frosty morning, worked on my cabin.

5 Tuesday, mild but cloudy, looks like rain, worked &c. Thought - Arouse my soul and with the year began a song of praise to God.

January 6th 1858

Wednesday, mild, looked like rain, commenced building a chimney of ___.

7 Thursday, mild but cloudy, worked on chimney.

8 Friday, warm sun and cloudless sky but frosty night, worked &c.

9 Saturday, ground froze one inch, pleasant sun but cool air through the day. Went to Mariposa, about six miles.

10 Sunday, cool air, but pleasant, some cloudy, spent the day in reading and writing.

11 Monday very mild, some clouds. Worked on chimney; a sprinkling of rain in the evening. Thought – Perseverance and sweet oil will help a man through the wilderness of life.

January 12th 1858 Tuesday, foggy morning, cold snowy air in the afternoon, finished chimney.

13 Wednesday, commenced snowing before morning and snowed until noon, then cleared off mild, fell about 8 inches. Done some washing and fix some tools for making ox yokes.

14 Thursday, cold frosty morning whisked white with frost after being out short time, should think the thermometer might indicate to within ten degrees of zero which would make the difference between heat and cold nearly as great here as in New Hampshire. Went to Mariposa after provisions.

15 Friday, frosty morning but pleasant sun and cool air. Got out some timber for ox yokes.

January 16th 1858 Saturday, frosty morning, hazy sky, looked like a storm. Stars shined bright in the evening. Got out some timber for ox yokes and ground my axe for chopping mill logs.

Clough-Watson Genealogy

by Rosilla Clough Heath, 1913

Daniel Clough, son of Wm and Sarah Swain Clough, born in Pittsfield, N.H. Nov. 29, 1804 and Mehitable Brown, daughter Stephen and Metitable Brown Watson born Feb. 12, 1810 in Pittsfield, were married June 18, 1828 by the Rev. William Swain. Their children were:

Rosilla Winslow

Sarah Elizabeth

Cynthia Jane

Daniel Ansel

Rosilla W. educated at Stafford, Pittsfield and Pembroke Academies, commenced teaching at 16. Taught school several years and married Christopher S. Heath.

Sarah E. born in Pittsfield Sept. 9, 1831 educated at Pembroke Academy, commenced teaching before 17; taught several years then married John Buzzell Leighton of Barrington, a Free Will Baptist minister. He held pastorates in Vt and N.H. Health failing in 1880, he moved to Vineland, N.J. Their children Lura Del, Irving Rand, Carl Buer, Louis Ansel. Lura Del a graduate of the Vineland High School, taught school for a number of years, married Mortimer Mayhew and lives in Morrisville, NH, one child Catherine Elizabeth.

Irving married and lives in Vineland. Carl married lived near Philadelphia, died 1910. Louis died in 1911. John B. Leighton died Apr. 5, 1900, his wife died April 3, 1913, aged 82 years. His age 74 (79?).

Cynthia J. born in Pittsfield, June 17, 1835, educated at Pembroke Academy and commenced teaching at 17, taught several years, married Charles G. Swain of Barrington, one child, Daniel Loren, a graduate of Pembroke. They lived Pembroke twenty years, moved to Dover 1903. She had written much for the press. Some years ago published a book of poem __. She died Dec 10, 1910, aged 75 years.

Loren Swain lives in Dover married Angie Page, two children, Lora married a Pierce. Lawrence Page Swain.

Daniel Ansel Clough, born in Epsom Sept 8, 1842, educated at Pembroke and Boscawen Academies. At an early age showing a for drawing and penmanship, commenced teaching penmanship at the age of 16. He later taught penmanship at Pembroke and Boscawen Academies. In 1863 he went Concord and Concord photography. He soon gave it (up?) and followed his natural bent for landscape and portrait painting. He opened rooms in Concord. After a few years went to Boston where he took rooms in the studio building. He was very successful but health fading in the summer of 1873, he came to his father's home in Epsom where he died Oct. 28, 1873, aged 31 yrs. He died with consumption. Ansel Clough married Sept 1870 Emma J. White of Haverhill, Mass. One child Bertha Ancella who married a man by the name of Hunter and resides in Los Angeles, California.

Daniel Clough resided at the Clough home until 1832 when he bought a farm near his fathers where he lived until 1836 when he went to Northwood Narrows where there were better opportunities for schooling. Selling at Northwood, he bought a larger farm in Epsom in the New Rye district and moved there in the spring of 1840. He resided there 29 years then health failing, he sold and bought a small home at Epsom Centre. He was a member of Epsom Free Baptist church as was also his wife and was a reader of the "Morning Star" forty years. Died Feb. 26, 1880 aged 75 years. His wife went to Barrington to reside with her daughter Mrs. Swain, and died Oct. 5, 1880, aged 70 years.

Christopher Smith Heath of Manchester, son of David and Zeruah Smith Heath, born in Washington, Vt. Mar. 31, 1828 and Rosilla Winslow Clough, daughter of Daniel and Mehitable B. Watson Cough, born Pittsfield April 15, 1829, were married at her fathers home in Epsom Sept. 1, 1853 by the Rev. M.A. Quimby. Their children:

Rosilla Estelle

Clarence Linwood

Clough-Watson Genealogy cont.

Alonzo Smith

Fred Sherman

Ansel Clough

Rosilla Estelle born in Manchester Nov. 18, 1854 was educated at Grafton and the Danbury High school. Commenced teaching at the early age of 16, taught several years and married Charles Hall of Barrington June 28, 1883. One son Roland Smith, born in Barrington May 30, 1884. He married Olive May Sullivan of Epsom June 26, 1909. Their children:

Carol Olive born May 10, 1910

Verna Rosilla born July 23, 1911

Roland Hall and Olive his wife were both educated at Coe's Academy Northwood, now reside in Concord.

Charles Hall took up his residence in Epsom in 1899.

Clarence Linwood Heath, born Epsom Aug. 23, 1856, died in Grafton N.H. Dec. 15, 1857, aged 15 months.

Alonzo S. Heath born in Grafton Mar 19, 1858, was educated in Grafton schools and Danbury High School, learned telegraphy at 16 and for many years worked in railway offices, recently retired to farm life in Sandown, N.H. He married Jan 13. 1885 in her fathers home in Manchester, Isabel Fifield of that city, a high school graduate; one son, Clifford Alonzo educated in Taunton Mass and Boston. Now at Lebanon Conn, R.R. Station as agent.

Fred S. Heath, born in Grafton, N.H. Feb. 20, 1866, educated at High School, manager (?) for some years in the RR office, Concord, NH. He married Hattie L. Tripp of Epsom, educated in Epsom schools and Berwick, married Sept 9, 1888. No children.

Ansel C. Heath born in Grafton Nov. 11, 1874, educated in Epsom schools, married Edith G. Batchelder of Epsom. Following railroading for a

number years through different grades to conductor, recently gone to a farm in Londonderry, NH.

Christopher S. Heath's father dying before he was sixteen in Vershire, Vt., came with the family to Grafton in 1845. At the age of eighteen he went to Manchester to work in a cotton mill which business he followed ten years, health suffering from confinement to mill life, he went to Lowell to reside, but the great financial crash of 1877 made it seem better to retire to our home in Grafton.

He enlisted in the Mass 3 months quota Apr 27, 1861. The quota full they were transferred to the 14th and were mustered in July 5, 1861. He was made 2nd Lieut in two months, promoted to first and in 14 months Captain. In the first year of their service, this Regt was changed to 1st Mass H.A., his company was B. He was in command of a Howitzer battery on Maryland Heights one year. This regiment went into battle as infantry. Was mustered from service Oct. 7, 1864, escaped the bullet but broken in health. Died in Epsom Oct. 2nd 1896, aged 68 years.



Rosilla Clough Heath lived on Center Hill and was active with many organizations, including the Center Hill Historic Club. This club erected several monuments on Center Hill, including the Meetinghouse Monument at the McClary Cemetery. The Heath's are buried in the Gossville Cemetery sharing a plot with her daughter Estelle Heath Hall, spouse of 'Cobbler' Charles Hall.

OLD NORTH CEMETERY, Concord, NH

(Epsom related burials)

ALEXANDER

[Capt. Samuel Alexander](#) Jan. 19, 1800 - Aug. 12, 1879

[Mary Nutt](#), his wife, April 7, 1797 - May 14, 1843

[B.C. Blake](#) (Betsey Chesley, dau of Samuel and Nancy Griffin Blake) May 23, 1803 - May 18, 1871

CILLEY

[Jonathan L. \(Longfellow\) Cilley](#), Died July 23, 1891 AE 86

[Harriet W. \(Whitney\)](#) wife of J.L. Cilley, Died Oct. 22, 1878, AE 78

CHAPMAN

[Rebecca B. Chapman](#), born in Epsom June 16, 1786. Died Oct. 14, 1852. AE 66

CROCKETT

[John K. Crockett](#), Born June 25, 1830, Died Nov. 29, 1854

LAMPREY

[Aaron](#), Died July 2, 1882 AE 85 yrs. 10 mos.

[Mary Judkins](#), wife of Aaron Lamprey, Died Oct. 23, 1850 AE 51 yrs. 2 ms. 13 ds.

[Mary Pierce](#), wife of Aaron Lamprey, Died Oct. 15, 1896, AE 90 yrs. 5 ms.

[Abel](#), 1802 - 1885

[Lydia A. C. \(Campbell\)](#), his wife, Died July 17, 1834, AE 27 yrs

[Susan W. \(Webster\)](#), his wife, Died Sept. 20, 1868 AE 67

Children of A & L Lamprey

[Benj. H.](#) Drowned June 14, 1848, AE 21 yrs

[Abby N.](#) Died Nov. 19, 1857 AE 27

[Lydia A.](#) Died Aug. 16, 1858 AE 26 yrs

[Levi Lamprey](#) Died April 14, 1872 AE 79 yrs. 7 mos.

[Polly \(Cook\)](#) wife of Levi Lamprey, Died April 8, 1861 AE 77

[Sarah Pattee](#), wife of Ephraim O. Lamprey, Nov. 13, 1814 - July 22, 1902

LOCKE

[Samuel Locke](#), died Apr 25, 1885

[Mary E.](#) (Wallace, dau of John & Mary Locke Wallace) died Dec. 28, 1884.

McCLARY

[Elizabeth \(Dearborn\)](#), wife of James H. McClary, Esq., Died May 9, 1828 AE 67

Daughters

[Eliza](#), Died July 20, 1863 AE 69

[Ann G.](#), Died Jan. 16, 1826 AE 25

[Harriett](#), Died Dec. 20, 1878 AE 84

MERRILL

[Thomas Douglas Merrill Esq.](#), Born in Salem, N.H. June 5, 1776

Resided in Epsom for 50 years. Deceased in Concord April 12, 1851

In the 75th year of his age.

[Mrs. Ann Green](#), wife of Thomas D. Merrill, Born May 26, 1791, Died Feb. 20, 1870.

MIXER

[Charles T.](#) of Saco, ME.

[Eliza Jane Morrill](#), wife of Charles T. Mixer, Died Nov. 25, 1867 AE 60

MORRILL

Dea. Samuel Morrill M.D., d. Sept. 7, 1858 ae 79 (stone missing)

[Elizabeth Kimball](#), wife of Dea. Samuel Morrill Died Feb. 8, 1848 AE 72

[Clara P.](#) Dau. of Dr. Samuel Morrill, Born Jan. 16, 1810, Died Sept. 10, 1887

[Emma O. Fisk](#), wife of W.H. Morrill. Apr. 13, 1834 - Sept. 5, 1855

[David Lawrence Morrill](#), Born June 10, 1772, Died Jan. 28, 1849. A Senator in Congress & Governor of the State. (Was a Doctor in Epsom and married first Jane Wallace)

[Lydia Poor](#), widow of D.L. Morrill (his second wife)

[GOODHUE, N.](#) (Nathaniel, second spouse of Lydia Poor) Aug. 8, 1797 - July 29, 1884

WALLACE

[John Wallace](#) died Sept. 1845 AE 65

[Mary](#) (Locke, dau of Elijah & Elizabeth Locke), wife of John Wallace, died April 25, 1856, AE 72

WHITNEY

[Charles E.](#) died April 21, 1849 AE 24 y'rs. & 6 mo.

[Lydia A.](#) (Newhall, married second) wife of Lowell Eastman

Mar. 26, 1826 - Nov. 25, 1916

MUSEUM NOTES



The EPSOM HISTORICAL CENTER, a combined venture between the Epsom Public Library and the Epsom Historical Association, continues to make plans to set up a museum and research center for Epsom Town History. Now that the new library is open, the trustees of the library, will begin to remove items still remaining and not being used at the new facility from the old building. Sometime in the month of April the Historical Association will begin to move its holdings into the old library, set up the research facility, and begin planning for displaying historical items of interest.

Meanwhile, work continues on archiving many of the holdings of the Historical Association. Recent items scanned include the Funeral Sermon for Rev. Ebenezer Hazeltine; the records of the Old Home Day Committee; and transcribing the journal of Stickney Robinson's stay in California 1858-1861. In addition many ribbons of the WRC and Epsom Old Home Day have been scanned.

The later move in date will push an opening of the new museum and research center to Old Home Day weekend.

The Epsom Historical Association encourages people with old postcards, photos or other items to loan them to the Association so they can be scanned and saved for future generations to enjoy and study. Items can also be donated to the Association to be used in future exhibits.



One of the many ribbons in the Epsom Historical Association collection. This Evergreen Lodge ribbon was donated to the Association. The reverse side is red with the same IOOF/Short Falls, N.H. as on the front. The Association also has many ribbons from various Old Home Days dating from 1904 plus an array of ribbons from the Woman's Relief Corp dating from 1892 belonging to Rosilla Heath.

SOME OLD NEWS

Newburyport Herald 11-15-1816 ITEM

Mark French, of Epsom, in N.H. has been apprehended in Albany for Robbery. A large quantity of plunder was found in his possession.

Pittsfield Sun 1-14-1830 EXPLOSION

One of the buildings attached to the Powder Manufactory of Oliver M. Whipple, Esq. In Lowell, exploded on the 5th inst. Some of the shingles were found half a mile off. Mr. Robinson, of Epsom, N.H. was the only person in the mill, his brother having left it in a few moments. Mr. R. threw himself on his face, but was found dreadfully bruised, and both eyes destroyed. His life is despaired of.

NH Patriot 10-23-1837 Article

The Portsmouth News tells a good story of a REVOLUTIONARY TEA PARTY got up by Major Michael McClary of Epsom, an unflinching patriot of those times, for the express benefit of a Mr. Dix of Pembroke, a tory who openly retailed the obnoxious article in spite of the threats and remonstrance's of the liberty men. Major McClary and his friends repaired to Pembroke, and commenced operations by buying a pound of tea of Mr. Dix, during the purchase of which, the latter threw out certain hints that did not tend to allay the excitement of the "tea party." On the following morning this pound of tea was burned in the street before Dix's store, in the presence of a large number of the liberty men. Dix had in the mean time fastened the door of his store, and armed himself with a loaded musket - and swore if the d__d whigs broke open his store, he would shoot them as fast as seven devils could carry them out. The cry being made for more tea, the brave and daring McClary, with one jump, stove in the door of the store; entered the same sword in hand, and disarmed the tory Dix before he recovered from his surprise. His well stored chests of tea were emptied upon the fire - and himself compelled to sign the agreement of the patriots - that he would sell or drink no more tea! Thus ended the tea party of Pembroke, N.H.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE EPSOM EARLY SETTLERS WEB SITE

Just loved the video on the traveling church. It is amazing what can be done when people work together. Great job with the camera too. - Mary Beth Ortzman

This is a great site. A great majority of my ancestors are from Epsom including Mason, Bickford, Doe, Wells, etc. I am currently working on Nancy M. Wells and her father John Wells and mother, Sally Edmunds. I can't find any good information about John Wells. - Ron Mason

This is such a great historical site with fabulous information that's easy to read and easy to find. Wish they were all like this! - Cheryl Stoye

There is so much stuff I didn't know about before I saw this Website. My Social Studies Teacher Showed it to us! Once again, THANK YOU!!! - Amber Comeau

I am doing a school project. I thank you for all the information. - Nathan Travis

I'm doing a school project. I thank you for all the information. - Jason O'Dell

This is a great website. I'm 15 and this helped me out with a project for English, which I of course used your page in my works cited. It is not only helpful but I find it very interesting. Thanks! - Kaela Gosselin

Such a wealth of information. Thank you for pointing me to this source. I had almost given up hoping I would be able to take my gggrandfather Joseph A. Clough any farther, and there this great site was to give me help. - Andrea Backlund

Just poking around & found your Info re: Epsom. My Great Grandparents were: Ozam & Martha Dowst & they are in the McClary Cemetery. Thank you for your Web Page. Most Sincerely, Mrs. Audrey Keddy

IN THE ELECTRONIC ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Members of the Epsom Historical Association can opt to have the expanded 10 page newsletter emailed to them as opposed to the regular mailing of the two page highlights. The electronic version allows us to provide more news, information and photos, saving money on the mailed version. In this edition of the electronic edition:

Rev. Caverno's Remarks to the Free Will Baptists
Notes from the FWB Church Records
W.G. Brackett Civil War Letter Home 1863
Stickney Robinson 1858 Journal Excerpt
Clough-Watson Genealogy by Rosilla Heath
Epsom Burials at Old North Cemetery, Concord
Notes from the Web Site Guest Book
Historical Center/Museum Update
More News from Old Newspapers

CONGRATULATIONS

We wondered if history would repeat itself. For the second time, the Free Will Baptist Church had a structure moved from the site it had held services at since 1834. The landmark building will remain so at its new home near the 1850 old town hall and the new Epsom Public Library - and it retains all the presence and majesty that any town center could ask for. Those who were up early to view the move were awe struck by the experience, and were moved as it gracefully travelled down the road and into position.

Enough thanks cannot be expressed to Dick Frambach and his committee - but I dare say that seeing the old meetinghouse in place and hearing the bell toll, must have come close. Congratulations to all the committee members, donators and contributors of services in making this wonderful event possible and preserving a part of Epsom's heritage.

"ME & JOHNNY B."

Bruce Graham, in his 'Gossville Gazette' has been publishing a series of stories about he and Johnny B. Yeaton. He has compiled the series of stories into a paperback book and it includes pictures. The book is for sale at \$15.00 and an additional \$5.00 if it needs to be shipped. To order a copy, contact Bruce or Penny Graham at (603) 736-9044.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Historical Association is getting set to finally begin 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.

The association also is in desperate need of updating our computer system. Our current computer is old, slow, and does not have the capacity to even come close to housing our electronic archives. We will need to scan much that we have in our files, and any new items that come our way. The computer will also hold genealogical information and will become an important research tool down the road. Four one hundred dollar contributions towards this project have been received to date. If you can help as a volunteer or perhaps contribute towards our \$600.00 goal to upgrade our computer system, either email us at Epsomhistory@aol.com or call Phil Yeaton at 225-9567 or send a check marked computer fund to EHA, P.O. Box 814, Epsom, 03234.

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