

Town of Eddington · February 22, 1811

# EDDINGTON

*Historical Society*

# NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

## *President's Message* By Margaret Dougherty

### **EHS NEW BUILDING PROGRESS**

The Eddington Historical Society's new property has been cleared by demolition of buildings and disposal of debris by Whitmore Contracting in Eddington. Tully Hill Logging in Eddington has harvested the trees around the perimeter of our lot. E.H.S. sincerely thanks each company for their generous support. More work will be done on the property in the spring. The following pictures show the improvements. Donations are needed for a new building. Our address: Eddington Historical Society, 906 Main Road, Eddington, ME 04428.



*Existing building*

### **CALENDARS**

E.H.S. has 2022 Wildlife calendars available for \$10 in the Town Office. We are now collecting pictures of vintage cars for the 2023 calendar. Please call 843-7402 if you have a photo we can use in the calendar.

### **SPRING BAZAAR**

The Spring Bazaar with crafters, vendors, food & silent auction items will be June 25, 2022 at the Eddington Town Office lawn. Check Facebook for details.

### **EHS MEMBERSHIP**

Eddington Historical Society meets at the Eddington Town Office on the third Sunday of each month at 1pm. You are invited to join us!

Annual dues: \$10,

Life membership: \$50.

Thank you for your support!



*Lot being cleared*

# Civil War Veteran LEANDER M. COMINS

Leander M. Comins was born December 4, 1834 in Eddington, Maine. He was the son of Elijah and Content (Sweet) Comins. In 1860 Leander was teaching children in the town schools. He used his earnings for more extensive studies and graduated with honors from Wisconsin State University at the age of twenty-six. He studied law and started practice August 1862 in Lincoln, Maine.

By 1863 he enlisted and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in District Columbia Cavalry on January 15, 1864. There he faithfully served with his regiment during its marches, raids, battles and skirmishes until he was taken prisoner and lodged in Libby Prison. After parole camp he was transferred to CO. A, First Maine Cavalry. Leander served until March 31, 1865, when as part of Sheridan's forces in taking the South Side Railroad and leading his men in action he fell with a ball at Dinwiddie Courthouse. Leander was carried to City Point in Virginia. He died of his wound on April 14, 1865. He was buried in Pine Tree Cemetery at East Eddington, Maine.

This is written on Leander's file: "Lt. Comins was ever at his post at the call of duty. He was in command of his company when taken prisoner, and also when he received the fatal wound. His death was much lamented as that of one of the bravest of the brave men of the war."



*A Veteran's Memorial Brick has been placed at the Eddington Town Office Veteran's Monument in memory of Leander M. Comins by his great-great granddaughter Diane Fishburn.*



## DECEMBER 18, 2021

The Town of Eddington ceremony to honor our Veterans was held at 12:00 noon by the Veterans Monument at the Eddington Town Office. MC David Johnson welcomed and thanked all for joining as we celebrate Wreaths Across America mission to: 1. Remember the fallen, 2. Honor those who serve and their families, and 3. Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

A moment of silence followed to remember the fallen, prisoners of war, those missing in action and to honor those who have served and are serving our nation now. The Marine Corps. League/Greater Bangor Area Detachment 1151 Color Guard posted the colors. Angelina Stearns sang our national

anthem, and Pastor John Walsh said prayer. Our State Representative Peter Lyford made remarks.

The following veterans presented wreaths for each branch of the service; Donald MacKenzie, Richard Tuck, Michael Dougherty, Larry Sturzenberger, Ben Birch, Jim Goodness, Matt Morneault and first responders, Bill Birch and Kristen Russell. The ceremony closed with Herb Hopkins playing TAPS. Wreaths were placed at five cemeteries in Eddington after the ceremony.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the ceremony and placing wreaths at the cemeteries. Your participation was greatly appreciated.



# THIS & THAT



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## RECIPE

### Mayonnaise

1 egg  
Juice of 1 lemon or 4 tbs. vinegar  
1/2tsp. salt  
2 cups olive oil

Put egg with vinegar or lemon juice and salt into bowl, beating with rotary egg beater. Add oil a tablespoonful or more at a time, beating constantly. Well covered, this mayonnaise will keep for three or four weeks.



Taken from Mary Campbell Jenkins' hand-written cookbook, 1937

## MEMORY LANE

By Pam Dorr

They walked slowly down the tree-lined lane,  
Her with her walker and him with his cane.

She said,  
"If it was a snowy winter's day,  
Would you like to go back in time to play?"

"Yes," he said.

"I want to go sliding down the big icy hill.  
I'll pretend to be Jack and you can be Jill.

I want to go for a ride in a sleigh  
With your hand in mine all the way.

I want to go looking for a Christmas tree  
And decorate it, just you and me.

I want to picture it just right  
Walking to church with you at night."

She said,  
"If it was a warm, rainy spring day,  
Would you like to go back in time and play?"

"Yes," he said.

"I want to go fishing down at the brook  
While you stand there and put a worm on my hook.

I want to walk in the meadow today  
While you pick daisies along the way.

I want to hear the bluebird sing  
And share with you almost everything.

I want to splash in the puddles too,  
But I'll make sure not to splash on you."

She said,  
"If it was a hot, muggy summer's day,  
Would you like to go back in time and play?"

"Yes," he said.

I'd like us both to be really cool  
When we go swimming in the swimming pool.

I want us to watch the hummingbirds for hours  
As they take the sweet nectar from all of our flowers.

I want to play on the playground slide  
And count to ten while you go and hide.

I want to go camping and tell stories of ghosts  
And have marshmallows there to toast."

She said,  
"If it was a crisp fall day,  
Would you like to go back in time and play?"

"Yes," he said.

I'd like you to come along with me  
To pick fresh apples right off the tree.

I want you and me to yell,  
'Trick or treat!  
Give us something good to eat!"

I want us to eat Thanksgiving pies and cakes  
Until both of us get bellyaches!"

I want us to watch the stars at night  
In a world where everything used to be right!"

She said, "If I went away and set you free,  
Would you want to go back in time and play without me?"

"No," he said.

And so they continued their walk down the lane,  
Her with her walker and him with his cane.

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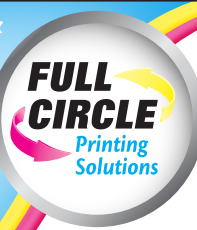
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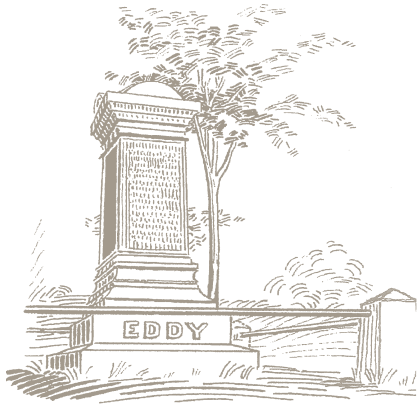
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