

Eddington

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1993 FALL - WINTER NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6 at 7:30 p.m. E. Eddington Community Church

TOPIC: FOND CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Everyone is asked to bring a cherished gift or ornament, Christmas card.

Short business meeting.

January and February

No meetings

Work Sessions at Town Office 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings 9:30

a.m. to 11:30 a.m. everyone needed and welcome

March

7:30 p.m.

Short Annual Meeting

April 1st, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

E. Eddington Community Church

Program: Robert L. Haskell will speak on his novel The Yankee

Warrior.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES

The past year has found members involved in a variety of activities.

Our annual membership drive at the Town Meeting Elections was carried out, and we gained 27 new members. However, we are aware that we miss contact with those who travel south for the winter.

Won't you send in your 1994 dues before you leave? We need and want your support.

If you would like to

1994 DUES are PAYABLE now

Because more and more people head South for the winter months and fewer citizens turn out for Town Elections and Meeting, we would appreciate your dues payment by mail. Please find return envelope with this Newsletter. We hope you will use it, we need you and your support.

DUES

ANNUAL \$ 2.00 Per Person
LIFE \$25.00 Per Person

Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone Number

Genealogy

Requests for assistance in Family Searches have been received. If you have any information about the following families:

Maddocks

Jordan (mother's maiden name - Velma Mae Jordan)

Hiram R. Stevens (Son with same name, married Ann Finn of Orono) please call Ginnie Peppard (843-7402) or Town Office.

participate in some of our work, won't you let us know?

Flags were put out in all the cemeteries for Veteran's Day.

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

Souvenir of Whittier School
Town Reports 1924 - 1965
History of Orrington by Orrington
Historical Society

Christmas lights for town trees at Municipal Building were donated by Arnold and Carolyn Grover who also did a great job of shaping the trees.

The Society always appreciates and values gifts pertaining to the history of Eddington.

We are still trying to locate a picture of Pine Tree Hall which was located next to the Settlers Cemetery. This hall was destroyed by fire.

A new insight on the founder of our town, Col. Jonathan Eddy appeared in The Weekly on Oct. 10, 1993.

He's not dead, just in New Jersey

Orono Historical Society members get a slice of town history with each newsletter, and the edition coming out next week should prove to be an especially good read. Charles Smith writes of the 1801 murder trial of Joseph Inman, who was convicted of murder and served time in prison despite the lack of any physical evidence or eyewitness accounts. And he was only freed a year later when the "victim" returned from New Jersey where he'd been residing.

Inman had quarreled with Oliver Homes before the latter was reported missing. Eventually even his own wife and son implicated him in the killing, his son testifying at the trial about an encounter with the ghost of the victim, naming his father as the killer.

"Col. Jonathan Eddy called a court hearing and it was set

for July 23 in his home," recounted Smith. "People came from all over the upper Penobscot to attend. Of course there were no roads and they came by water. Can't you just picture them coming by boat and canoe, all this excitement of a trial?"

"I feel it was like the Salem witch hunts really, someone totally condemned based on circumstantial evidence from this quarrel they were having. It shows the superstition of people and that there was not much excitement going on," said Smith.

Inman's mystery was eventually solved, but what about the others?

WINTER PROJECTS

Paper Work:

Recording deaths

Finding Persons who have given 10 years or more of service to their town. These names will be on the Fred Wood Service plaque. Finish work on Town Reports Collection. We hope to be able to start having these reports bound.

Work on school displays aiming to have one a year in the schools (Eddington, Holbrook).

Work on files and inventory of items which have been given to the Society through the years.

Scrapbook work to get updated.
Start working file.

YANKEE WARRIOR

It has taken nearly 130 years to tell this story for several reasons. Most of the veterans talked very little about their experiences in battle and in the Army until many, many years later, after the war had ended. Most of Walter Morrill's personal papers remain to be found. And the shadow of Joshua Chamberlain still looms large over the other men from Maine who served the

Union.

Morrill was Commander of the 20th Maine when the Civil War ended. He was 24 years old.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR of Yankee Warrior Robert L. Haskell is an editor for the Bangor Daily News. He is a lifelong resident of Maine and a graduate of the University of Maine Orono. He is a 22 year veteran of the Maine National Guard.

Mr. Haskell has been interested in the American Civil War for more than 30 years. Two members of his family served in the Union Army. Two others died in Confederate prison camps. Yankee Warrior is his first novel.

Come to the April meeting of the Historical Society and enjoy a special evening with this author.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST

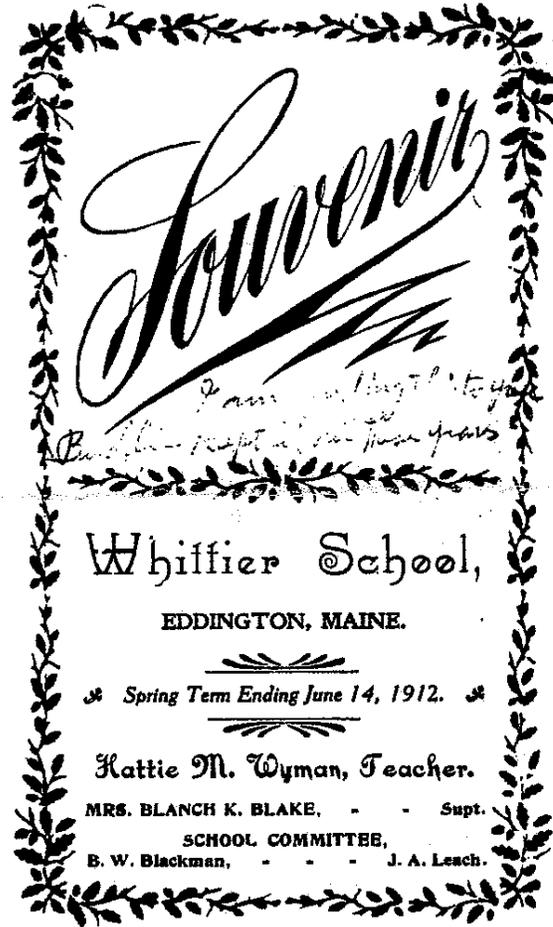
In June 1993 the Souvenir shown here was received at Eddington School from Mr. James Lynch, 31 Atwater Rd., Collinsville, CT 06002.

The staff of the Eddington School donated it to the Historical Society.

The Whittier school was located on Monument Drive, and is now the home of Darrell Hanson.

The note accompanying this Souvenir read as follows:

"Enclosed is a Souvenir from the Whittier School. It seems to me that Beulah Gilbert sent this to someone who lived in one of the apartments of the Eastfield Housing Project here in Connecticut. I used to rent these apartments for Eastfield Housing and found this. Maybe someone of Beulah's relatives would like this or you might want to keep it for your old time papers in your school."
James Lynch

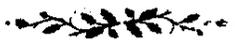


Hattie M. Wyman was the teacher while Mrs. Blanche Blake was the Superintendent.

School Committee member Bert Blackman lived in the house directly opposite the Riverside Cemetery and which is now the home of the Gardiner family. John Albert Leach was Verna Higgins father.

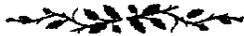
Because of the Whittier School Souvenir it was decided to do a little school research. The 1911-1912 and 1912-1913 Town Warrants were the source used. In the 1911-12 Warrant there was no mention of the teacher, Hattie Wyman at the Whittier School. In the Warrant for 1912-13 Hattie Wyman was listed as the teacher at the Whittier School for the Spring Term, she taught for 11
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weeks receiving a salary of \$8.00 per week.



Names of Pupils.

- Beulah M. Gilbert
- Manley R. Crosby
- Roland S. Crosby
- Merle A. Stone
- Gertrude F. Gilbert
- Gracie U. Gilbert
- Manford O. Gilbert
- Edna L. Coles
- Alma U. Rand
- Chester A. Rand
- Emily C. Rand
- Lucille U. Gilbert



Verna Higgins was able to add information about Supt. Blanche K. Blake, who stayed at the Leach home when working in Eddington. Mrs. Blake's home was in Orrington. Verna remembers her arriving in her horse and wagon. She would come into the house really weary but a short time later would go to the piano where she would play and sing. She would leave books and supplies there until they were needed at one of the schools. One of the warrants did list repairs, school books and supplies and high school tuition coming from Common School Monies. The salary that may have been

paid to Supt. Blake was not listed in the warrant. Most people remember the schools by number.

- No. 1 Whittier School
- No. 2 Longfellow
- No. 3 Washington
- E. Eddington

EDDINGTON HONORS FRED WOOD after 44 years of service.



Frederick Arthur Wood was born November 13, 1910 at the home of his grandparents on the Davis Road where he resides today. He was educated in the schools of Lake View and at Milo High School where he was football captain. While at Milo High School he received medals for excellence in both mathematics and public speaking.

In 1932 he married Carolyn, his wife of sixty years, and together they have four children; Marilyn Foss of Clifton Parks, New York, Robert of Walla Walla, Washington, Arthur of Eddington, and Ray of Veazie. Of their 15 grandchildren, two reside in Eddington, Brenda DeRoche and Kenneth

Wood. The other 13, along with 13 great-grandchildren, are scattered throughout Maine and the rest of the United States.

The town chose to dedicate the Town Office to Fred in recognition of his many years of cheerful service. Beginning in 1945 he served for eight years on the School Committee followed by a ten year term as a School District Trustee, and concurrently served for seven years as Selectman. He was elected Town Treasurer in 1958 and reelected each year for 35 years until his retirement in 1993.

Fred retired after 45 years from Rice and Miller Hardware in Bangor. The activities he enjoyed in his retirement include fishing, and sailing as well as logging and gardening, hunting in the fall and maple syrup in the spring. During the evening hours he creates knitted sweaters, socks, hats and mittens and hooked rugs.

The Historical Society presented Fred with an Honorary Membership and a plaque to be placed in the Town Office. Names of others who have served the town for ten years or more will be added to this plaque.

Compiled by Carolyn Wood

This obituary of a child who lived in our town during the 1880's was found in an old scrap book. Although it is doubtful if anyone living here today would have known the parents it is possible. This is copied verbatim from the Bangor Commercial.

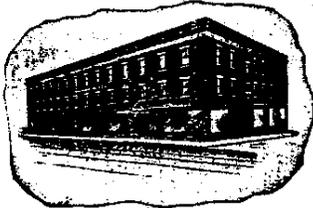
Mortuary

Died at East Eddington Sunday, January 31, of Bright's disease, daughter of Charles and Mabel Ford aged 6 yrs. 3mo. and 9da. At school, which she attended during a portion of the winter, she was a docile pupil, bright,

and restless but never mischievous or disobedient. At household tasks little Bernice was very apt, doing neatly and rapidly such work as ironing and arranging the tables. Her remarkable vitality is shown by the fact that though long a prey to the dread disease she gave up activity only with life. Wednesday before her death she visited at her grandfather's and Saturday when the doctor called she was sitting on the floor playing with her dolls. He pronounced her symptoms dangerous and much against her will she was put to bed, where she died the following morning. This very sprightliness and vitality which kept her on her feet almost to the last breath made the blow all the more severe to the parents. At the funeral the sympathy of the community was shown by the closing of the school and the attendance of teachers, pupils, friends and neighbors.

The following article was found in the same scrap book but with no evidence of a date line.

Last Saturday night harnesses were stolen from the stables of John Brown and S.C. Ward in Eddington. Mr. Brown suspecting from the appearance of horse and wagon tracks leading to and from his place, that one Elwin Varney was the thief made complaints on Monday morning to Judge Brett, who issued a warrant to search Varney's premises. Constable Estes of Eddington in searching Varney's house and barn found boxes and trucks full of clothing that had been stolen from clothes lines of various parties on the night of September 13. One Christopher Barrett admitted to having taken the harnesses of Varney and brought them to this city where he disposed of them. The harnesses were found where he



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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

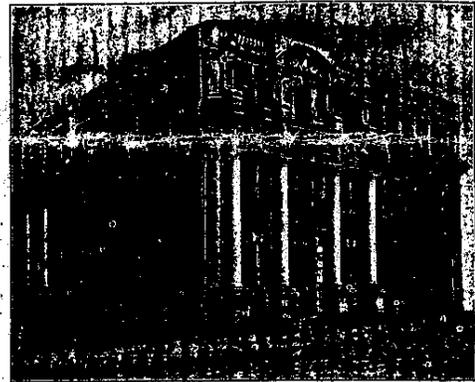
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said he sold them. Varney escaped from the officer and took to the woods, followed by bullets from the revolver of the pursuing officer who fired to frighten him. Barrett and Varney are both at large. Judge Brett this morning put in the hands of a Bangor policeman necessary warrants for the apprehension of the parties.

Shown on the back cover of 1957-58 Town Report

"Last fall we ran into quite a problem in doubling classes. Found it necessary to give 1 teacher 3 classes with 39 pupils. State recommends 25 pupils in 1 class. We can't expect to do this, but 35 will be the limit and trying not to have more than two classes. Another teacher will solve the problem.