



Epsom Historical Association

NEWSLETTER

Catch up to the Past Nov. 2008 No. 5

“The Lost Art of Making Shoes”

Sunday, November 16,

2:00 Old Town Hall



Bruce Graham is a local craftsman who has revived the once common art of making shoes the time honored way

of one at a time. Bruce will demonstrate the process step by step including materials, tools, shaping, sclicking, closing, making, and finishing. Bruce’s presentation will also give a background of shoemaking industry in the local area. Prior to the program there will be a short business meeting, including election of officers. Refreshments provided and open to the public.

CALENDAR DRAW FOR CASH

MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Epsom Historical Association is over half through its first major fundraiser. 500 tickets will be offered for a donataion of \$10.00 each during November for a daily drawing for cash during the month of December. A cash drawing will be held for each day of December from the 500 sold tickets, and each ticket will be eligible for every drawing. The amount drawn each day will range from a minimum of \$50 dollars to a maximum of \$250 for Christmas Day and New Years Eve. The ten dollar tickets will be made available at select locations in Epsom, and are available from members. Each donation will have the option to include a one year’s membership in the Epsom Historical Association.

DECEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 \$100.00	2 \$50.00	3 \$100.00	4 \$50.00	5 \$50.00	6 \$100.00
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28 \$50.00	29 \$50.00	30 \$50.00	31 \$250.00			

FAMILY TREE FLOWERS AGAIN

FLOWER FAMILY GENEALOGY

From time to time an inquiry comes into the Epsom History website which prompts further research into particular families. This past month one such inquiry launched a new search into more information on the FLOWER family of Epsom. The query starts with a website of Steven Adams, probably of Oklahoma, which included a photo taken from the Epsom website of John D. Dow as a possible brother to Susan M. and Mary A. Dow. As it appeared that John D. Dow had no children, and therefore no descendants, it was worth looking into.

The Flower family in Epsom was not entirely unknown. This is what information was available.

PUBLISHERMENTS IN EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1824, James Babb, Clerk (from Diary entries)

April 11 Charles Flower of Ashfield, Mass and Hannah Lawrence of Epsom. Paid 3/~~ Cried. Certificate given May 15, 1824.

Oct. 2, 1858 Charles E. Flower, Epsom, 33 and Mary A. Dow, Epsom, 22

MARRIAGES IN EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nov. 13, 1849 Charles Flower of Epsom to Susan M. Dow of Epsom

Oct. 23, 1858 Charles E. Flower of Epsom to Mary A. Dow of Gilmanton by Charles Willey

BIRTHS IN EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

14 Sep 1824 Charles E. Flower, son of Charles Flower and Hannah Lawrence (GAR record)

28 Jul 1826 Mary S. Flower, daughter of Charles Flower and Hannah Lawrence

DEATHS IN EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

“A childe of Mrs. Flowers died Sept. 1834” probably Mary S. Flower. (Dolbeer Records)

In Epsom, of consumption, Hannah L. Flower, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Lawrence, 38 - Printers in Me., Mass., and Ohio are requested &c. (newspaper obit)

BURIALS IN EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

McClary Cemetery

[Hannah L. \(Lawrence\)](#), wife of Charles Flower, died Oct. 3, 1840 ae 38 years

US CENSUS DATA

Epsom, NH **1830**

Charles Flower

1 female 20-30 (Hannah)

1 male 5-10 (Charles E.)

1 female under 5 (Mary S.)

Epsom, **1840**

No listing for Flower

Epsom, NH **1850**

Charles Flower 24

Susan Flower 24

Freeman 2/12 (M)

Epsom, NH **1860**

Charles E. Flower 35 (married within the year)

Mary Flower 22

Mary G. 10

Nellie 3

EPSOM POLL INFO

1850 Not listed

1851 Charles Flower – No land, 1 cow
1852 Charles Flowers – No land, 1 cow
1853 Charles Flower, 1 horse, 1 cow
1855 Charles E. Flower, 1 horse, 1 cow
1857 Not listed
1858 Not listed (& not shown on 1858 map)
1859 Charles E. Flower, 6 acres & building, 2 horses
1860 Charles E. Flower, 6 acres & building, 1 horse
1862 Charles E. Flower, 6 acres & building, 1 horse
1864 Charles E. Flowers, 6 acres & building, 2 cows

Although Mr. Abbott has not responded to my reply for additional information, he does have posted on Ancestry.com additional information, through which, with additional research, a more complete picture of the family emerged, including many more connections to Epsom.

The questions centered around Charles E. Flower, whom we know from GAR records and other sources was born in Epsom in 1824, probably sole surviving child of Charles Flower of Ashfield, Massachusetts and Hannah Lawrence. Hannah Lawrence was the daughter of Joseph Lawrence, prominent Epsom trader, and his first wife, Mary Prescott. It appears they lost a child in 1834, but there is no grave marker. There is no grave marker or indication of what happened to her spouse in any records. Hannah Lawrence Flower died age 39, and is listed in the Dolbeer records as “Flowers, Mrs. Hannah.” This is a little odd, as many of Mr. Dolbeer’s listings indicate “the widow” if the husband is deceased, or, “the wife of” if the spouse is still living. In this instance, he stated neither, which leaves questions as the state of her husband at the time of her death. In any event, they are not found in the 1840 US census in Epsom. If they were living in another household, they may not have been listed. It was assumed early on that Charles may have married again after Hannah’s death to a Susan Dow

in 1849 – but as you will see, that assumption was incorrect.

Charles E. Flower would have been age 18 at the time of his mother’s death. The marriage Nov. 13, 1849 matched with the 1850 US Census, makes it clear that it was Charles E. Flower, son of Charles and Hannah who married Susan M. Dow of Epsom. The census also shows a son, Freeman, also born that year. There is an identical listing in the US Census for Manchester of a Charles and Susan, he 25 and she age 23, and a daughter Francena born 1850. Since the couple lived in Epsom, the Epsom 1850 census listing would seem appropriate. By 1860, apparently Susan M. Flower has died, and Charles is living in 1860 with wife Mary A., and children Mary G. age 10 and Nellie age 3. Whatever child Charles had in 1850, Freeman or Francena, apparently died young, or was actually named Mary G. (or Mary may have been born later in the year), which makes the Manchester vs. Epsom 1850 census less important.

Charles married, after the death of wife Susan M. Dow, a Mary A. Dow on Oct. 23, 1858, she being of Gilmanton. Mr. Abbott’s data gives a death date for Susan M. (Dow) Flower as April 22, 1857, which would appear correct, though at this time there is no source. The children in the 1860 census with Charles and Mary A., would then be the daughters from the first marriage. The question then arises, is there a connection to the wives of Charles, Susan M. Dow and Mary A. Dow? This also brings us back to Mr. Abbott’s original query wondering if perhaps they were sisters to John D. Dow of Epsom. The answer to that query is no. John D. Dow was the son of John Robinson Dow and his first wife Hannah Fogg. This family is well documented and there is no connection. So the hunt was on, and the various Epsom connections began to emerge.

The first source checked was the Book of Dow genealogy. The name Flower is mentioned once: *“Taylor Dow m 1st Abigail Foss of Dover; 2nd Mary Emerson; d Gilmanton 1839; probably the Taylor Dow jointed the Baptist church of Exeter about 1833. Newspaper obituary in Gilmanton*

spoke highly of him, tailor, prominent Mason. At least two children:

George W. b. Epsom Mch 2, 1832; d widower Gilmanton Oct. 30, 1912

Mary A. m Oct. 1858 Charles E. Flower, both of Epsom. This must be the same as a garbled Epsom rec-Susan M. Dow m Nov. 13, 1849, Charles Flower.”

The Dow book is not completely accurate, but does provide the path for clarification. First, the Epsom record for the marriage to Susan M. Dow is not garbled. The question is whether Susan M. was a sister to Mary A., and though it is not 100% certain, the 1830 US Census for Gilmanton makes it highly likely. The problem arose that there was no Taylor Dow listed in Gilmanton for that census, and who was Taylor Dow?

It did not take long to track him down. History of Hampton, Volume 2, page 684, genealogy of the Dow family places Taylor Dow as the last son, born Mar. 29, 1792, died Sept. 14, 1839, of Simon Dow of Hampton and his wife Mary Blake, daughter of Thomas. Well, it is almost correct. True, Taylor is the son of Simon and Mary Dow, but Mary was actually the daughter of William Blake and Sarah Taylor, verified by the Blake Genealogy, born May 27, 1766 in Epsom. Yes, Epsom. She died in Gilmanton Sept. 14, 1834.

Simon Dow moved his family to Gilmanton. They lived there, and Simon and several of his sons are listed in the 1830 US Census for Gilmanton. Though the son Taylor Dow is married and not listed as a head of household, it appears he and his family are living with his parents.

1 male under the age of 5 (unknown male)

1 male of thirty and under 40 (son Taylor Dow)

1 male of sixty and under seventy (father Simon Dow)

1 female under age of 5 (Susan M. Dow)

1 female of twenty and under thirty (Taylor's wife, Abigail Foss)

1 female of sixty and under seventy (Simon's wife Mary Blake)

So the census clearly makes a space for Susan M. to be a daughter of Taylor Dow, with George and Mary not showing as they were born after 1830 according to the Book of Dow. The sisters also showed connections to Epsom, with Susan M. being of Epsom at the time of marriage, and Mary A. in the marriage intentions also list her as of Epsom. They are clearly from the Gilmanton Taylor Dow family, so why of Epsom? The connections keep coming.

Taylor Dow died relatively young, and his wife Abigail Foss married for a second time. Taylor Dow married Abigail Foss July 4, 1825 in Strafford by Rev. Enoch Hayes Place. She was the daughter of Timothy Foss and Abigail Blake. Abigail Blake was born March 12, 1768 in Northwood, daughter of William Blake and Sarah Taylor, who had removed to Northwood from Epsom. Yes, Epsom. Abigail Blake was a sister to Taylor Dow's mother, Mary Blake. Rev. Enoch Hayes Place was close to the Foss family, and performed her second marriage October 30, 1842 in Strafford to Joseph Emerson. What is interesting is that the Epsom History genealogy database had both marriages – to Taylor Dow and to Joseph Emerson, but had not connected them as being the same Abigail Foss. Joseph Emerson was the son of Mark Emerson and Molly Hutchings, and was born, raised and lived in Epsom. Yes, Epsom. Again.

The Epsom History genealogy database also had the family of William Blake, but the connection for the marriage of Mary to Simon Dow had not been made as the Taylor Dow family was not part of the database. Not only did the new research connect the Flower family to the right Dow family, but also added their connection to the Blake line. The Flower genealogy connections continued.

The widow of Taylor Dow married Joseph Emerson, and they lived in Epsom. The 1850 census shows that Mary A. (listed as 'Emerson') Dow is living with her mother and step-father in Epsom. In all probability, Susan M. was also, but she married

Charles E. Flower in 1849 and shows she is living with her husband in either Epsom or Manchester. Clearly, the girls were in Epsom as well as Charles E. Flower. It is known that after the death of his first wife, Susan M. Dow, Charles E. and his second wife continued to live in Epsom. Not only are they in the 1860 census here, but show in several of the agricultural polls for the town of Epsom through 1864. From the information from Mr. Abbott's site, it was found that Charles E. Flower and family left Epsom and settled in Nebraska. Though they could not be found in any 1870 US census, the family does appear in an 1880, 1900 and other later US Census data in that state. From that information it was found that Charles E. and Mary A. (Dow) had two sons, Charles H. and Lorenzo Flower. They are both mentioned in a book, the History of Western Nebraska.



“Mr. Flower (Charles Henry) was born in New Hampshire, June 24, 1860, and accompanied his parents first to Iowa and later to Madison County, Nebraska.” (Pictured above from “History of Western Nebraska” with wife Mary E. Clark and children Lorenzo and Luie)

“Lorenzo Flower, who is one of Scottsbluff county’s representative men and an early settler, was born in New Hampshire, October 23, 1864.”

The articles identify the parents, and from the various census and Epsom agricultural and poll data, it is clear they were born in Epsom, NH. Yes, Epsom. Finally.

Both men had families all born in Nebraska, and many of the line has been added to the Epsom History genealogical data. Without the inquiry from Mr. Abbott, it would not be known that there were still Flower descendants with strong Epsom ties still around and about. Without the inquiry, several family ties would not have been made. Another flower from the genealogical Epsom tree.



The only gravestone in Epsom with the Flower surname, “Hannah L. (Lawrence) wife of Charles Flower died Oct. 3, 1840, AE 38 yrs.” There is no record of her husband nor any marker for a child that died in 1834 “a child of Mrs. Flowers.” Most of Mr. Dolbeer’s records indicate the death of children under the name of the father, which might indicate he died ahead of his spouse. It is probable that Mr. Joseph Lawrence erected the stone for his daughter, as he was a man of means.

GENEALOGY CONNECTIONS

Recent searches have uncovered the following new connection.

Epsom History's genealogy data included James Wood having married an Olive Unknown. The death in 1890 of Charlotte (Wood) Chandler in Lowell, Mass, gives her parents as James Wood and Olive Sherburne. Olive was also in the database as daughter of Major Joseph Sherburne and Olive Pitman, born Feb. 8, 1773 in Portsmouth, the family having later moved to Epsom. The new information now connects James Wood to Olive Sherburne. Charlotte Wood married Ezra Chandler and had for children:

George Herman b. 1825, Concord, NH
James Nelson b. 1826, Concord, NH
Lucy Ann b. 1828 Allenstown, NH
John Parker b. 1831
Job Abbott b. 1839, Lowell, MA

From a New York History:

"William, son of Nicholas and Mary Dolbeer, was born in Epsom, NH, in 1788. In 1815 he married Hannah, daughter of Asa and Betsy Kimball, of Haver(hill), NH, by whom he had 5 children. In the spring of 1818 Mr. Dolbeer left his native State on horseback in search of a locality for a future home. After a few weeks' ride, in the course of which he visited various localities, he arrived at the village of Perry (New York) then a mere hamlet, where he purchased a village lot of two acres, on which stood a dilapated house, for which he paid \$700. He built a blacksmith shop (he had previously learned and worked at the blacksmith trade) and became the first regular blacksmith shop in the town. He worked until fall and then returned to New Hampshire and brought back his family, arriving at Perry November 26th. He was a blacksmith and carriage maker during his business career. he declined all proffered honors in the way of public offices, preferring the quiet of his home to political notoriety; and retired from business in 1860, and died at his residence in 1873, at the age of 84. He and his widow, now living at the age of eighty-seven, were both early identified with te Methodist Epsicopal church, with which the latter is yet connected."

OUR SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

"General John Stark - An American Hero"



Richard Wright presented an entertaining impersonation of General John Stark, a genuine hero of the American Revolution. Mr. Wright is a member of the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution who has received accolades for his presentation of the character and personality of the legendary John Stark. Complete in uniform, Mr. Wright presented a portrait of the General from his early home in Derry to his service in the Revolutionary War. In addition, the General's character was much discussed with additional information on his family and contributions to the State, including the motto "Live Free or Die". A business meeting was held prior to the program with information about the Epsom Historical Center and the upcoming fundraiser.



CEMETERY

No. 7 Bickford Cemetery, on River Road, from Short Falls to Bear Brook Reservation.

Bartlett

[Hannah](#), (Bickford, sister to Caroline and Sarah, P. 18) wife of John Bartlett, DIED April. 1, 1877 ae 72 y's 10 m's (Married 1st Hopley Yeaton, 2nd _____ Teal, 3rd John Bartlett)

Bickford

[Lovina](#), daughter of Benj. & Sarah L. Bickford died Mar. 11, 1825 ae 3 yrs. 5 months

[Samuel](#), son of Benj. & Sarah L. Bickford, died May 4, 1822 ae 3 mos. 5 days

[Abraham Bickford](#) DIED Apr. 3, 1882 ae 75

[Sarah, \(Morey\)](#) wife of Abraham Bickford, died Jan. 11, 1844 ae 36 ys 3 ds

[Nancy M., \(Wells\)](#) wife of Abraham Bickford, died July 1, 1859 AEt 43.

[Ruth B., \(Buzzell\)](#) Wife of Abraham Bickford, DIED May 13, 1876 ae 67

[Samuel Bickford](#) born March 4, 1826 Died June 8, 1916 Veteran of Civil War

[Elvira B. \(Wells\)](#) Wife of Samuel Bickford, DIED Sept. 17, 1884 ae 59 ys. 5 mo.

[Vinson E.](#), son of Saml & Elvira B. Bickford, died Dec. 2, 1849 ae 6 mos

[Mary, \(Cottle\)](#) (m. 1st Gardner) Wife of Samuel Bickford, DIED July 30, 1904 ae 75 ys. 4 ms. (3rd wife Lizzie Fellows)

[Benjamin Bickford](#) 1819–1916 (Civil War)

[Emily J., \(Gray\)](#) Wife of Benjamin Bickford, DIED April 14, 1900 ae 78 ys. 4 mo.

[Lewis L.](#), son of Benjamin and Emily Bickford, DIED Dec. 14, 1854 ae 7 yrs (illegible)

INSCRIPTIONS

[Joseph E.](#), son of Benj. & Emily Bickford, 1849–1910

Bickford

[Mrs. Sally, \(Pervear\)](#) wife of Samuel Bickford died Sept. 18, 1828 ae 50 years

[Mrs. Elizabeth](#), wife of Samuel Bickford died Oct. 11, 1835

[Polly, \(Blaisdell\)](#) wife of Samuel Bickford died Oct. 8, 1855 ae 71 yrs. 9 mo.

[Benjamin Bickford](#) DIED June 23, 1880 ae 84

[Sarah, \(Sally\) \(Eastman\)\(Blaisdell\)](#) his wife, died May 6, 1864 ae 79

[Hannah E., \(McCauslin\)](#) wife of Joseph Bickford (see next page), 1847–1900

Bickford

[Silas G. Bickford](#) 1825–1896

[Laura J. \(Sanborn\)](#), His Wife, 1835–1890

[James L. Bickford](#) 1859–1923

[Lizzie J. \(Fowler\)](#), His Wife, 1864–1949

[Walter S. \(Silas\)](#), son of Their Son 1896–1906

[Thomas Bickford](#) 1785–1865

[Kezia \(Collins\)](#), His Wife, 1786–1831

[Mercy](#), His Wife, 1788–1869

[James R. \(Bickford\)](#) 1820–1846

Trickey

[Marian F. Trickey](#) (wife of Scott)(Miriam, dau. of James N. Bickford & Hannah Trickey) died Jan. 14, 1909 ae 69 yrs.9 ds.

[Perley Trickey](#), May 16, 1881 - Mar. 2, 1954

Yeaton

[Catherine G. Yeaton](#) died June 20, 1842 ae 13 y'rs. 11 mo. & 14 days

OLD NEWS, BUT GOOD NEWS

Tidbits from Early Newspapers

Analectra Newspaper entries from 1884/1886

From the Analectra January 24, 1884

Mrs. Joanna Buzzell died the 10th, inst., aged 92. She had been a widow over 40 years.

The funeral of Mrs. Ephraim Locke, who died in Suncook, was held at the residence of her son-in-law Mr. James Fowler, on Monday. Mrs. Locke was 78 years old.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. Prescott Locke gave him an oyster supper on Monday night. It being his 85th birthday.

Horace B. Sherburne is bookkeeper at the shoe shop.

Miss Grace Edmonds is on the sick list

Miss Annie Cilley has recovered from her illness and had gone to work in the shoe shop again.

From the Analectra January 31, 1884

The Grand Army of the republic gave an entertainment at their hall on the evening of the 22nd inst.. There were two dramas by the Epsom Dramatic Club, music by the Jenness Orchestra of Chichester and dancing was kept up till a late hour.

From the Analectra February 13, 1884

Mr. [Jacob] Freeze Robinson is moving his family to Suncook where he has gone into the Dry Goods business with the Messrs. Johnson of that place. He has been in company with Mr. Silver at Gossville for the past 12 years, but sold out to Sumner Hall a few months ago. Mr. Sumner Hall has been appointed depot master, Mr. Robinson having resigned.

Willie Burnham, son of James M. Burnham, met with a sad accident Saturday afternoon while coasting, bruising his head so that he was unconscious for six hours and breaking his right leg just above the ankle. Dr. Smith was called and set the limb, and he is

doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Dr. Smith's mother has been very sick with the pneumonia the past week. She is now thought to be better.

There was a cut down at the shoe shop last week.

From the Analectra March 20, 1884

At town meeting the town voted to buy a hearse.

From the Analectra April 3, 1884

Mr. Moses Critchett, who died in Concord last week, was buried in the Short Falls Cemetery, he was a former resident of this town.

From the Analectra April 10, 1884

G.C. Knowles has sold out his butchering business to B.M. Towle.

From the Analectra May 15, 1884

Capt. Arthur Locke died May 10, 1884, 59 years, 6 months, 25 days. G.A.R. was in charge and the sermon was given by Elder M.A. Quimby of New Durham.

From the Analectra October 2, 1884

A new school house is nearly completed in the New Orchard district.

From the Analectra October 30, 1884

There is a brass band being organized at Gossville.

From the Analectra February 5, 1886

There are three writing schools in session in town. Mr. Crosby of Pittsfield has one at the town hall, Fred Heath has one in District 1 and Austin Yeaton at the North Road schoolhouse.

From the Analectra March 26, 1886

C.S. Hall had a very narrow escape from drowning Monday morning as he was crossing the shoe factory mill pond. The ice broke, letting him into the water up to his armpits, but by a hard struggle he made out to save himself.

CIVIL WAR LETTERS HOME OF WALTER G. BRACKETT

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 give 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. Seavea'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.

Put this rose bud in Louise hair.

Camp Parafet Louisiana March 6, 1863

Dear Parents, As I have nothing to do today I thought I would write home. I have not heard from home for some time and I would like to know the reason. I got two papers the other day. One from home I suppose and the other from Martha and Mary. They wrote a few words in it saying that they would write as soon as she, Martha, was better. I hope she will be soon for it is hard for them to be so afflicted. It rains today and it will be muddy enough before long. One of my tent mates is sick and in the Hospital, his name is Dockun. We miss him much, he is a good fellow. I hope he will soon get well, There is seven or eight in the Hospital now, some of them have been there a number of weeks. I can go a fishing every day if I want to, but cannot get any very large ones. They look very much like the Hog Backs that I used to catch out of Short Falls River. They are very good to eat. I am troubled some with the Back door trot. This seems to be the prevailing complaint here and I think causes the death of not a few.

Sunday 8, 1863

Dear Parents, it is Sunday, but not the quiet Sabbath that you are enjoying at home, but when Sunday comes here, there is a marked change. No playing Ball or any drill, showing that the Sabbath is not altogether forgotten. The mail came in today and I got Grandmother's letter, well filled with lozenges. I will close now, write soon, much love to you all.
From your son W.G. Brackett



This **MYSTERY PERSON** owned a large Epsom business. His home on Black Hall Road and the building that housed his business still survive. The photo was recently emailed to epsomhistory.com from a relative now living in the south.

THANKS !!

To all the volunteers that have helped with the fundraiser - the goal is within sight !

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Our

50TH

Newsletter

As best as we can figure, this is our 50th newsletter from the Epsom Historical Association. The first edition was in January of 1998, and has continued being presented to members off and on since that time. In September of 2006, the electronic expanded version was started and emailed to members, with a shorter 2 page version sent via regular mail to the rest of the membership which includes notice of meetings and other events.