



Epsom Historical Association

NEWSLETTER

Catch up to the Past

September 2003

Next Member Meeting
Sunday September 21st
at 2:30

EPSOM OLD HOME DAY EHA PROGRAM

The Epsom Historical Association in partnership with the N.H. Humanities Council is pleased to present Judith Moyer who will give a talk on *New Hampshire Telephone Operators in the Pre-Dial Era*.

The program is presented through a matching grant with the Humanities Resource Center of the NH Humanities Council. Joan Fowler of the Epsom Historical Association's program committee made the arrangements for Ms Moyer's presentation.

Please join us at the NEW RYE CHURCH for this informative program on early communication in the Pre-Dial era of telephones.

The Epsom Historical Association turned the old town hall into a museum for Old Home Day, running a shuttle from Webster Park to the old Town Hall. With the small turn out for the annual celebration, still 60 people stopped by to view the exhibit. Thanks go to Historical Association members Phil Yeaton, Harvey Harkness, Elsie Fife, Fred Clark, Lisa Cote and Nancy Claris for cleaning up the town hall. Thanks go to Phil Yeaton, Charlie Yeaton, Nancy Claris and the Epsom Public Library, Lisa Cote and Al Bickford for the exhibits. A special thanks also to Brett Rand for hanging the many photos through the hallway. Helping out at the hall during the day were Phil and Charlie Yeaton, Carleton and Joyce Rand, Lisa Cote, Elsie Fife, and Fred Clark. Special thanks to Dail Transportation and Ruth Batchelder for the use of the shuttle bus throughout the day. Finally thanks to the Town Hall restoration committee for their continued support in the Historical Association's use of the facility.



This photo and a key to the door was recently donated to the Epsom Historical Association by Kenneth F. Fowler. Can you recognize the building?

ITEM RETURNED TO EPSOM

An Apiary which belonged to C.E. Kendall was returned to Epsom by Larry Berkson and the Pittsfield Historical Society. The exact history of the item is not known, that is, whether it was actually used to produce honey or just display items perhaps at a local business. In any event, we are grateful to the Pittsfield organization for returning it to Epsom.

Also making it back into the Historical Association is the old upright saw that was used in the old mill in New Rye at Deer Brook. It was used to saw the boards for many of the early houses in New Rye. Jeff Keeler delivered the saw which was a gift from the late Lena Wells. The Keelers had graciously housed the saw prior to its coming to the Historical Association.

The Historical Association would welcome any old photos or memorabilia now that we have a place to store such materials.

MEMORIES WANTED

The Epsom Historical Association is collecting taped or written memories from Epsom Residents as a part of its next publication. Phil Yeaton would be anxious to hear from you if you would like to contribute to this project. Any stories about people or events pertaining to Epsom's past, or stories handed down from past generations, would make wonderful material for this enterprise. Interested persons can contact the Historical Association or contact Phil Yeaton directly.

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

No. 19

Cass Cemetery, Take left at New Rye Church, and behind home of Harvey Harkness.

Cass

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.

Our Website

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