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Focus on People of Interest in Eddington's History

An Eddington Landmark Since 1848

Note: The following was derived from conversations with local long-time Eddington Bend residents Arthur Whittier, Howard Kelley and Donald Lambert.

Around 1912 there existed in the general area of the present Routes 9 & 178, Memorial Drive and Colonel Jonathan Eddy Monument what we now call Eddington Bend. Here, at that time, was a small settlement called Eddington and included the following: a lath mill, the Perkins Blacksmith Shop, the W. T. Warren General Store (with post-office & ice house), a cemetery (still remains!), a town hall and the present North Brewer Methodist Church, which was constructed in 1844. Also, the ferry (off Memorial Drive nearest the river), the sawing of ice in the river and spring log-drives were way-of-life interests. Route 9, the Airline Route, was opened in 1856.

At this time the horse & buggy road went from the Monument Area down to and along the river (in front of Don Lambert's house) to the present road in front of the Methodist Church. About halfway along this section of the River Road was Ephriam (Gus) Gordon's house. Gus was a Civil War Veteran from Massachusetts.

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Carolyn Shaw Maddocks Beard was born April 2, 1866 in a house which was situated on Route 46 between the Higgins and Fish residences.

After her father's death in 1875 she soon started to shift for herself working at small jobs which brought her small money.

Thus, in 1884, Carolyn emigrated to Lewiston with the intent of getting a job in a factory. However, she found no work so she entered Edward Little High School in Auburn. Upon graduation she entered Wellesley College in 1888, graduating in 1892 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

For two years during the summers she had charge of the fresh air camp which provided for 50 children from the Boston slums. At the end of the second summer she entered the University of Chicago where she received her Masters in 1895.

Upon graduation from University of Chicago she became Dean of Women at Washburn College located in Topeka, Kansas. She served as dean until she returned to the University of Chicago for graduate work.

In 1900 she traveled to Europe as a companion for two aged people.

She started writing for the Chicago Tribune in 1910, and stu-

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died Creole cooking in New Orleans in 1912. In that same year the Tribune sent her to Europe where she visited nine countries and 50 cities. While on this trip she attended cooking schools in Paris, Berlin and Edinburg. She also received private cooking lessons in Italy, Switzerland and several other countries.

When she returned home in 1913 she already had become a well known culinary authority. She continued writing her columns.

Her collection of rare old cook books is considered to be one of the best in the world. In her combination kitchen, which was maintained by the Chicago Tribune, Jane Eddington tried every recipe which appeared in her columns.

Jane Eddington was the author of the Tribune Cook Book (Syndicated as The Cook Book). Her great popularity and highly regarded opinions on cooking was certainly proven when 15,000 copies were sold in the first two months! She was also listed in Who's Who In America.

Carolyn Shaw Maddocks, pen name Jane Eddington, worked for the Chicago Tribune for 20 years (1910-1930) earning a salary of \$10,000 per year. At one time she had accumulated a quarter of a million dollars in wealth. A large amount of this was lost in the panic of 1929.

In 1935 she returned to her beloved East Eddington to spend her remaining days, and according to Oliver Harrison she 'passed to the Heavenly Realm' on April 5, 1938.

Information for this article is based on material found in "Historical Sketch of East Eddington" by Burdock Rube (Joe Harrison)

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Research Results

The Society had one request for research assistance pertaining to a family named Sabine living in Eddington in 1824.

Our work revealed that members of the family were residents from 1824 through 1912.

Old Remedies

Paint tonsils with iodine instead of having them removed. (Mrs Sargent)

Worms in man or beast:

Tblsp. of tea in grain night and morning for ten days. (Maud)

NOTICE

The Historical Society would be pleased to receive pictures, books, papers, clothing and other items of historically related items to ensure the preservation of Eddington's history. Call the Town Office to leave your name and phone number. A member will contact you.

Salmon Club -

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This building was a small, but somewhat typical farm building (L-shaped plus a barn). The front of the building was about fifteen feet behind the River Road, which was about two horse-buggies wide and up a bank about twenty feet from the slow-moving Penobscot River. This section of the river was just a long pond created by the Bangor Dam (not the lower & faster moving river as we now see it - due to the 1976 breach in the Bangor Dam).



The front part of the Gordon Dean house contained a bedroom and a living room with fireplace, followed by a dining room, kitchen and shed at the rear. About 15 feet from the main house was the barn (presently next to the Routes 178 & 9 intersection).

In 1918 Maude and Albert (Allie) Folsom, a druggist from Old Town, bought the property from the Gus Gordon heirs, one of which was Victor, a son. He operated the people-ferry between Memorial Drive's Dickson Pool via

a cable to the Veazie shore for two-three cents per ride.

In the early 1920's the River Road in front of the "Folsom House" was discontinued and the present road structure took over, although several improvements have taken place.



The Folsoms were among the more-recent and well-known owners. Eventually they connected the shed and barn together.

Around 1920 Allie operated a bakery here with his own bread, rolls, biscuits, etc. Next, they converted the barn into a tea and dining room, where Maude served sandwiches, home-make pastries and full-course meals from about 1932-45. The well-to-do from the Bangor area would frequent the tearoom and also observe the immaculate vegetable garden and the widely-known flower gardens.

After 1945 (end of World War Two) the tearoom was converted into up and downstairs apartments; a two-car garage was built away from the building and just to the left of the present location of the flagpole.

About 1947 Allie retired again (at age 79) as a cook at Dow Field (now Bangor International Airport) and devoted his remaining years to his pet flower gardens - especially of delphiniums and the widely-known regal lilies, which were sold to local florists. Allie passed away in 1962 at age 94.

Maude Folsom continued living at the "house of flowers" until she passed away in 1971 at age 90.

Their daughter, Helen, a former schoolteacher and downtown Brewer business owner, passed away in the 1960's.

In 1972 Bessie Nickerson,

Maude's guardian in her last years, became the owner, until she sold the property in 1976 to Evelyn Pearson and her son, Robert. Two more apartments were added for a total of five.

The Eddington Salmon Club acquired the property in September 1984. In 1985 the club removed the garage and added facilities for the public: parking area; toilet facility, picnic area; and river access.

As the interest in Atlantic Salmon fishing increased, the club membership increased over the years from 150 in 1982 to 450 in 1988. For its first three years the club used the Eddington School for its six yearly meetings.

As the membership has grown, the existing clubroom (formerly Allie and Maude's living and dining room) has outgrown its safe and convenient capacity of forty to sometimes 80 members for a meeting. The general wetness of the 'Bend' area has made the basement area and underpinning a difficult situation to keep up with, plus unneeded building space, but needed parking space. Also, larger and better located kitchen and bathrooms are needed.

Hence, it was decided in the spring of 1988 to start raising funds in order to remove the existing building and replace it with a conventional building on a full foundation.

If the readers of this article have any more precise information concerning the contents, please contact Virginia Peppard at 843-7402.

Information compiled by:
Donald Decker
of the Eddington Salmon Club



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1880 the best butter was selling at 12 cents a pound, and eggs at 13 cents a dozen?

1. The following items of interest were taken from Oliver Harrison's journals several years ago by Polly Farrar.

1940 "My income now at rate of \$600.00 a year.

1. Stock dividends \$230.00
2. Bank Interest 100.00
3. Yearly 1940 earning 260.00

\$50.00 a month

11.50 a week

About \$1.65 per class

2. The State allows \$.35 per hour for common labor.

3. Maude says five quarts of preserves out of a peck of pears.

4,327,334 people have received old age benefits.

NOTES OF INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE PENOBSCOT COUNTY

REGISTRY OF DEEDS

By Peter Libhart
Salmon Club Member

The existing Eddington Salmon Club building was built around 1848 on land that was then called the "tan yard with tan pits." At this time Christopher G. Thompson acquired the land from Thomas J. Little.

The following is a list of the principle owners from 1848 to 1989:

Christopher G. and later Fannie B. Thompson Rowe (1848-1882)
Albert L. Farr (1882-1890)
Ephriam A. Gordon and later C. Victor Gordon, Nellie Stanhope and Mary W. Gordon (1890-1917)
Maude M. Folsom (1918-1971)
Victor Emmel (1972)- by will of Maude Folsom.
Blanche E. Colpitts (1972)
Bessie L. Nickerson (1972-1976)
Evelyn and son, Robert Pearson (1976-1984)
Eddington Salmon Club (1984-present)



1989 Schedule of Events

Eddington Historical Society

First Monday of Each Month - 7:30

March 6 - Business Meeting
Member's favorite antique
Town Office

April 3 - Speaker: Art Gall
Topic: To be announced
E. Eddington Community Church

May 1 - Stamps
Pictures of History
Speaker: Robert Bragdon
E. Eddington Community Church

June 5 - To be announced
Business Meeting
Setting out seedlings

July 7 - Bangor Historical
Society Bus Tour
Call for ride
Meet 10:00 a.m.
Bangor Chamber of Commerce

August 7 - WABI Film Collection
North East Project
Bangor Historical Society
E. Eddington Community Church

September 4 -
Speaker: Robert Newcombe
Topic: To be announced

October 2 - Election of Officers
Program: To be announced

November 6 - Speaker:
Mildred Thayer
Hampden Historical Society
Topic: To be announced

November 22 - Lighting of town
Christmas Tree
Holiday Decorating & Lighting
Contest - Entry forms available
at Town Office and Local
Businesses

December 4 - Society's Christmas
Party

Dec. 20 - Contest entry deadline

Dec. 21 - Contest Judging 10 - 8

Dec. 22 - Winners Notified

Health Hint?

Iverson says beer will dissolve gall stones.

Town of Eddington

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1889.

POPULATION OF EDDINGTON, CENSUS OF 1880 746
VALUATION FOR 1888.

Resident real estate.....\$85,630
Resident personal estate.....24,846
Non-resident real estate.....5,746
Non-resident personal estate.....75

ASSESSMENT.

On 181 Polls, at \$2.50.....\$ 452.50
On \$116,297, at .019 per ct.....2209.64

Loss by Fractions......47
Total tax committed.....\$2661.67

SUMS ASSESSED.

State tax.....\$356.25
County tax.....186.66
School tax.....700.00
Poor tax.....400.00
Highway tax.....800.00
Town charges.....200.00
Overlays.....18.76

TOWN EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1889. TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

F. F. Merrill, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer.....\$45 00
S. O. Day, " " " ".....12 00
J. H. Comins, " " " ".....11 00
H. N. Fifield, Supt. School Committee.....\$10 75
W. W. Eddy, " " " ".....12 00
J. H. Comins, " " " ".....6 50

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

J. Tripp.....\$197.85
Edgar L. Merrill.....156.00
Sophia Lancaster.....101.78
Chas. L. Pyle's daughter.....75.00
Irving A. Rowe and family.....69.72
Caroline Lambert.....30.00

HIGHWAY.

Paid A. H. Pond, Commissioner.....\$876.64

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Printing reports for 1887.....\$12.00
Hannah B. Collins, interest on order.....8.40
H. Ward, interest on order.....12.00
Blank Books.....2.25
Scaling Weights and Measures and New Weights.....21.10
Clearing and fencing cemetery, near A. R. Merrill's.....11.83
Use of Halls.....30.00
E. L. Rich, care of hearse.....5.00
Abatement of taxes bills of 1887.....6.10

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1888.

From State, interest on bonds.....\$ 300 00
From State School fund and mill tax.....414 96
For old Hearse.....3 00
From Town of Brewer, Pauper bill.....30 00
From B. Bearce for abated bill for 1886.....2 00
On tax bills of 1887.....582 59
On tax bills of 1888.....1879 54
Bills above receipts.....210 80

TOWN BILLS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

State Tax.....\$ 356 25
County Tax.....186 66
Support of schools.....1115 46
Support of Poor.....570 35
Town Officers' bills.....208 85
Highway.....876 64
Miscellaneous bills.....108 68

A. F. Merrill, Treasurer.....\$12 00
S. O. Day, Clerk.....2 75
A. H. Pond, Collector for 1887.....17 47
A. H. Pond, " " 1888.....56 38
J. J. Temple, Member of the Health Board.....5 00
W. E. Merrill, " " " ".....3 00
W. W. Eddy, " " " ".....1 50
S. O. Day, Supt. Burying Ground.....2 00
A. W. Campbell, Supt. Burying ground.....8 00
P. F. Spratt, Constable 1887.....1 00
Geo. W. Estes, " 1888.....3 00

School Money for 1888.

Raised by the town.....\$700.00
Received from State, School fund and Mill tax.....414.96
Unexpended last year.....55.69
Expended the present year.....\$1099.86
Amount paid Holden.....15.60
Unexpended.....55.19

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Appropriated by No. of Scholars.	Appropriated in Districts.	Due the Districts March 3d, 1888.	Total to each District	Amount Expended the past year.	Due the Districts March 2nd, 1889.
1	31	\$120 00	2 17 00	2 0 50	\$147 40	\$143 20	24 20
2	40	101 10			101 10	105 00	13 00
3	28	109 20	32 00	70 25	179 45	151 43	
4	16	62 40	50 35	11 11	123 86	125 20	
5	23	283 70		0 07	283 77	544 00	40 54
6	13	50 70	40 00	10 12	100 82	100 25	13 57
7	24	101 40	30 61	5 77	140 78	140 00	78
	230	\$920 40	\$178 91	\$76 00	\$1155 65	\$1099 86	\$65 10

*Overdrawn 1888.

+Overdrawn 1889.

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due on tax bills of 1887.....\$ 20.05
Due on tax bills of 1888.....782.13
Interest on State bonds.....300.00
Cash in Treasury, March 2nd, 1889.....7.14

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Orders of H. Ward and Mrs. Collins unpaid.....\$270.00
Interest on above, about.....7.00
Due the School Districts.....53.19
Orders drawn the past year unpaid.....293.25
Resources above liabilities.....483.88

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN TREASURER.

DR.

Cash in Treasury, March 3d, 1888.....\$ 27.69
Received from State, interest on bonds.....300.00
Received from State, school fund and mill tax.....414.96
Received for abated tax for 1886.....2.00
Received for old hearse.....3.00
Received from Town of Brewer.....30.00
Received of A. H. Pond, bills of 1887.....588.69
Received of A. H. Pond, bills of 1888.....1336.63

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Paid orders of 1888.....\$2695.93
Cash in Treasury, March 2d, 1889.....7.04

The town owns five thousand dollars of registered State bonds, drawing six per cent interest, payable semi-annually,—redeemable at the State Treasury on the first day of October, 1889.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. F. MERRILL,
J. H. COMINS,

Selectmen
of
Eddington.

A Look Back

1988 is now another year completed and now is a part of history.

Your Historical Society was once again an active group in a variety of ways.

The inventory and mapping of three town cemeteries was completed and work is being done to complete the cemetery files. This project has spanned several years with many volunteer hours involved.

Interesting and timely programs presented for the public included a slide program "A Glimpse Into the Past" by the Dedham Historical Society; a speaker and slides on Hannibal Hamlin by Hampden Historical Society; a slide presentation on Eddington by Vernon Shaw; an archaeology program by Darrell Crawford on the Eddington Bend diggings; and a genealogy speaker, Frank Gardiner in conjunction with Holbrook School History and English Department.

Several members served as judges during Holbrook School's observance of the Constitutional Bicentennial. We also provided prize monies.

A town wide Holiday Decorating and Lighting contest was sponsored for the first time. This also included the lighting of a town Christmas tree at the Municipal Building. There were 15 residential and four business entries in the contest.

Flowers were set out at the Municipal Building and Eddy Monument.

Historical Exhibits could be seen in our display case at the Town Office.

Yesterday is history, today will be tomorrow's history!

From The Book of Forty Puddings Published in 1882.

Canned Peach Pudding

Soak one cup of dry bread-crumbs in one pint of boiling milk. Add one tablespoonful of melted butter, half a cup of sugar, and five beaten eggs. Mash two cups of nice canned peaches and stir in. Put into a tin pudding boiler and boil two hours.

Identification of Items Displayed at Municipal Office

1. Insect powder gun
2. Darning egg
3. Sailor's sewing kit
4. Jeweler's alcohol lamp
5. Sap spiel
6. Bull nose ring
7. Pie crust fluter
8. Jew's harp
9. Whip cream beater
10. Jar opener
11. Skate key
12. Bean snapper & French bean slicer
14. ??
15. Office bill/receipt spindle
16. Ruffle iron

Thanks for your interest

Do you have any items of interest to be displayed?

This picture represents a time long before snowmobiles were even dreamed of.



The young child pictures here all bundled up against the cold is Verna Higgins. Ready for a ride aboard the pung with the rest of her family on a Sunday afternoon winter excursion to Fitts Pond.

WE NEED YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT
PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO
CAROLYN WOOD, SECRETARY
RFD # 1 BOX 555
E. HOLDEN, ME 04429

OR
LEAVE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS WITH YOUR DUES
AT THE TOWN OFFICE
THANKS

MEMBERSHIP FORM
ANNUAL DUES \$ 2.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$25.00

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____