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Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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EAST EDDINGTON GRANGE CELEBRATES 130 YEARS

By Margaret Dougherty

The East Eddington Grange was formed on March 9, 1889 at the East Eddington Public Hall. Two organizations, The Farmers Club and Young Ladies Sociable, raised funds and began construction of the Public Hall in 1879, ten years before the Eddington Grange was formed. Eddington Grange charter members and officers were Jerome Comins, master; John Sweet, overseer; Harry Shaw, lecturer; Asa Lyford, steward; David Johnson, chaplain; Dan Stevens, treasurer; Boyden Bearce, secretary; and J. Albert Leach, gatekeeper. Many of their descendants still live in Eddington.

The Grange was a national organization founded by a Midwesterner, Oliver Hudson Kelly, and some of his friends who wanted to improve the quality of rural life.



1900 East Eddington Grange 301 Degree Team

On April 11, 1889, Deputy B. A. Burr of the Maine State Grange read the dispensation from the National Grange, instituting the East Eddington Grange No#301. This number designated that 300 Subordinate Granges already had been instituted in Maine and East Eddington was number 301. The first Grange in Maine was Eastern Star Grange No#1 in Hampden.

The growth in the Grange by March 31, 1891, was 46 members with dues being 3 cents a member. During the early years, the Grange met every Saturday night and paid 25 cents a night for the use of the hall. Every three months \$1.50 was paid for the use of the piano. In the winter and early spring meetings lasted all day. The business sessions would start by 10am and adjourn for a baked bean dinner at noon. In the afternoon business was finished and a literary program was presented. The meeting was closed around 4pm in time to get home for farm chores. The Grange was a family organization.

In December 1900 the Fifth Degree was performed for the first time at the State Grange meeting in Lewiston, ME. All but one of the officers of the degree team came from East Eddington Grange #301. Over the years the Grange had active and lax years. On the 50th Anniversary in 1939 there were 84 members. In 1951 there were 239 Grange members.

In recent years the Grange emphasis has been community service. There have been many projects for the good of

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VETERAN GEORGE ADAMS



Roland was drafted in 1917 at the age of 26 to go to war. They called it the First WORLD WAR. It was a Great War, a War to end all Wars, and Global War that started in Europe and soon he found himself in France.

Every place Roland went he sent Esther a post card. His location could not be revealed, so a post card would have to do. Notice they were sent for One Cent.



George "Roland" Adams
27 Dec. 1890 to 2 Jul. 1979

Born to George Fisher Adams and Eldora J "Mathison" Adams. His father worked at the Torpedo Factory on North Main Street, Brewer, Maine. When Roland was five years old and his brother Tom was 3 and his unborn brother Earl was expected in June, the iron pot with flint exploded in his father's abdomen. He only lived a few days. His Aunt Mather Mathison helped care for the boys. When Roland was 17 his mother died. The boys were sent to live with relatives and/or with friends.

He was a life member of Riverside Grange No. 279 in Brewer, Maine.

In January of 1915, at age 25, he completed Bookkeeping & Business Forms With Excellence through The International & Correspondence Schools, Scranton, PA.

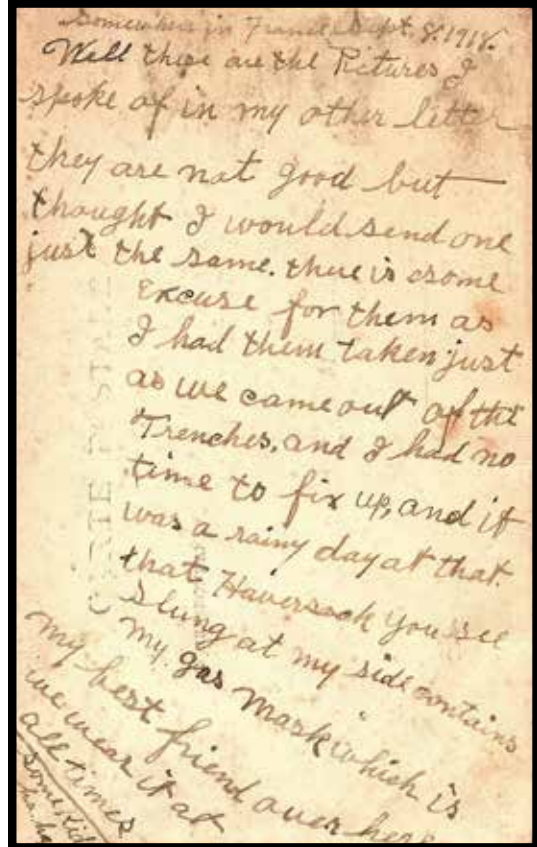


Roland met a lovely lady named Esther Page and in 1914 he took her to the Harvest Ball. Only a few of the dances were marked. I was told he danced every dance with her.





On the reverse side of photo on the left, in his own words, Roland writes to Esther that he must wear his gas mask at all times.



Right out of school, Roland got a job at American Express in Bangor unloading railway cars. A popular item for delivery in the Bangor area was the pre-numbered Sears Roebuck bungalow kit.



In November 1918 when the war was over, Roland placed his uniform in a protective cover. It remains in a cedar chest today as it has for over 100 years. Someday soon, Eddington will have a space to display his uniform for all to see.

Roland went back to work at Railway Express when he got out of the service. He was married on 11-29-1919 to Esther Page. They had three children, Arlene Dora, George Roland and Philip Leroy. He did many different things in his lifetime. He ran the Adams Farm, The Eddington School Buses, he cut timber on the Adams property, he was on the Eddington School Board and was very active in Eddington's government. He was a member of the North Brewer Eddington Methodist Church where his grandfather was one of the founders. When it came time to build onto the church, he headed up a group of men to go up on the Adams property and select the right timber for construction of the Church addition.

President's Message

By Margaret Dougherty

Thank-you to Peavey Manufacturing for the grand tour of the mill on June 21st. Our tour Guides were excellent! This was a very educational experience and the town of Eddington is very fortunate to have this manufacturing business. Thank-you to Rodney, Randy, Tracey, Jeff and Devin.

The Eddington Historical Society members enjoyed the stories and memories from former teachers and staff of the Eddington Elementary School. We sincerely appreciate their willingness to share. Thank-you to Nancy Coulter, Diana Higgins, Linda Pollard, Donna Oliver, Carol and Bill Stinchfield for attending the meeting on August 18th.



2019 RAFFLE ITEMS

The Eddington Historical Society 2019 raffle has three prizes!!! A Queen size "Crazy Square Quilt" made by Faith Jellison and two scenic paintings by Hezekiah Baker Jr. – Ocean Surf 24"x18" and Tropic Ocean 24"x18". Tickets - \$5 for two or \$20 for six tickets.

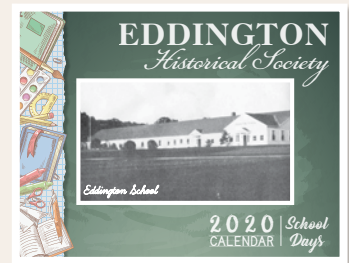
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BRICKS

Veteran Memorial bricks have been placed at the Eddington Town Office monument. A Veteran's Memorial brick application form is available at our town office. For more information, call 843-5233.



2020 EHS CALENDAR ON SALE NOW

The 2020 Historical Society calendar, "School Days", will be for sale by September 22nd. Please remember to support the Historical Society by buying a calendar at the Eddington Store or the Eddington Town Office. Only \$10 to view Eddington Schools from 1890's to 2019 and a brief history of schools in Eddington. Thank-you to everyone who contributed the school pictures.



EHS MEMBERSHIP

The Eddington Historical Society annual membership dues are \$10 and lifetime membership is \$50. We meet the third Sunday of every month at 1:00 at the town Office. You are invited to join us!

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the community and the Grange. In 1947 the Grange voted to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 23 and a Junior Grange was started and continued until 1973. Many of our projects were for improvement of the East Eddington Public Hall, now known as Comins Hall.

The Grange had exhibits at Bangor State Fair where they won second prize for four years and first prize for six years. In 1961 the Grange was a leader in organizing the Sesquicentennial celebration in Eddington. The Grange shared in the American Revolution Bicentennial observance in 1976 and the Eddington Founders Day in 1981. The Grange participated in the parade and program in 2011 during the Bicentennial incorporation celebration of Eddington.

East Eddington Grange has held meetings with state representatives, senators, speakers on environmental issues, concerts, plays and variety shows. They have participated in sewing, cooking, woodworking, play contests, fundraising events and suppers in the community. East Eddington Grange # 301 has held their meetings at the hall for 130 years. We plan to continue our service to the Eddington Community for many more years.

Fraternally,
Margaret Dougherty
East Eddington Grange #301 member
130th Anniversary Celebration



*Grange float in Eddington parade
American Revolution Bicentennial 1976*



*Grange Members in 1800 Dresses at
1961 Eddington Sesquicentennial Celebration:
Jane McLaughlin, Alma Williams, Hazel Turner,
Phyllis Vose, Lou Higgins, Polly Farrar*

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WHAT CAN I DO ON A SUMMER'S DAY?

What can I do on a summer's day?
Well, I could find my fishing pole
And hike on down to my favorite lake
And not even tell a soul!

I'd take a worm from my trusty pail
And put it on my hook,
And then I'd cast my pole in the lake
And catch a fish to cook

What can I do on a summer's day?
Well, I could take a hike.
I could climb up a hill somewhere
Or maybe ride my bike.

As I went along the path, I'd find
The pine cones as they lay.
I could pick up and take them home
For wreaths on a winter's day.

What can I do on a summer's day?
Maybe take a ride down Route 9
And see the lupines in the fields
In a pink and purple line.

I could take some pictures
Of wild turkeys, birds, and deer,
And maybe I could spot a hawk
Or the loons that live so near

What could I do on a summer's day?
Well, I could go somewhere to eat,
Maybe I could go to Spencer's
And have an ice cream treat.

Maybe I could go to the
Eddington Store
Or Heritage on Nine,
Or I could stay home for watermelon,
And that would be just fine.

I could do all these things
in the summer,
Even in the warm summer rain,
As long as I lived in Eddington
In the grand State of Maine.

— Pam Dorr

JOHNNY APPLESEED CAKE

*Enjoy the taste of fall
with this quick and easy cake recipe.*

1 cup chopped peeled apples
½ cup chopped nuts
¾ cup sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ cup flour
1 tab. lemon juice
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch of salt and cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350F; butter 8-inch pan.
In a large bowl combine apples, sugar, flour, nuts,
egg, lemon juice, vanilla, baking powder and salt.
Stir in cinnamon to taste. The batter will be very
thick. Spread the batter into pan. Bake for 25
minutes. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.
Yield: 6-8 servings