



Epsom Historical Association

NEWSLETTER

Catch up to the Past

November 2003

Next Member Meeting Sunday November 16th at 2:30

The Epsom Historical Association will present its final program of the year at the New Rye Church, Sunday afternoon November 16th at 2:30 pm

The program will be presented by Carleton Rand and will focus on the diary of James Babb.

Many merchants kept day books of activities that survive, but seldom are there diaries that depict day to day events - the weather, the sermons, the deaths, the politics, and the road to romance. All of this and more are covered for the town of Epsom from 1819-1826. Don't miss this great event - "IN THE WORDS OF JAMES BABB." Also - Election of Officers for 2004.

Babb Family **1759 to 1962 Notes** by **George Yeaton**

Aaron Babb, born in 1759, died March 9, 1813.
Age 54 years.

Hannah Babb, his wife, born in 1767, died October 17, 1848 age 81 years.

John Babb, born 1767, died July 10, 1831 age 64 yrs.

Anna Babb, his wife, born 1777, died June 20, 1841 age 64 yrs.

John Babb, born 1802, died September 21, 1868, age 66 y.

Solome (Rand) Babb, his wife, born 1805, died May 7, 1870 at age 65 years.

John Babb, born in Epsom, Salome Babb in Chichester.

Their son: William P. Babb, born in Epsom May 9, 1828, died June 14, 1911, age 83 yrs. 15 days.

Rebecca J. Heath, his wife, born in Epsom August 25, 1834, died February 9, 1908, age 73 yrs. 5 mo. 15 d. She was the daughter of Andrew M. Heath and Jane C. (Cass) Heath, both born in Epsom.

Thomas Babb, lived in Epsom in the year 1799, on the turnpike, opposite the Cass Pond. In later years the farm was owned by Walter J. Philbrick.

There is no one living in Epsom 1960 by the name of Babb.

A daughter of William P. and Rebecca J. Babb lived in Pittsfield, N.H. she married Everett A. Dow. Her maiden name Elbra M. Babb, she was on the roll of Honor in 1884, at the North Road school. Grace E. Drew, from Pembroke was the teacher, William P. Babb, Prudential Committee.

Philip Babb, taxed for 134 acres with buildings. Both John Babb and Philip Babb were taxed on livestock.

In the year 1855 John Babb only paid a Poll tax. William P. Babb, paid the tax on the 100 acres of land and buildings. (same amount as John Babb paid on in previous years.)

In the year 1888, William P. Babb was taxed for 180 acres and buildings together with livestock, total tax he paid \$46.13 which was one of the more than average tax, at that date.

Dr. James Babb, studied medicine with Dr. Josiah Crosby of Epsom, and succeeded him in his practice in this town.

He lived for a time in the parsonage home at Center Hill, he then built the house that was owned by Hosea L. Hilliard (1885) the present owners are James and Mary Colorusso, 1960. Dr. James Babb moved to Manchester about the year 1840. His wife was the daughter of Captain Bickford Lang. A John Babb was in Epsom in the year 1846.

A Philip Babb was in Epsom in the year 1846.

A widow Hannah Babb was in Epsom in the year 1846.

Same names in 1847, were on the tax list for those two years, 1846 and 1847.

Hannah Babb could have been the widow of Aaron Babb who died March 9, 1813, at age 54 yrs. Hannah Babb October 17, 1848 age 81.

The John Babb could have been the John that was born in 1802 and died September 21, 1868, age 66 yrs. who was the father of William P. Babb. In the year 1864 John Babb was taxed for 44 acres and buildings.

In the year 1869 no tax against John Babb or Philip Babb.

The following year the Prudential Committee was Charlie W. Babb, an older brother of Albra Babb.

In the year 1853, William P. Babb, only paid a poll tax in Epsom, John Babb taxed for 100 acres of land buildings.

William P. Babb was the only one by the name of Babb on the Selectmens tax list, (1869).

A news item dated December 1876, "Andrew M. Heath, second, of Epsom, proposes to erect a hotel on Railroad Square next spring." (Pittsfield News). In 1884, "A larger yield of wheat than was reported last week was harvested by William Babb. He had sixty bushels." (South Pittsfield News Item)

January 4, 1884, "Grace Babb is suffering from neuralgia in the face." (Same paper) "Charles Babb has changed his milk route and will run to Pittsfield depot during the summer.

Elizabeth Babb, born in Barnstead year of 1816, the daughter of Benjamin and Sally (Penny) Babb, died in Epsom, December 22, 1893 age 77 years 7 mo. 24 days. She was the wife of Lemuel F. Hanscomb, born 1817 died 1886. Buried at Short Falls Cemetery.

Our Website

<http://www.2eha.net/epsom.htm>

Recent Guestbook entries at Epsom Early Settlers:

Your web page is very informative and interesting not to mention helpful. My father died last year and my step-mother took it upon herself to throw away all of my father's family documents. Your site has helped us replace a lot of the documentation plus add more that we never knew existed, it's really brightened our days.

Thanks, Beverly Rand Bittner

Very impressed by your work. You should be very proud of your accomplishment. Will be recommending your site to anyone I know that is researching Epsom families. - Carol Webb