

EPSOM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The War to end all Wars

Program

Epsom Memories of World War II

The Epsom Historical Association will meet at the I.O.O.F Hall on **SUNDAY, May 26 at 2:30** pm for a “talk back live” type forum where Epsom residents can recall their memories of life in Epsom during the ‘war to end all wars.’

A moderating panel will serve to introduce topics for discussion as we ask members of the community to contribute their thoughts and recollections of what life was like, and what events occurred during World War II. Such memories would include rationing, schools, the work force, family hardships, civil defense and how daily life and routines changed during this period. Feel free to bring any memorabilia that may be of interest. Comments will be recorded for future generations so others will be able to hear in your own words the many tales of the trials and tribulations associated with this historical event.

Please pass on the word to anyone with WWII memories to assemble with us this Sunday to engage and contribute to this forum. Refreshments will be served.



Elwood O. Wells

Excerpt from Newspaper Clipping:

EPSOM OFFICER MISSING AS HE STARTS LEAVE - Pilot Scheduled to Return Home from India Base

EPSOM, Sept. 1, (1944) - Last week Capt. Elwood O. Wells, 27, wrote to his father, Walter B. Wells, Center Barnstead, that he was starting home on leave Aug. 25. Today the father has been informed by the War Department that his son has been missing since that date. This morning the father did not know whether his son was lost on his last flight with the Air Transport Command or on his homeward journey. Capt. Wells was a pilot in the India-China area, based in North India, and had been making every other day flights. His wife, Dorothy Head Wells, and their daughter, Kathleen, whom he has never seen, live in Epping.

Captain Wells was making a flight from a base in India to China over “the hump,” the Himalaya mountains, with supplies and did not return. It is believed by his family that this was his final scheduled flight before he was to start home on leave.

HISTORICAL GIFT

The Epsom Historical Association has been contacted by the Pittsfield Historical Society and offered us an article that must have come from Epsom. We need to identify this article if possible. If anyone can help to connect this article from the following description, please contact the Epsom Historical Association.

A glass and wood showcase that is 23 inches by 23 inches by 24 inches tall. It is mostly glass with a wood frame and is in excellent shape. Printed on the glass is the following: "From C.E. Kendall's Apiary, Short Falls, N.H."

The definition of the word Apiary - 'a place where bees are kept; a set of hives, bees etc.' Also an Apiarist is a beekeeper.

Possibly this was a case from which honey was sold from in the Short Falls area. Your input would be appreciated.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE @ EPSOM EARLY SETTLERS

New online this spring at the Epsom Early Settlers website (www.2eha.net) are marriage records from 1761-1900; death records from 1761-1900; the funeral sermon for John McClary, age 36 in 1821; a photo of Civil War soldier James Sanborn Jr., born Epsom 1821, courtesy of Nick Sanborn; an Elwood O. Wells biography page; a transcription of the Roll of Honor Book from the Epsom Library; and a history of the Epsom Shoe Factory with related information.

WORLD WAR II SOLDIERS APPEARING ON MONUMENT AT THE LEGION HALL

Carroll Bartlett	Philip R. Kennett
Elbridge M. Bartlett	John W. Keveney
MacBeth G. Bartlett	Gilbert H. Knowles
James Bates Jr.	Roland R. LaFleur
Elmer O. Bergstrom	Everett F. Lombard
Warren B. Brockway	Charles W. MacGregor
Harold C. Brown	Verne MacKenzie
Robert F. Brown	Harris S. Mason
Charles E. Butler	Edward H. Nutter
Leslie C. Clark	Ryley M. Osborne
Philip P. Cofran	Elmer H. Palmer
James J. Colorusso Jr.	Leon C. Palmer
Ralph A. Colorusso	Norman W. Pauling Jr.
Robert F. Demers	Frances Rogers
Henry Dowst	Gerald Russell
Roland H. Drolet	Alfred R. Sawyer
Bruce R. Edmunds	John W. Sawyer
Leonard P. Edwards	Bowman F. Stone
John C. Fife	Robert M. Tripp
Raymond L. Fife	Reuel W. Webb
Winthrop H. Fife	Elwood O. Wells
Clyde H. Gauthier	Neal A. Wells
John W. Hagemann	James A. Wheeler
Warren Hamilton	Robert H. Whitaker
Arthur G. Huckins	Lorenzo D. Witham
Gordon N. Huckins	Albert J. Yeaton Jr.
Robert W. Hunt	Theodore Yeaton
Gregory M. Hurd	
John H. Kelley	