

# EPSOM ITEMS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS 1759-1858

Old newspapers always have interesting information, whether for genealogists looking for vital records and family ties - or just amusement of times gone by. This is an index of some old news from various New England newspapers.

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## **DEATHS**

NH Gazette 12-17-1784 (probably) **JOHN GRAY**

Portsmouth, December 17. On Monday last, the son of Major James Gray, of Epsom, about 16 years old, in attempting to lead a very unruly horse of his father's to water, made the end of the halter fast about his wrist, the horse in prancing hove him down and ran away with him, dragged him over a four broad fence and through the field, until the halter broke. The family supposed the young man had gone to spend the evening with his relations, were unconcerned about him until the next morning, when to their great surprise, they found blood on the fence where the horse had dragged the young man over, then, following the blood, after sometime found him at a considerable distance alive, but perfectly helpless and senseless; his life is despaired of, as it is supposed that most of his bones were broken.

The Mirror 5-13-1798 **EPHRAIM LOCKE**

Very suddenly, a Mr. Locke from Epsom, who came here to ordination apparently well – but after eating supper, he fell from his chair and expired instantly.

Newburyport Herald 7-7-1801 **JOHN McCLARY**

At Epsom, (N.H.) The Hon. John McClary, aged 82. A Whig in '75 and a Federalist in '98.

NH Courier 1-16-1805 **ELIZABETH PAGE LOCKE**

In our last we noticed the death of the widow Elizabeth Locke, of this town. The following particulars of her life were then offered for publication, but too late for insertion in that paper: "Mrs. Locke was born at Kensington, in this State; and was the daughter of Deacon Samuel Page. With the privilege of pious parentage; and the advantage of a religious education, thro' a divine blessing her mind was early impressed with a sense of divine truth. Under the age of 30, she became a professor of the religion of Jesus; and though through life she appeared to make progressive advances in the divine life, her humility was the more conspicuous as she made attainments in holiness. Being early planted in the house of the Lord, and established in the grace of the Gospel, her virtues flourished in the succeeding periods of life, and brought forth fruit in old age. She lived with her first husband, Mr. Nathan Bachelder, about 13 years, by whom she had four children; three of these she buried in quick succession when young; Mr. John Bachelder, of this town, is the only one that survives. Her second husband was Mr. Francis Locke, of Epsom, with whom she lived 18 years, and it is about 18 years that she had lived a widow since his decease."

Portsmouth Oracle 9-19-1807 **JOSEPH SHERBURNE**

In Epsom, 1<sup>st</sup> instant, Major Joseph Sherburne, aged 62

Newburyport Herald 10-16-1807 **ELIZABETH McCLARY**

In Epsom, N.H. Mrs. Elizabeth McClary, relict of the late Hon. John McClary.

NH Gazette 1-26-1808 **CAPT. JOHN McCLARY**

DIED – At Fort Adams in November last, Capt. John McClary, of the first Regiment of Infantry in the army of the U.S. aged 40 years, formerly of Epsom, N.H., and son of the late Major McClary who fell in the battle at Bunker's Hill.

Newburyport Herald 4-22-1808 **MRS. ELIZABETH OSGOOD**

In Epsom, N.H. Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Col. S. Osgood, Aet. 67

NH Patriot 7-24-1810 **COL. JAMES H. McCLARY**

DIED – At Epsom, Col. James H. McClary. He was interred with military and Masonic honors.

Farmers Cabinet 8-6-1811 **CAPT. ANDREW McCLARY**

DIED – In Washington City, Capt. Andrew McClary, of the War Department, formerly of Epsom, N.H. and son of the brave Maj. McClary who fell in the field of battle on Bunker's Hill.

Repertory & General Advertiser 5-22-1812 **JAMES GRAY**

At Amelia Island, Mr. James Gray, just 24, of Epsom, N.H.

The Yankee 6-20-1812 **JAMES CHAPMAN**

In Epsom, N.H. Mr. James Chapman, aged 40; he hung himself with a skein of yarn, upon a loom.

NH Patriot 4-2-1816 **CAPT. SAMUEL LOCKE**

DIED – At Epsom, of the prevailing fever, Capt. SAMUEL LOCKE, aged 55; an honest man and a highly valued citizen; a soldier of the Revolution, and who had ever remained steadfast and immovable in those principles which achieved & have preserved American Independence.

Essex Register 5-3-1817 **COL. JEREMIAH PRESCOTT**

In Epsom, Col. Jeremiah Prescott, aged 75, and officer of the Revolution.

Newburyport Herald 8-15-1817 **ELIZABETH PITMAN**

In Epsom, Wid. Elizabeth Pitman, Aet 99 y. 9 mo. & 19 days.

Concord Observer 2-22-1819 **JONATHAN STRONG CURTIS**

In Epsom, on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, Jonathan Strong Curtis, aged about 24 months, only child of Rev. Jonathan Curtis.

Boston Gazette 11-11-1819 **CAPT. ISAAC OSGOOD**

We hear from Epsom, that a Capt. Osgood of that town, in a fit of derangement, put an end to his existence by cutting his throat on Wednesday last.

Concord Observer 1-3-1820 **ABIGAIL BRACKETT**

In Epsom, Mrs. Abigail Brackett, 75, wife of Mr. Ebenezer Brackett

Concord Observer 3-27-1820 **BENJAMIN MOODY Esq.**

In Epsom, Benjamin Moody, Esq. Attorney at Law, 45.

Farmers Cabinet 3-3-1821 **SALLY C. KNOX**

In Epsom, a child of Robert Knox, aged about 2 years – death occasioned by the child pulling from a table a vessel of hot fat, which fell upon its breast.

Hillsboro Telegraph 5-5-1821 **SIMONDS FOWLER & HANNAH FOWLER**

In Epsom, Mr. Simonds Fowler, 86, and Hannah Fowler, daughter of Mr. Winthrop F. grandparent and grandchild died within 24 hours of each other, and both buried at the same time.

Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics 8-4-1821 **JOHN CAMPBELL**

In Newburyport, John Campbell, 31, of Epsom.

Hillsboro Telegraph 9-22-1821 **CHILDREN OF AMOS DAVIS**

In Epsom, Mehitabel aged 9, William aged 7 and Samuel aged 5, children of Mr. Amos Davis – all of them died in the space of three weeks of a sore throat.

Portsmouth Journal 12-22-1821 **JOHN McCLARY Esq.**

In Epsom, John McClary Esq. aged 37, son of Michael McClary, Marshal of this District. The deceased was killed, almost instantly, by the fall of a piece of timber from the frame of a shed under which he was standing. From his earliest youth he possessed in a remarkable degree the affection of his friends, and the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was repeatedly elected a representative from his native town in the Legislature of this State, and two years ago he was chosen a Senator, by the fourth district. The kindness of his manners, the frankness of his temper, and the uprightness of his conduct will not soon be effaced from the memory of those who knew him.

8-18-1822 **GEORGE WALLACE**

In Goffstown, Aug. 18, George Wallace, aged 48, formerly of Epsom, but lately of New York, on a visit to friends in New Hampshire.

1-27-1823 **SIMEON TOWLE**

In Epsom, on the 3d inst. Mr. Simeon Towle, in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age. He served in the French war, and the war of the Revolution, with honor to himself and fidelity to his country. He sustained an unblemished reputation for integrity and industry, and till a few days previous to his death enjoyed an uninterrupted course of bodily health, when he terminated his earthly career with composure and resignation. At his interment, an appropriate and well adapted sermon was delivered upon the occasion by the Rev. Mr. Prentice of Northwood. – *Statesman*

Haverhill Gazette 1-31-1823 **SOLOMON TOWLE**

In Epsom, Mr. Solomon Towle, 71. (prob. Simeon)

NH Patriot 1-26-1824 **MIRIAM COLLINS LIBBEY**

In Epsom, 12<sup>th</sup> January instant, in the 46<sup>th</sup> year of her age, Mrs. Miriam Libbey, wife of Mr. Richard Libbey, and daughter of Mr. Benjamin Collins of Salisbury, Mass, after a very distressing illness, which she bore with uncommon fortitude and patience, through the presence of that Saviour in whom she believed. In her life and death was illustrated that important truth suggested by the apostle James that “God hath chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him.” Though not altogether destitute of property, she was left a widow with six children, who she had by her first husband, Mr. Robert Goodhue; to provide for whom and her own support she was obliged to struggle with great difficulties. In addition to these trials she was repeatedly called to endure great and long continued sufferings from that distressing malady, which, at last put a period to her life.

Salem Gazette 3-26-1824 **MR. BENJAMIN BLAKE**

In Wolfeboro, Mr. Benjamin Blake, aged 93. From Greenland, Mr. B. first removed to Epsom, and thence to Wolfeboro, Nov. 9, 1766, being the first white man who entered the town. Deeply interesting must have been his reflections in the decline of life, whilst reviewing the pleasing and rapid changes that had occurred around him during the last fifty years of his protracted existence. Before his own axe, the forest began to fall; and yet he had lived to see the spot, on which his own were the first foot-steps imprinted by civilized man, covered with almost two thousand inhabitants and rendered the abode of industry and enterprise. In the hour or trial, Mr. Blake was not found wanting in firmness and courage. During the contest usually denominated the French War, he marched to Saratoga, and before he returned was personally concerned in a sharp action with the enemy.

NH Patriot and Gazette 4-5-1824 **GEN. MICHAEL McCLARY**

Departed this life at Epsom, N.H. on Saturday evening, March 27, a few minutes before twelve o'clock, Gen. MICHAEL McCLARY, aged 71 years. He had been confined to his house about eight weeks; a sharp humor, which had troubled him for some months, was followed by several succeeding strokes of paralysis, one of which, more powerful than those which preceded is supposed to have ended his mortal career. Funeral services were performed at the meeting-house on Tuesday, where a great number of people attended to pay their last respects to the remains of one of our most estimable and distinguished citizens.

We are not possessed of those ample materials by which we should be able to do justice to the character and services of Gen. McClary. He was grandson of Andrew McClary, a native of Ireland, who was an early settler of Epsom, and nephew of Maj. Andrew McClary, who fell at battle of Breed's Hill, June 17, 1775, after the Americans had retreated from the hill, while attempting to rally the troops in a new attack of the enemy.

The nephew, then only twenty-two years old, was an ensign in Capt. Moore's company and Col. Stark's regiment, from whose cool and determined bravery on that day, occupying the ground in rear of a rail fence and under the light cover of a few handfuls of new mown hay, such astonishing havoc was made in the ranks of the British regulars. Under the fire of this regiment, twice were the mercenaries driven back; and it was not until their stock of ammunition was expended that the New Hampshire troops left their ground. Stark and the McClary's and Moore, all descendants of Ireland, were truly congenial spirits; for cool intrepidity and valor, perhaps their superiors are not to be found in the annals of our country.

It is melancholy to reflect, that with the death of this last revolutionary patriot, there remains not in this State one McClary of the male line to keep in remembrance the name; yet the good and glorious deed, the virtues and the patriotism of men of this name, will not be obliterated so long as the faithful page of history shall tell us of times past and gone. But a few years since there lived two promising sons of Gen. McClary. One of them, often the inmate of our social circles, having reaped his full share of early earthly honors, was suddenly and in an unexpected manner, arrested by the band of death; and we have but too strong reason to believe that this tragical event precipitated the death of the father, whose life seemed to be bound up in that of the son. The other, who emulating the spirit of his ancestors had entered the service of his country at the commencement of the late war, has departed for the world of spirits in a land of strangers.

Few men in this State have filled an active life with more usefulness than the deceased Gen. McClary. Successively a representative and senator in the State Legislature from the time of the first formation of the government until the year 1801, he was that year appointed by Mr. Jefferson marshal for the District of New Hampshire, which office he filled until vacated by a voluntary resignation a few weeks previous to his death; in the same time, he was for several years Adjutant General for the State of New Hampshire; it had been repeatedly urged on him by many of his fellow citizens to stand as a candidate for Governor, but this he invariably declined; indeed, there was scarcely any office in the gift of the people which would not have been freely and spontaneously bestowed upon him.

Within the whole compass of our acquaintance in this State, we know of no man, the extent of whose personal influence exceeded that of the deceased; this influence resulted from his known integrity and consistency of character, as well as from that patriotism which never tired in the cause of his country. Gen. McClary, although not a professor of religion, was a liberal supporter of the religious institutions of the State; and if an opinion may be formed of the quantum of goodness from deeds of charity and beneficence - if we are to consider that servant who obeyed without a promise as more acceptable than he who promised but obeyed not; then who shall say that the deceased was not a Christian?

#### NH Patriot 5-10-1824 **MERCY BLAKE BICKFORD**

In Epsom, Mrs. Mercy Bickford, aged 89 years. She was the last survivor of the brothers and sisters: her brother, Benjamin Blake, died in Wolfeboro in Feb. last, aged 92. She left four children, 28 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, and 3 of the fifth generation - making 105 living descendants. She was left a widow at the age of 37, and devoted her remaining years to the care of her children, and the service of her redeemer, of whose church she was a member half a century.

#### NH Patriot 5-31-1824 **DANIEL ALLEN**

*In Epsom, N.H. May 31, after a few weeks of distressing illness, Mr. Daniel Allen, aged 24. He has left a mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn their loss. He was a young man of a respectable character, and much esteemed by those who knew him. He professed to entertain a hope in Christ during his sickness, and died with great composure of mind. His funeral was attended on Wednesday following and a discourse was delivered by on the occasion by Elder Arthur Caverno of said town from John \_ 35. "Jesus wept."*

Salem Gazette 10-5-1824 **CHARLES HENRY LORD**

*In Epsom, N.H., Charles Henry Lord, aged 6, only son of Capt. Edward D. Lord, killed instantly by his clothes getting entangled in the gearing of a water-wheel in a fulling mill.*

NH Patriot 1-3-1825 **ABIGAIL GOSS**

In Epsom, Mrs. Abigail, wife of Mr. Samuel Goss, aged 66. She was a worthy companion and an affectionate parent. When sensible of the near approach of the king of terrors, she manifested a perfect resignation to the will of God, and died in full expectation of a blessed inheritance in the kingdom of peace.

NH Patriot 12-5-1825 **MEHTIABLE MARDEN**

In Epsom, Nov. 10, Mrs. Mehitable, wife of Mr. Jonathan Marden, aged 25. *Printers in Maine are requested to notice this death.*

Boston Commercial Gazette 12-5-1825 **MRS. MIRIAM FRENCH**

Mrs. Miriam French, of Epsom, N.H.

NH Patriot 4-3-1826 **FRANCENA MALIN BABB**

In Epsom, on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. Francena Malin Babb, daughter of Dr. James Babb, 4 months.

Boston Commercial Gazette 4-3-1826 **MRS. SUSANNAH GRAY**

*At Epsom, Mrs. Susannah Gray, aged 73 – she was sister to the late Chief Justice Parsons, of Mass.*

7-31-1826 **LIEUT. JONATHAN CURTIS**

In Epsom, July 12, Lieut. Jonathan Curtis, aged 78. He early engaged in the revolutionary struggle for liberty – was one of the minute men, and of the army that invested Boston, after the battle of Lexington.

10-23-1826 **MARY ROBINSON SANBORN**  
**LUTHER CALVIN SANBORN**

In Epsom, of Dysentery, Mary Robinson Sanborn, aged 8 years and 9 months, and Luther Calvin Sanborn, aged 3 years and 1 month, children of Mr. Reuben Sanborn, jun.

1-1-1827 **MARTHA H. PHILBRICK JENNESS**

In Lowell, MA, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mrs. Martha Jenness, aged 27, wife of Mr. Jonathan Jenness, formerly of Rye, and daughter of Mr. Daniel Philbrick (Jr.) of Epsom, having endured a pulmonary disease of about nine years (died). About two years since she became a member of the Free Baptist Church in Epsom; but Providence saw fit to dismiss her from her membership there by her death, and we trust to unite her with the Church triumphant in heaven. During her confinement she would often express a desire to go hence and be with Christ, which was far better than to be here – yet sometimes fearful would offend by being too anxious for her departure. She has left a large circle of friends and acquaintance to mourn their loss; but they mourn not as those who have no hope of the welfare of their departed relatives. She gave a consoling evidence to her friends and those who visited her occasionally, that her work was done and well done

NH Patriot 5-26-1828 **JOHN C. ROSS**

In Epsom, May 4, of pulmonary consumption, Mr. John C. Ross, aged 32. He enlisted in the army of the United States in 1808. In 1811, in the company commanded by the late Capt. Geo. W. Prescott of Portsmouth, he went with the fourth regiment, (of which the gallant Miller was then lieutenant colonel) to the sources of the Wabash; and in the battle of Tippecanoe, (the prelude to the war that soon followed) was severely wounded in the breast by an Indian arrow. In the spring of 1813, he joined the Kentucky volunteers who were descending the Miami, for the relief of Fort Meigs, then closely invested by the British and Indians. Ross accompanied that portion of the relieving army which landed the west side of the river to storm the British batteries which they did with great gallantry; but not satisfied with this victory, and pursuing the enemy too far, were drawn into an ambuscade, and nearly all cut off. When Col. Dudley was wounded, Ross was near him, and saw the Colonel kill an Indian with his own hand, and soon after fall by a second shot, while cheering and exhorting his men. Ross escaped from the massacre, and while attempting to cross the rapids, was struck by a musket ball, which lodged in his body, and was never extracted. He was assisted across the river by Stephen Knight, now living in Northwood, and by another soldier by the name of Cook, who with others rushed from the fort into the water to save their comrades escaping from the slaughter. Notwithstanding this disaster, the siege was soon raised, and the enemy retreated. In the ensuing summer, Ross participated with the brave Crogham and his small but fearless garrison in the memorable defense of Fort Stephenson on the Sandusky. After the war he returned to his old quarters, Fort Constitution in this State, where he continued in the service till the effects of his wound, and the increase of the disease which carried him to his grave, rendered him too feeble for duty, when he was honorably discharged. Reader! Let not the memory of those who fought and bled for our liberties, or of those who fought and bled to maintain them, be forgotten!

11-8-1828 **MARY TRUE WALLACE**

In Epsom, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs. Mary Wallace, wife of Mr. John Wallace, aged 45, of consumption, leaving a husband and ten children to mourn the loss of a kind companion and an affectionate parent; but they

sorrow not as those who have no hope, Mrs. E. having left this world in full assurance of finding “a better country.”

**NH Patriot 1-26-1829 SARAH SHERBURNE**

In Epsom, Widow Sarah Sherburne aged 81 – wife of William Sherburne deceased; she arose in the morning and dressed herself and in a few moments was a lifeless corpse. *Printers in Vt. Will please notice the above.*

**3-28-1829 WILLIAM BLAKE**

In Wakefield, Mr. William Blake, aged 84; he was born in Epsom, in 1741, and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> male child born in that town. He was a soldier in the old French war and in the war of the Revolution.

**NH Patriot 6-8-1829 MARTHA BATCHELDER**

In Epsom, May 19, Mrs. Martha, wife of John Batchelder, of Epsom, formerly of Kensington, aged 70. *Printers in Vermont and Canada are requested, &c.*

**NH Patriot 6-29-1829 ELIJAH MOSES**

In Epsom, 18<sup>th</sup> inst. of consumption, Mr. Elijah Moses, aged 36 years. In his sickness, which was long and peculiarly distressing, he appeared patient and resigned at last to the divine will, and met death with a cheerful hope of a blessed immortality.

**Portsmouth Journal of Literature and Politics 8-22-1829 TIMOTHY PEARSON**

In Epsom, June 21<sup>st</sup>, of typhus fever, Mr. Timothy Pearson, aged 34, formerly of Deerfield.

**12-21-1829 JOHN CATE**

In Epsom, Nov. 28, suddenly, Mr. John Cate, aged 56. By his dispensation a bereaved widow is called to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate husband, and four daughters the loss of a tender and indulgent parent. Mr. Cate was a useful and exemplary member of the Congregational Church in Epsom, and from his early life a pattern of honesty, integrity, and uprightness in all his dealings. His loss will be long and deeply felt in the circle of his acquaintance.

**2-1-1830 MICAL RAND**

In Epsom, Jan. 5 of consumption, Mr. Mical Rand, aged 21 years, after an illness of twelve months. – *Printers in Vermont, Maine, &c.*

**3-15-1830 MARY SMITH BROWN**

In Epsom, Feb. 21, Mrs. Mary Brown, wife of Jonathan Brown, and daughter of Richard Smith of Kingston, aged 63. She has left numerous connections to mourn their loss. She was a kind and affectionate wife, a tender mother, a faithful friend, and hospitable to the poor, and above all, in her most trying moments gave perfect evidence that her primary study and aim was to know and to do the will of her Heavenly Father; and that she had a treasure in heaven, and her name written in full faith the promise of her Savior, that where he is there she shall be also.

NH Patriot 4-12-1830 **MARY C. MOSES**

In Portsmouth, February 24, Mary C. Moses, aged 12 years, daughter of Elijah Moses, deceased, of Epsom.

NH Patriot 5-31-1830 **REUBEN SANBORN**

In Epsom, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Reuben Sanborn, aged 59. He was a believer in the doctrine of Universalist Salvation and died in the firm persuasion of happiness, through the atonement of his Savior.

NH Patriot 7-12-1830 **WILLIAM YEATON Jr.**

In Epsom, July 3, after an illness of ten days, Mr. Wm. Yeaton, Jr., aged 47. He has left a wife and four children, to mourn the loss of a husband and father.

NH Patriot 8-2-1830 **MARY H. LOVEJOY – BENJAMIN LOVEJOY**  
**Wm. JENNESS**

In Epsom, July 1<sup>st</sup>, of dysentery, Mrs. Mary H. Lovejoy, wife of Mr. John Lovejoy, aged 27 years; also in the same family of dysentery, July 16, Benjamin, son of Mr. John Lovejoy, aged one year; July 24, William McD., son of Mr. Benjamin Jenness, in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

NH Patriot 8-12-1830 **OLIVE S. TOWLE**  
**CHARLES A. TOWLE**

In Epsom, July 15, Olive S. Towle, aged 9 years and July 21, Charles A. Towle, aged 5 years – children of Mr. Simeon Towle.

NH Patriot 1-24-1831 **GEORGE BROWN**  
**ELVIRA ANN BROWN**

In Epsom 8<sup>th</sup> inst. George Brown, aged 4 years; also on 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Elvira Ann Brown, aged 6, children of Jacob Brown. (actually Josiah Brown)

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 2-5-1831 **JETHRO PETTINGILL**

In Epsom, Jethro Pettingill, aged 72 - a pensioner of the Revolution.

NH Patriot 1-9-1832 **FRANCIS LOCKE**

In the Mass Gen Hospital, Boston, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Francis Locke, son of John Locke of Epsom, N.H., aged 28 years.

1-9-1932 **SALLY FOWLER LOVEJOY**

In Epsom, Dec. 23, Mrs. Sally Lovejoy, wife of Mr. Zebadiah Lovejoy, aged 60.  
NH Patriot 3-26-1832 **DOLLY EASTMAN**

At Newmarket, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Miss Dolly Eastman, daughter of Mr. Isaac and Mrs. I. Eastman, of Epsom, aged 16 years and 9 months. Miss E. had been lately called to attend to the concerns of her soul, and was brought to trust and hope in the mercy of God through Christ. She died suddenly of fever – her remains were conveyed to her parents in Epsom – a large concourse of friends attended the funeral, and an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. Abel Manning, from, Heb 9:27 29.

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 10-20-1832 **NANCY MARDEN**

In Epsom, Miss Nancy, aged about 23, daughter of Mr. William Marden.

NH Gazette 5-21-1833 **BETSEY YEATON**

In Epsom, 29<sup>th</sup> ult. Betsey, wife of Mr. John Yeaton, aged 43.

NH Patriot 2-10-1834 **WOODBURY MARDEN**

In Epsom, January 22, Mr. Woodbury Marden, aged 39.

NH Patriot 4-27-1835 **DANIEL PHILBRICK**

In Epsom, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Elder Daniel Philbrick aged 82 years –leaving 10 children, 45 grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Elder P. had been a professor of the Free Baptist communion 50 years and came to the grave like a shock of grain fully ripe in the same hope of entering that rest when the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. Elder P. entered the service of his country during the revolution, was in the battles of Bennington, Stillwater and Saratoga, and during life was a firm supporter of the Republican form of government which he fought to establish – an appropriate discourse was delivered at the funeral by Elder Dyer, from the words “all these died in faith.”

8-15-1836 **JEREMIAH HAYNES**

In Epsom, 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. Jeremiah, son of John S. Haynes, aged 22. After dinner he went into the vicinity of Suncook river for the purpose of removing sheep from one pasture to another. His protracted absence at length alarmed the fears of his father and friends, who soon repaired to the banks of the stream where they found his clothes apparently in the situation in which he had deposited them when taken off for the purpose of bathing. A short search discovered his lifeless corpse at the bottom. He was an estimable and deserving young man, and his death is deeply lamented by his family and friends.

Barre Gazette 2-17-1837 **AMOS AMES**

In Epsom, N.H., Amos Ames; he was frozen to death, about a fortnight since, 50 rods from his mother's house, while carrying a bushel of wheat upon his back.

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 3-3-1838 **PERKINS PHILBRICK**

In Epsom, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Perkins Philbrick aged about 90 years, a Revolutionary patriot and soldier.  
NH Patriot 4-23-1838 **CAPT. ROBERT F. BROWN**

In Epsom, on the 2d inst., Capt. Robert F. Brown, aged 27 years, son of Mr. James and Mrs. Hannah Brown. In this most afflictive dispensation of Providence, a large and respectable family are called to mourn the loss of one near and dear: near by the strongest ties of nature, natural and social affection, and endeared by the constant practice of every Christian virtue. Mr. B. suffered a long and distressing consumptive illness, which he bore with fortitude and resignation. He lived and died as becometh a true Christian, and his whole character, exalted by that spirit of benevolence and kindness which characterized the glorious Author of his faith, his held in the highest estimation by all his friend, neighbors and acquaintance; and by all his memory will be long cherished, and deeply lamented.

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 9-1-1838 **ANN SANBORN**

In Epsom, Ann, wife of Hon. Josiah Sanborn, aged 79.

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 9-22-1838 **LUCINDA LEAVITT**

In Epsom, Miss Lucinda Leavitt, aged 23.

Haverhill Gazette 7-5-1839 **MRS. ELIZABETH MOODY**

In West Newbury, Mrs. Elizabeth Moody, widow of the late Benjamin Moody Esq. of Epsom, N.H., aged 68.

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 5-9-1840 **DAVID GRIFFIN**  
**OLIVE HAM**

In Epsom, Mr. David Griffin, aged 68.  
Mrs. Olive, widow of the late Capt. John Ham, aged 76.

Portsmouth Journal 10-31-1840 **ABRAM WALLACE**

In Clinton, Maine, Mr. Abram Wallace, aged 78. Mr. Wallace was a native of Epsom, N.H.

NH Patriot 8-25-1842 **GEORGE HOWE**

Distressing Casualty. On Thursday or Friday last, Mr. George Howe, son of Jacob Howe of Epsom in this County, was so violently kicked by a vicious horse, as to survive only about 24 hours. The circumstances of the accident we understand to be these:- Mr. Howe was assisting a neighbor in ploughing, the horse being employed before oxen as part of the team. In some way, the chain by which the horse was attached to the oxen became disengaged, and as Mr. Howe was bout to hook it, he was struck in the lower part of the

abdomen by both hind feet of the horse, with such force that all appearance of life was for the time destroyed. By active and persevering efforts, however, his companions succeeded in resuscitating the vital spark, and he was removed to his home, where he lingered in the most excruciating agony about twenty four hours. We learn, that Mr. Howe was a very respectable young man, about 23 or 24 years of age, and has left a young wife and infant child to mourn his sudden and untimely exit. The funeral was attended on Saturday last, by a large concourse of friends and citizens.

NH Patriot 1-5-1843 **SAMUEL LEAR**  
**COL. DANIEL CILLEY**

In Epsom, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Samuel Lear, a Revolutionary pensioner, aged 80 years and 8 months.

In Epsom, 4<sup>th</sup> inst., Col. Daniel Cilley, aged 73.

NH Patriot 6-29-1843 **LOUISA ADELINE ALLEN**

In Epsom, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, of consumption, Louisa Adeline Allen, aged 21; an amiable daughter and sister, whose loss will be deeply felt by mourning relatives and friends.

Farmers Cabinet 1-18-1844 **RHODA BARTLETT MUSSEY**

In Deerfield, December 12th, at the residence of David Smith, Esq., Mrs. Rhoda Mussey, in the 80th year of her age, relict of the late Dr. John Mussey of Peterborough, and step-mother to Dr. R.B. Mussey of Cincinnati, Ohio. Her maiden name was Bartlett; she was a native of Newbury, MS and was converted under the preaching of Dr. Thayer of Kingston, and first joined his church — spent the earlier part of her life with her parents in Epsom, and was subsequently married to Dr. Mussey. To the honor of her children in law, and to her own also, be it said, that they made good provision for the comfortable support of their widowed step mother in her old age.

At her request she was, two years ago, placed in the family of Squire Smith of Deerfield where she received all that kindness and attention which render old age comfortable and happy. Thus she spent her last days with her few surviving relatives and in sight of the very spot where she had passed her early life, and she now lies buried in the Epsom grave yard, by the side of her father and mother.

In character, Mrs. Mussey was a devoted, self-denying Christian. By her death, the pastor, the church and the foreign mission and bible cause, have lost one of their best friends. But it is hoped that what is our loss is her gain.

NH Patriot 1-18-1844 **MARY H. RAND**

In Epsom, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Mary H. Rand, wife of Mr. Stephen Rand, aged 57. She was for many years a professed follower of the blessed redeemer, whose promises supported her through a distressing sickness, and we humbly trust she has entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Printers in Vt., please copy.

NH Patriot 5-30-1844 **POLLY D.C. KNOX**

In Epsom, on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., of dropsy, Mrs. Polly D.C. Knox, wife of Robert Knox, Esq., and daughter of the late Col. Daniel Cilley, aged 53. The deceased possessed a large and vigorous intellect, with uncommon energy and decision of character, and, notwithstanding the ravages of disease for many years, she retained

her powers in a remarkable degree to the last. Esteemed and beloved by her friends and acquaintances, her death to them is an affliction, which will not be soon forgotten. To the immediate circle of her relations and her own loved family, her loss is irreparable.

NH Patriot 2-27-1845 **JONATHAN CHASE**

In Epsom, Feb. 18, after a severe and protracted illness, which he bore with unusual patience and resignation, Mr. Jonathan Chase, aged 66. Printers in Vt. And Me. are requested &c.

Exeter Newsletter 6-9-1845 **JAMES LOCKE**

Deaths - In Stanstead, L.C. , March 29th, from the kick of a horse, Mr. James Locke, a native of Epsom, NH, aged 70.

NH Patriot 7-31-1845 **HANNAH CHASE**

In Deerfield, 23d inst., Mrs. Hannah, consort of Jonathan Chase, late of Epsom, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Printers in Vt. And Me. are requested &c.

Farmers Cabinet 11-6-1845 **MARYANN L.H. WALLACE**

In Epsom, Mrs. Mary Ann L. H. Wallace, aged 24 years, wife of William Wallace, and eldest daughter of the late Capt. N.G. Dana, of the U.S. Army.

NH Patriot 7-23-1846 **SARAH TOWLE**

In Epsom, 12<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Sarah Towle, wife of the late Joseph Towle, aged 70 years, 8 months and 9 days.

Exeter Newsletter, 11-9-1846 **ELIPHALET WIGGIN**

In Richmond, Wisconsin, Sept. 7th very suddenly, Eliphalet Wigggin, Esq. of Epsom, NH in the 47th year of his age.

NH Patriot 7-12-1849 **GEORGE W. HAM**

At Epsom, very suddenly, George W., youngest son of William Ham Esq., in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of his age. His remains were escorted to the grave, July 4<sup>th</sup>, by the Epsom Light Infantry of which the deceased was a member, and a large circle of mourning relatives and friends. The deceased was a young man of industrious habits and unblemished reputation. His many amiable traits of character had much endeared him to his family and friends, who will deeply feel his sudden and unexpected death. Long will this anniversary of our nation's independence be painfully remembered by the bereaved family, and especially by her to whom he was betrothed.

NH Patriot 5-9-1850 **ROBERT KNOX**

At Epsom, April 28, of strangulated hernia, after an illness of but four days, Robert Knox, Esq., eldest son of the late William Knox of Pembroke, aged 61. Appointed Deputy Sheriff for Rockingham in 1818, he had held the office for that county and Merrimack almost without interruption for thirty two years, and was

extensively known as a prompt, efficient and faithful public officer, and an upright man. He was also for many years Postmaster at Epsom. He died in the strength and vigor of manhood, and in the full possession of all his faculties to the last moment.

NH Patriot 7-11-1850 **CHARLES K. HOYT**  
**ELIZA P. HAYNES**

Drowned at Pembroke, June 30, while bathing, Mr. Charles K. Hoyt, aged about 29 years, eldest son of Mr. Morrill Hoyt of Epsom.

At Epsom, July 1, Eliza P., wife of Ambrose D. Haynes, aged 26. She has left behind her two little children, now without a mother's care – one but an infant. She was sensible that she must die, and appeared to resign herself calmly and willingly into the hands of her God and Redeemer. To all her surviving friends her loss is very great – to husband, parents, brethren and sisters, their wounds are deep, their trials are heavy – may a merciful God heal them and comfort them.

Farmers Cabinet 9-3-1851 **REUBEN SANBORN**

Intoxication and Death – At Epsom, N.H., on Saturday evening, as a man named Reuben Sanborn, in a state of intoxication, was returning to his home from a day's work, with his scythe and broad ax, he fell, as is supposed, upon his tools, and cut his arm severely. Some individuals took his tools from him and started him along. He was found the next morning dead by the side of the road, within a half-mile of his home. He had bled profusely, and probably became faint and was unable to proceed and perished from exposure to the night air.

## **EPSOM MARRIAGES FROM EARLY NEWSPAPERS**

**1809**

In Newbury Mr. Benjamin Robinson, jun. of Epsom, to Miss Betty Poor of the former place. (Merrimack Intelligencer)

**1810**

At Epsom, NH, Mr. Samuel Lord, merchant of Portsmouth, to Miss Nancy Dearborn McClary, eldest daughter of General Michael McClary, of Epsom. (Boston Patriot 7-7-1810)

**1810**

At Epsom, NH, Hon. Edward French to Mrs. Mary Locke – Lieut Mark French to the amiable Mariam Moses – Mr. Timothy Blake to Miss Sally Emerson. (Boston Patriot 10-16-1810)

**1817**

At Epsom, Mr. James Cochran of Londonderry, to widow Polly Morrison of Epsom. (Boston Gazette 1-9-1817)

**1819**

Married – In Loudon, by Rev. Mr. Corser, Mr. James S. Bachelder, of Epsom, to Miss Betsy Sanborn of Loudon.

**1819**

In Epsom, by the Rev. Mr. Curtis, Jonathan Steele, Esq. Attorney at Law, to Miss Eliabeth H. McClary, daughter of Gen. Michael McClary. (Essex Patriot 7-31-1819)

**1821**

At Newmarket, Mr. Abraham W. Marden, of Epsom, to Miss Mary B. Messer. (Boston Commercial Gazette 4-19-1821)

**1822**

At Deerfield, N.H. Dr. Jacob Williams, of Gilmanton, to Miss Irene Locke, of Epsom. (Haverhill Gazette 7-4-1822)

In Deerfield, Mr. David Marston of Epsom, to Miss Polly Badger (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 12-21-1822)

**1824**

In Epsom, Mr. Simeon Towle, to Miss Hannah Yeaton (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 9-25-1824)

**1825**

Married – In Northwood, James Babb, Esq. of Epsom, to Miss Susan S. Mead, daughter of Levi Mead, Esq.

**1827**

Married – In Portsmouth, by the Rev. Mr. Howe, Joseph Lawrence Esq. of Epsom, to Miss Hannah R. Bickford, of Portsmouth.

In Chichester – by Rev. Mr. Putnam, Mr. Jonathan Marden to Miss Sally Seavey, daughter of Moses Seavey, Esq.

**1829**

In Epsom, Mr. Edward Melcher of Salem, to Miss Sally Leavitt. (Salem Gazette 11-26-1829)

**1830**

In Epsom, Lieut. William Wallace to Miss Margaret Durgin (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 6-5-1830)

**1831**

In Deerfield – by Rev. Mr. Wells, Mr. Henry Bickford of Epsom to Miss Mary W. Morrill.

**1832**

In Epsom, Mr. Benjamin Green, printer of Concord, to Miss Sarah Sanders of Epsom

**1833**

In Northwood, Mr. John Chesley of Epsom to Miss Charlotte Keith of N

**1834**

In Barnstead, on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, by John Peavey, Esq., Mr. Daniel Philbrick 3<sup>rd</sup> to Miss Elizabeth Y. Brown, both of Epsom.

In Barrington, Mr. John Chesley, Jun., of Epsom, to Miss Joana Tibbets, of Madbury. (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 8-30-1834)

**1837**

In Chichester, 23d inst. by Rev. Mr. Putnam, Lieut. James M. Sherburn of Epsom to Miss Betsey C. Blake, daughter of Gen. James Blake. [Accompanying the above was a generous slice of most excellent cake.] (NH Patriot 2-27-1837)

**1838**

In Epsom, Mr. Orson Abbott, of Pembroke to Miss Elizabeth Clark, of Epsom. (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 6-2-1838)

In Epsom, Mr. Hopley Yeaton, to Miss Sarah Ann Kimball (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 7-14-1838)

**1839**

In Epsom, Mr. John A.B. Lear to Miss Harriet Moses

In Deerfield, Mr. Samuel Bickford of Epsom, to Miss Polly Blaisdell of Deerfield. (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 4-6-1839)

### **1840**

In Epsom, Mr. John Goodhue, to Miss Hannah Tilton, of Deerfield  
In Epsom, Mr. William H. Dickey to Miss Martha J. Lawrence

In Epsom, Mr. James Stevens of Pembroke, to Miss Eliza A. Yeaton of Epsom. (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 4-4-1840)

In Epsom, Rev. Wm. H. Hayward, formerly of Boston, to Miss Lydia Dickey of Epsom. (Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 11-14-1840)

### **1841**

In Epsom, Mr. John Doe, of Bow, to Miss Abigail H. Davis of Epsom.  
Mr. Anthony K. Lane of Chichester to Miss Sally Yeaton of Epsom.  
(Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 10-23-1841)

### **1844**

In Concord, May 26<sup>th</sup>, by Rev. J. Atwood, Mr. Francis L. Knowles of Epsom, to Mrs. Sarah W. Green of Concord (possible 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for her)

### **1845**

In Pittsfield, Mr. Stephen Rand of Epsom, to Miss Mary Fogg of P.

In Concord, Feb. 9, Mr. Ezra W. Merrill, of Concord, to Miss Margarette L. Knowles of Epsom. (Farmers Cabinet 3-6-1845)

### **1846**

In Deerfield, Mr. William Yeaton of Epsom to Miss Mary J. Stearns of Deerfield. (Exeter Newsletter 4-27-1846)

In Epsom, Mr. N.S. Webster of Boscawen to Miss Lucy Ann Lord, of Epsom. (Exeter Newsletter 8-10-1846)

In Allenstown, on the 23d inst., by Elder Frederick Cogswell, Mr. John H. Smith of Allenstown to Mrs. Jane D. Johnson of Epsom. (NH Patriot 8-27-1846)

### **1847**

In Pittsfield; Mr. Albion W. Perkins, to Miss Susan M. Rand, both of Epsom. (Farmers Cabinet 9-30-1847)

**1849**

In Peterborough, Mr. Aaron B. Grant of Epsom, to Miss Sophia H. Snow

**1850**

At Keene, March 20, by Rev. Dr. Barstow, Mr. Samuel E. Hall of Epsom, to Miss Frances C. Sturtevant, daughter of Geo W. Sturtevant, Esq. of Keene

At Epsom, by Rev. R.A. Putnam, Mr. Benjamin Towle Jr., to Miss Eliza H. Ham, daughter of Wm Ham, Esq., all of E.

## **EPSOM LETTERS & ARTICLES FROM EARLY NEWSPAPERS**

Massachusetts Gazette, 4-12-1770

### **THE following may be depended on as Fact**

THAT some time in the beginning of January last, several men being together in the woods at Epsom in New Hampshire, found a bear in his den. They had several dogs with them, who were so intimidated by the threats of the bear, who, considering his house as his castle, menaced instant destruction to the audacious animal who should attempt a forcible entry upon his habitation, that none of them could be persuaded to undertake the hazardous enterprise. The men, hoping, by exciting his vindictive disposition, to provoke him to the imprudence of a sally to punish their insolence, offered many contemptuous insults to him and his habitation. But he, conscious that, considering the superior force of the besiegers, his citadel was his only safety, wisely curbed his naturally hasty temper, and resolved to act entirely upon the defensive. This resolution disconcerted all the measures of the assailants. While they were deliberating and settling the plan of their future operations, a young man, driving a yoke or two of oxen, came to them, and proposed to go himself into the den, and fasten a chain to the hind legs of the animal, and draw him out with the oxen. The proposal was approved. The youth, a chain being fastened about his middle, in order to speedily to withdraw him from military execution, in case of a summary proceeding against him by martial law, took a chain in his hand, boldly entered the gloomy abode, fastened the chain as was proposed, and returned in safety; the vindictive animal, surprised, as it seems, at the intrepidity of the youth, having made no resistance. At the first effort of the oxen, the chain slipped off from the bear's legs, &c defeated the impatient hopes of the party. Our young adventurer, with the like precautions as before, now a second time visited the region of darkness, fixed the chain effectually, and returned to his companions. The oxen were obliged to pull pretty hard to dislodge the animal from his dwelling, he endeavoring still to keep possession by closely embracing the roots of trees which supported his roof; but at length, superior force obliged him to quit his hold, and he was drawn by the cattle into the midst of his enemies, whose unprovoked fury soon put a period to his life. Such was the unfortunate end of this TRUE BORN SON OF LIBERTY!

12-30-1774

### **PORTSMOUTH**

We hear from Greenland that a large Number of the most respectable Inhabitants of that Town convened on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of December current, at the House of Mr. John Folsom, Innholder in said Town, and by erecting a LIBERTY POLE, and by several Votes there passed discovered the firmest Attachment to the

Cause of Liberty and a fix'd Determination to defend the Priviledge of Americans with their Lives and Fortunes.

**N.B.** The above Conduct & Determination being very disagreeable to Col. March, he enter'd his Dissent, and said none but lazy, idle Fellows, such as your Andrew McClarys and Jo Cilley;s would have anything to do with such Business, and that he would indemnify any one that would cut the Pole down.

1-9-1775

I Find it absolutely denied in your Last that Col. March ever said that none but lazy idle Fellows such as your Andrew McClary's and Jo Cilley's would have any Thing to do with such Business, That he did then and there as formerly mentioned in you Paper utter those very identical Words the following Gentlemen are at any Time ready when properly called upon the make solemn Oath to the Truth of William Haines, Thomas Berry, John Weeks.

Essex Journal 1-25-1775 **E P S O M (New Hampshire) Resolves.**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Epsom, held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1775; and at said meeting chose deputies to meet at Exeter on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, agreeable to a letter sent to said town for that purpose (then took as fellows under their consideration: as the grand Continental Congress advises a non-importation and a non consumption of goods to be the most effectual method to safe our deplorable situation: and as we view the Scotch merchants and traders in general to be no friends to our country, and is altogether for self interest and lucrative gain; and to accomplish their designs, has filled the country with hawker, pedlars and petty chapmen, with their lawns, cambricks, ribbons &c. – tempting women, girls and boys, with their unnecessary fineries, which is a moth to our country, and damage to all honest merchants and traders that are true friends to our country, and that deals upon honor; and to prevent all such diabolical proceedings for the future, &c.

Passed a Resolve, that no pedlars, hawkers, or petty chapmen, shall be tolerated for the future to sell or dispose of any goods of what name or nature soever in said town, upon no less penalty than receiving a new suit agreeable to the modern made, and a forfeiture of their goods. And then chose a committee to inspect into the above resolve, and see that it is carefully executed.

The Mirror 1-30-1795

### *Unhappy Accident*

On Wednesday last, at a large company of gentlemen and ladies from Epsom, upon a party of pleasure, were crossing the river in this town at Tucker's ferry, the horses belonging to one of the sleighs on descending the eastern bank, took a fright, overset and broke the sleigh to pieces, and threw those that were in it with such violence upon the ice, that one of the young ladies, Miss Hannah Dickey, received such a shock that she has since been \_\_\_ of all sense, and almost emotion – She is at the house of Dr. Carignain, and her life is pronounced extremely dubious.

Concord Gazette 3-15-1808

We several weeks since noticed the death of Mr. \* Abner Cough of Loudon. We are informed that his body was taken up last Saturday, and was examined by several physicians. It appears that the day previous to his death, he was in company with one Cilley in Epping; and as Mr. Clough happened to give him some trivial cause of provocation, Cilley retaliated by giving him a number of severe blows, with the butt end of his

Whip, which are supposed to be the cause of his death. Cilley has been apprehended, and is to be brought before a justice next Thursday at Epsom.

\*The Christian name was inserted in his death Jonathan, through mistake.

Concord Gazette 3-22-1808

On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Before the Hon. Timothy Walker, Esq. came on the examination of the complaint against Benjamin Cilley of Nottingham, for beating and abusing Abner Clough, of Loudon, by giving him sundry blows with the butt end of a whip, on the left side of his head and neck (which was supposed to be the means of his death) at the house of Col. Levi Towles, in Epping, on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, last: Clough afterwards went on a sleigh to his house in Loudon, on the same night, and died the next morning. On the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. The body of Clough, was taken from the ground and examined by several Physicians, after this, a warrant was issued to apprehend Cilley.

Several Gentlemen of the Bar, from this and the lower part of the county, were engaged in this hearing, which was held in the meeting house at Epsom, and occupied three days, a very large concourse of people of both sexes attended during the whole time, Judge Walker, after giving a candid and satisfactory hearing of the witnesses, and Council on both sides, ordered that Cilley should be committed to the prison in Exeter, to be tried at the next session of the Superior Court in that county.

We thought it our duty to make this brief statement to gratify in some measure the public curiosity, but we should deem any remarks on the evidence that appeared on the enquiry at Epsom, at this time improper, as it might tend to give an undue bias to the public mind, previous to the trial of the prisoner, before the Superior Court. We hope, and we believe it to be no less the wish of the friends of the deceased, that the trial should be by unprejudiced jury, that if innocent, he may be acquitted, and if guilty, convicted.

Concord Gazette 3-6-1810

### **RECORDER OF DEEDS**

*Mr. Tuttle,*

It is a great hardship that the Northern part of the County of Rockingham, which is very populous, should be subjected to the great inconvenience of having their Courts of Law, and all the county offices at the lower part of the county. Some of the offices might be more central without any new expense to the county—particularly that of Recorder of Deeds. I therefore take the liberty of recommending

CAPT. JAMES GRAY,

of Epsom, as a Gentleman well qualified to discharge the duties of that office. The central situation of Epsom, and its being a post town, renders it a very suitable place for the office. I understand that this Gentleman, will be handsomely supported by the upper part of the County, and the other parts of the county, can have no reasonable objection to the removal of the office.

A VOTER

Newburyport Herald 3-12-1813

### ***POCKET BOOK LOST***

**LOST** last night, at the FIRE, a **POCKET BOOK**, containing Bank Notes to the amount of 165 dollars, and a number of valuable papers of no use to any person but the owner. — Whoever has found the same shall be suitable rewarded on application at this office.

BENJAMIN ROBINSON  
Epsom, Feb. 12, 1813  
Albany Daily Advertiser 11-13-1816

## A NOTORIOUS IMPOSTER AND THIEF CAUGHT

A man whose name appears to be MARK FRENCH, from various papers found in his possession, came to this city sometime about the 20<sup>th</sup> of September last, and feigning distress, obtained a written license from the Mayor to ask of the citizens charity, and actually received from sundry persons sums of money. He stated that he belonged to the county of Rockingham, New Hampshire, that he had been sick, and wished to obtain means to get home to his family. But instead of going home, he continued to loiter about this city, and on the 2d of October, he exposed for sale at the auction store of Messrs. Clarke and Moore some articles of goods and clothing, and then embarked on board the Steam Boat for New York. On the 18<sup>th</sup> instant he returned to this city in the Steam Boat Paragon from New York, and put up at the Columbian Hotel, kept by Mr. Fobes, where he continued until Thursday last. He stated to Mr. Fobes, that he belonged to Montreal; that he was poor and almost destitute of money. On Tuesday morning, however, he was about to take the stage for Whitehall, when all of a sudden he discovered that his trunk had been broken open and his pocket book stolen, with all his money, which he had counted over but half an hour before and locked up safely in his trunk. A stranger having lodged in the house, suspicion fell upon him, and immediate pursuit was made, but without effect. Mr. Fobes then went with the above named French, to the Police Office where he made oath to the robbery, and gave the Police a description of his pocket book and papers, stating that there was between 15 and 18 dollars in the pocket book, and among the bills stolen was one five dollar bill on the Middle District Bank. – He appeared much agitated and wept freely.

The villain had now another opportunity to impose upon the citizens. He told the story of his misfortunes, and again obtained money from different persons – five dollars from the Humane Society and two from the Board of Magistrates. But notwithstanding his most artful manner to conceal his real character, Mr. Fobes began to entertain suspicions that he was an imposter and rogue, and accordingly took measures to ascertain the fact. French went about begging during the day, and at night he was discovered in houses of ill-fame, gambling away his charity. In this manner he continued until Friday last, when Mr. Fobes, being perfectly satisfied with his character, examined his baggage, which discovered his suspicions to be well founded. The articles described below were found. Mr. Fobes then instantly seized him by the collar and led him to the Police Office, where he was searched, and the identical pocket book, containing the sum which he had sworn was stolen, and amongst the money, the five dollar Middle District bill, was found upon him. He was examined and committed to prison. From the manner in which the goods were found stowed away, he probably had stolen them from various persons, and at various times, as the articles, which were rolled with old clothes, and shoes, &c. were found in many small bundles. They have no doubt been stolen in New York and Albany, and on board the Steam Boats. He had also on board a large assortment of clothing which he had unquestionably plundered. Mr. Fobes has already discovered an owner for two of the articles which were taken from the Steam Boat paragon, and a woman of this city has appeared and claimed two of the most valuable shawls.

Mark French appears to be about 50 years of age, stout made, sandy complexion, and about five feet nine or ten inches high.

The frequent instances in which villains of this sort commit depredations upon the community, and especially such a flagrant case as this, ought to put all people, and especially the charitable and benevolent upon their

guards; for as has happened here, their bounty is not only thrown away, but it proves the means of enabling them to commit more extensive frauds and robberies upon the public.

*INVENTORY of the goods found in Mark French's Trunk, taken in presence of Richard S. Treat, Philander Fobes, and Alonzo B. Bigelow, in Albany, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1816.*

Two flag silk handkerchiefs – 1 silk and cotton shawl; 2 7-4 imitation shawls; 2 8-4 olive Levantine do; 1 do bisck do; 1 do red cotton twilled; 1 do light blue Cassimere do, soiled; 3 scarlet Bandanoes; 2 cotton flag handkerchiefs; 6 red spotted cravats; 4 pair beaver gloves; 1 do cotton do; 1 do women's black silk hose; 3 lbs. Col'd sewing silk, marks off; 2 dozen apron tapes, No. 25; half dozen tobacco boxes, japanned and flowered; 1 6-4 white cotton shawl; 11 4-4 buff do do; 11-2 yards lilack Canton crape; 1 piece Brussels cotton lace, No. 1723, 36 yards; 3-4 yard of black Lutestring; 1 vest pattern; 9 ladies combs; 1 pair mix'd worsted hose; 1 do black do do; 1 do mix'd do 1-2do; 2 pieces Nankeen Cotton ferrit; 9 Madrass handkerchiefs; 3 pair calf skin shoes; 1 case razors, containing 6 marked 1,2,3,4,5,6, with Ivory handles – case mahogany, with brass butts, hooks and eyes, a brass plate on the top marked 15 dollars with pen and ink; 1 pair socks; 2 napkins.

Articles which appear to be partly worn.

3 shirts; 3 cravats, one marked 1.B.; 1 7-4 imitation shawl; 7 pair woolen, worsted and cotton hose; 4 do, do; 7 vests, one a blue superfine double mill'd cassimere, lined with white flannel, with a black ratinet back; 4 pr. Pantaloons; 1 morning gown; 6 hdkfs, very much worn; 1 pair black gaiters; 3 do. Shoes, some worn; 1 pair mittens; 1 cork screw; 1 pillow case; 1 towel; 1 white damask shawl; 1 green do. Do.

Newburyport Herald 11-15-1816 **ITEM**

Mark French, of Epsom, in N.H. has been apprehended in Albany for Robbery. A large quantity of plunder was found in his possession.

6-10-1822

Capt. Samuel Thompson has been appointed post-master at Holderness, N.H. vice Walter Blair, resigned. Mr. James Babb is appointed post-master in Epsom, vice Col. Daniel Cilley, resigned.

5-24-1825

### **A FREE ROAD FROM CONCORD TO PORTSMOUTH**

It may not perhaps be generally known in the interior of this State and the northerly part of Vermont, that a purchase has been made of the New Hampshire Turnpike Road, leading from Concord through Northwood, Epsom and Durham to Piscatqua Bridge, in order to afford a greater facility and encouragement to those, who may be disposed to convey their produce to the Portsmouth market. The original cost of this road was \$55,799. The expenditures upon it to January 1817, were \$12,993. The expenditures since that time have been estimated at about \$1200 per annum – making the sum total of original cost and expenditures \$78,392.

This is now a FREE ROAD. It is well made. Its course is as direct as possible, avoiding the mountainous ridges. The distance on this road from Concord Bridge to Portsmouth is 43 miles, and may be traveled in about half a day.

NH Patriot 2-6-1826

**EXCESSIVE COLD.** – The thermometer at Warner last Wednesday, 7 o'clock, A.M. stood at 28 below zero; in this town, at sunrise, the mercury stood at 26 below 0 in the open air. At Epsom, at 10 o'clock, P.M. on the day previous, the mercury stood at 18, and at sunrise next morning at 20 degrees below 0. At Pembroke, minus 16 within doors; at Londonderry, 16; at Boston, 16, being 6 degrees lower than in 1818; at Dorchester, Ms. 17 below. The harbor of Boston was closed with ice as far as Long Island.

7-22-1826

**Grasshoppers.** – We are informed by a gentleman of undoubted veracity, who saw the spoil, that Friend Arnold Thompson, of Epsom, on Saturday evening last, caught in his and his neighbors' grain fields, between the hours of eight and twelve o'clock, *five bushels and three pecks of grasshoppers!* His mode of catching them was by attaching two sheets together, and fastening them to a pole, which was used as the front part of the drag. The pole extended beyond the width of the sheets so as to admit persons at both sides to draw it forward. At the sides of the drag, braces extended from the pole so as to raise the back part of the sheet considerably from the ground, so that the grasshoppers could not escape. After running the drag about a dozen rods with rapidity, the braces were taken out and the sheet doubled over, the grasshoppers were then swept from each end towards the center of the sheet, where was left an opening to the mouth of a bag which held about half a bushel; when deposited and tied up, the drag was again opened and ready to proceed. When this bag was filled so as to become burthensome, (their weight is about the same as that of the same measure of corn,) the bag was opened into a larger one and the grasshoppers received into a new deposit. The drag can be used only in the evening, when the grasshoppers are perched on the top of the grain. His manner of destroying them was by dipping the large bags into a kettle of boiling water. When boiled they had a reddish appearance, and made a fine feast for the farmer's hogs.

NH Patriot 3-26-1827

### **CURIOSITY**

A correspondent informs us that a sheep was found by Messrs. Brown and Foss in the woods in Epsom, N.H. in the first part of the present month alive, which had not been at any barn or seen any person during the winter; snow for a considerable part of the time more than three feet deep.

11-5-1827

### **Letter**

Epsom, Oct. 29, 1827

Mr. Hill,

Sir – Sometime during this month, there came a man to this town, and urged me to subscribe for a newspaper called the New Hampshire Journal, printed at Concord. He declared it to be a true republican paper. I have ever considered myself to be a republican of the old school, and place a high value on the rights and privileges secured to us. I rendered my feeble aid in support of those rights and privileges by shouldering my musket in the war of the revolution. Having received two or three numbers of the Journal, I am disgusted with it, and am free to confess I was enormously deceived by the lines of the agent who induced me to consent to take the paper. I consider it a miserable Clay-cold federal paper, and will not receive it any longer, and wish to become a subscriber for the N.H. Patriot. Yours, &c.

PERKINS PHILBRICK

1-27-1828

**Article**

At a meeting of the Democratic Republicans of the town of Epsom, assembled at the inn of Lieut. Abel Brown, on Tuesday Jan. 1, 1828, pursuant to notice.

Col. DANIEL CILLEY was called to the chair, and WILLIAM HAM, Jr. was chosen Secretary; when the following preamble and resolutions were introduced and unanimously passed.

At a time like this, we view the UNION of the Republican part all important to the interest of this State and of the United States, and that the Republicans should be vigilant and active in the common cause, the county's best good – that they should be UNITED formidably to oppose every measure tending to involve our dear bought rights and privileges in Amiocarcy.

Therefore Resolved, That we highly approve the Resolutions of our spirited and patriotic brethren of DEERFIELD passed at a recent meeting and published in the New Hampshire Patriot, and will most cordially UNITE with them and others of the like patriotism in using our utmost endeavors to carry the same into effect, and of adhering to the principles therein contained.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause the foregoing preamble and resolutions to be published in the New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette.

3-24-1828

## EPSOM ANNUAL MEETING

Republican Ticket

Hanover Dickey

B.L. Locke, 134

William Ham Jr, 155

Winthrop Fowler, 134

Eliphalet Wiggin, 147

William Ham, jr. 87

Federal Ticket

MODERATOR

TOWN CLERK

REPRESENTATIVE

SELECTMEN

James Babb, 116

Thomas D. Merrill, 83

Thomas D. Merrill, 78

Thomas D. Merrill, 29

John Cate, 31

William Tarleton, 118

5-31-1828

**Article**

**DEAF AND DUMB** – The Governor and Council have made the following distributions of the \$1200 appropriated by the Legislature for the education of indigent and dumb children of this State, at the Hartford Asylum, viz:

John G. French, Epsom - \$115

We understand there were several indigent and highly deserving applicants, whose claims the limited appropriation of the Legislature did nor enable the Executive to answer. – N.H. Journal.

NH Patriot 7-28-1828

### *Fourth of July at Epsom.*

The fine Light Infantry company, commanded by Capt. Samuel Wells, met at the inn of Wm. Yeaton, jr. where a respectable number of the democratic republicans assembled, and the following sentiments were delivered accompanied by the discharge of musketry. Col. Daniel Cilley presided, and William Ham, jr. was Toastmaster.

The day we celebrate. While it awakens gratitude in the hearts of freeman, it speaks terror to the traitor and tyrant.

The heroes of the revolution. Their names breathe a sweet perfume.

Lafayette. Though seas divide us, the heart of every American throbs with gratitude at the recollection of his virtue.

These United States. Not withstanding the vile courses pursued by aspiring demagogues, may they flourish to the latest posterity, under the same pure republican principles, so strictly observed by their venerable father – the immortal Washington.

Hon. Benjamin Pierce. The inflexible republican – all the allurements of men in power, or the prospects of emolument of office, have never turned him from the straight line of duty.

Hon. Levi Woodbury and Hon. Jonathan Harvey. Bright constellations in the political horizon.

The Democratic Republicans.

“Firm, united let us be,

Rallying round old Hickory.

As a band of brothers join’d.”

Clay and Adams foes shall find.

John Q. Adams. Educated in the political school of his father, feigned a change of politics, and made pretensions of attachment to the republican party, for no other purpose but to destroy the effects of democratic policy. Eighteen hundred twenty-nine will, we trust, give him leisure to reflect on his many transgressions.

Isaac Hill – Who has so eloquently reminded us not to withhold the homage of grateful hearts from the sages and heroes of the revolution 0 his services demand our gratitude and affection.

Gen. Andrew Jackson. A republican in principles, in feelings and manners;

“Like the Eagle will soar on high,

Above the sphere where Vultures fly”

Amalgamation and Coalition. May they sink, with John the second to rise no more.

Epsom Light Infantry. Descendants of the hardy yeomanry; should their services be required, they would neither prove Arnolds or Hills.

The Fair. May the never yield their hearts to those who are unwilling to defend them from the battle cry of “beauty and booty.”

### VOLUNTEERS.

By Mr. S. Whitney. Hon. Samuel Bell. For the false information he gave last March may he drive a hearse loaded with the six coffin handbills.

By Capt. B.L. Locke. Death to a federal Administration – annihilation to amalgamation – and prosperity to our nation.

By Mr. S. Lear. Richard Bartlett, present Secretary of State; the political weather cock. May he feel the influence of the word of the royal psalmist applied to Judas Iscariot – “let his days be few, and his office let another take.”

By Mr. Perkins Philbrick, jr. Gov. Bell – a traitor to the federal party: a deceiver of the republican part; may he, and those who raised him to office, be considered as mean as the Hillsborough Bills; and may the republicans of New Hampshire, at the next election, *Pierce* him to the heart.

By Mr. William Yeaton, jr. America. Her good blooded sons will have reason to rejoice, when the present ruler of our nation, or otherwise the United States’ pauper, shall leave to retire, and Andrew Jackson be placed in the chair of State.

By a citizen. Ichabod Bartlett – The little Bullfrog of New Hampshire: may he never beget another brood of twaddlers.

By Capt. B.L. Locke. William Pickering, who has lost his office by being a man of integrity: may he be chosen to the office of an Elector.

By R. Knox, Esq. Gov. Pierce. He carries with him into his present retirement the proud consciousnesses of unsullied integrity.

By Mr. S. Whitney. The pitch pine Judge: as fit for a Senator as Judas was for a disciple.

By Benvoli Sandborn. John Q. Adams; the present idol of the federal party, a traitor to the republicans: who robbed the public treasury to secure an office for himself; may his double salaries, double outfits, billiard tables and Indian portraits, be long remembered by the democratic republicans: may his agents, paid out of the treasury, who circulated the coffin handbills and other infamous lines to defame the character of Gen. Andrew Jackson, have place in history, and be read by our children, and children’s children to the last generation.

By William Ham, jr. New Hampshire. May the twenty thousand republican sons, who recently distinguished themselves, like Leonidas, maintain their integrity, or perish in the last ditch.

By a citizen. Thomas Whipple, jr. A political Juda, who sold his birth right for a mess of pottage.

By a citizen. The Toastmaster. Though modest and unassuming, fears not the threats of aspiring demagogues.

By Perkins Philbrick, jr. The President of the day – son of the late Gen. Joseph Cilley, the only remaining one who has never been swerved by the prospects of office, and who has remained true to the pure republican principles, so strictly adhered to by his venerable father.

12-1-1828

### **Letters – Conduct of one of Moore’s Deputy Sheriffs !**

I Alexander S. Lear depose and say that on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October last, Capt. Dearborn Lord of Epsom came to my house in Allenstown, and told me that I was owing said Lord ten shillings; and after some conversation said Lord asking me what Electoral ticket I should carry, informed him that I always had and still should carry the Republican ticket. He, the said Lord, then said If I carried the Republican ticket, it would be that for the Adams electors, for the that supported Mr. Adams were republicans, and they that supported Jackson were federalists. I then told said Lord that I did not so understand it, for I considered the supports of Jackson to be principally republicans, and the supporters of Adams principally to be federalists. He the said Lord then offered me, if I would carry the Adams ticket, so called, he would give me out of his said demand against me fifty cents. And the said Lord afterwards at the same place said to me, if I would carry said Adams ticket as aforesaid, he would take of me one dollar instead of ten shillings; to which I replied I would think of it. Further saith not.

ALEXANDER SALTER LEAR

Nov. 17. 1828

Merrimack, ss, Pembroke, Nov. 17, 1828.

Then the above named Alexander S. Lear personally appeared, and after being duly cautioned and carefully examined, made solemn oath that the above affidavit by him subscribed is just and true, before me,  
SAMUEL COCHRAN, jun. Jus. Peace

MR. JETHRO PETTINGILL, informs that “on the 3d of November, 1828, EDWARD D. LORD of Epsom in the meetinghouse of the town aforesaid, asked me for whom I was calculating to vote. I told him I was going to vote for Jackson, i.e. for Jackson Electors. He, the said Edward D. Lord, then said if I did my pension would be stopped *and I should have to go to jail.*”

NH Patriot 1-19-1829

### **Celebration at Epsom of the 8<sup>th</sup> January**

In commemoration of the political events of this highly favoured country, and more particularly of the signal services of the Conqueror at New Orleans, and the late complete triumph of Democratic Principles in electing Gen. Andrew Jackson to the highest office in the gift of a free and enlightened people; the republicans of Epsom, joined by citizens from other towns, determined to express their joy and gratitude by celebrating the eighth inst.

Accordingly an elegant Ensign of Liberty was previously erected by Robert Knox, Esq. and other spirited democratick citizens, and suitable preparations made for the exercises of the day. A committee of arrangements was chosen, consisting of twenty, who appointed Hanover Dickey, Esq. President; Col. Daniel Cilley, Richard Tripp, John Nealley, and Capt. Lewis Flanders, Vice Presdents; Gen. James Blake, Chief Marshal, Robert Knox Esq. and Benvoli Sanborn, Deputy Marshals; Daniel P. Cilley and David Dickey jr. Toastmasters.

The procession formed at 11 o'clock, A.M. near the Inn of Jeremiah Prescott, and proceeded to the meetinghouse under an escort of musick commanded by Maj. Josphe Eastman; where the exercises were, singing appropriate pieces accompanied by instrumental musick, prayers and benediction by the Chaplain, Elder Samuel B. Dyer, which in our opinion, would not have dishonored the most profound Ecclesiastic. They appeared as flowing from a mind which strengthens with increasing weight, rises and expands in proportion to the magnitude and importance of the occasion; and which appreciates our national blessings according to their true value. And an elaborate, spirited and patriotic address by Moses Norris, Esq. which is expected to be published, and will then speak for itself.

Having returned, over one hundred partook of a sumptuous collation served up by Mr. Jeremiah Prescott. After the cloth was removed, the following sentiments were given, accompanied by excellent musick, hearty cheers, and the discharge of artillery.

#### **REGULAR TOASTS**

1. The day we celebrate. One of the most important ever recorded in the annals of history, and which saved New Orleans from the British grasp.
2. May an unquenchable love of Liberty be kindled in each and every one, who beholds the ensign we have erected, and in all who have heard of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1776, or the day we celebrate.
3. America. Freedom's birth place, where man first gained his true Liberty and Independence.
4. Gen. Andrew Jackson, the President elect, the brightest ornament of America, through him we trust the nation will be saved.

5. The Union of the States. As the “giant oak grows in the sun, and strengthens in the storm,” so may it only be strengthened by internal tempests and political strifes.
6. Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce. The three grand sources of national subsistence. May they every draw by even cords.
7. Gen. Pierce. A Statesman, cool and dispassionate: may he at the next election receive the highest gift of a free and enlightened State.
8. Our *Hill* at the Capital. Too firm and impervious for federalism to climb.
9. Hon. L. Woodbury and Jonathan Harvey. As they have, so may they ever conduct as to meet the approbation of the Republican party.
10. The next Cabinet. May it be composed of materials more substantial than *Clay* tempered with *Rush*.
11. The Heroes of the Revolution. May their memories outlive monumental inscriptions.
12. Freeman of N.H. May they no longer be imposed upon by the base deceptions of that lying vehicle, which has been gratuitously and so profusely scattered among us by Jacob B. Moore.
13. The State Legislature. Very modest in *spirits*: how do they appear with the State’s *bottle* behind the curtain.
14. Democratic republicans of New Hampshire. May they be reminded that the least breach of their Union would be hailed with barbarian joy by an universal warhoop of aristocracy and despotism.
15. John Q. Adams. Not to blame, because his father “loved sour grapes,” but because they are pleasant to *his* taste.
16. Political “reign of terror.” “O nunquam qua, nunquam videamus again.”
17. “little ichabod bartlett.” The fag-end of all parties,” a good appellation for twaddlers, it applies well to himself.
18. His excellency John Bell. May he prepare to follow Jonny Q. in an “Irish hoist.”
19. Richard Bartlett – The amalgamation puff; full of all deception. Let the reptile be crushed in the egg.
20. Jacob B. Moore. “Hea me miserum,” I fear we shall lose our heat in amalgamating parties.
21. The President of the day. Firm amidst the contending elements of parties; a Patriot whose bosom glows with love of country.
22. The Vice Presidents. Firm supporters of true Republicanism.
23. The Orator of the day. May soundances of sentiment and eloquence of speck, combined in youth, be patterned after by all, who are advancing to manhood, and the active pursuits of life.
24. Party Spirit. May it every where give place to united and vigorous exertions for the public good.
25. Gen. Washington. May succeeding generations continue to be his monument, and their hearts his epitaph.
26. The Clergy. May their humble deportment and pious endeavors teach us obedience to our government and our God.
27. Literature. As it cultivates genius, may it inspire patriotism.
28. Editor of the Statesman and Register. Very boisterous concerning liars and falsehoods. “Clodias accusat Mochos.”
29. The Fair. May they be as effectual in promoting the brave sons of Columbia to true patriotism, as their amiable qualities are in commanding their attention and respect.

#### VOLUNTEERS

By the President of the day. Gen. Andrew Jackson. Conqueror of the Conquerors of Europe, and Hero of the United State. May he enjoy a seat at the national helm with increasing honor, till he shall resign it with perfect pleasure.

By Col. Cilley, V.P. John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay. They would be usurpers of the people's rights. May the combined powers of the people soon send them to St. Helena.

By Richard Tripp, V.P. The Chaplain. He joins us to commemorate "the glorious 8<sup>th</sup>" from inclination as well as duty.

By Gen. Blake, Chief Marshal. Gen. Benjamin Pierce. A Hero of the Revolution and a statesman of the first stamp. May the next election place him in the chief Executive Chair.

By the Orator of the day. The fourth of March, 1801 and the fourth of March, 1829 – Epochs alike glorious in the annals of Democracy.

By Robert Knox, Esq. Deputy Marshal. Hon. Isaac Hill. May his enemies not have power to put him down; nor his friends ever forsake him.

By Benvoli Sanborn, Deputy Marshal. Henry Clay – Now he is about to fall, may he repent of his past conduct; and fall into the hands of the potter and be moulded into a vessel of honor and liberty.

By Daniel P. Cilley. Success to the people of the United States. May they maintain their freedom, even till dissolving nature shall announce that "Time is no longer."

By David Dickey, jr. The token of Freedom here erected, and all others throughout our land. If as durable as the Egyptian Pyramids, may they ever be held by passing people, whose hearts glow with an ardent zeal for national liberty, beaming from reason and knowledge.

By Maj. Joseph Eastman. Amalgamators of New Hampshire – Principally professional men, composing the second platoon, and now pulling up the rear. To the left backward wheel march; march! Tune – *Soldier's Joy*.

By Mr. Jeremiah Blake. The late Administration party – Their desperate exertions, and amalgamating qualities; like the metallic strip, have only tended to set the edge of the Democratic Razor so keenly, as to shave the faces of the Coalition so that their *haggard* and *dejected* countenances may be recognized at first sight.

By Dr. Henry B. Brown. Gen. A. Jackson – A true and patriotic statesman, whose name stands conspicuous and immortal on the pages of history. As he ascends the presidential chair, may he be as a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, to guide the people in the path of duty.

By Thomas S. Eastman. The victory at New Orleans. The Republican's salvation, and Federalist's condemnation.

By Winthrop Fowler. The U. States of N. America. The only tolerant and most highly favored Nation in all the earth. May they ever be so humble, peaceable and united, that the wise Disposer of events may continue the same blessings to them, until time shall be no more.

By Reuben Sanborn. J.Q. Adams, Clay & Rush. May they on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March next retire from office "with their hands on their mouths, and their mouths in the dust," and of themselves "cry unclean" by reason of bargain and corruption.

By Joseph C. Wallace. John Binns and Jacob Binns Moore, and all who have been circulating coffin-handbills and other lying extra sheets – valets to defame the character of Gen. Jackson, and hurt the Republican cause. May they repent in dust and ashes; or like Judas, the traitor, go and hang themselves.

By a Guest. – The Clergy of N.H. None more busy than B. May he be made chief tanner of torie's hides. (This toast has allusion to a fast sermon preached during the last war.)

By Perkins Philbrick, jr.

A fell the old man, so falls his son;  
They served four years, and now they are done.  
Bargain their promotion – Twaddlers call it fair –  
May the devil take Adams, and Jackson take the chair.

By Capt. B.L. Locke. John Q. Adams – His reign will soon be at an end. May Amalgamation, Bargain and Intrigue, with him end, never to rise again.

By William Wallace. Gen. Andrew Jackson. The Hero of New Orleans and next President of the United States. May we ever have such able, wise and patriotic Statesmen at the helm of government, that our lives, Liberty, “beauty and booty,” may be protected from all tyranny and oppression.

By a citizen. Hall Burgin – “One of the best of men, one of the best of Judges, and one of the very best Senators” – feels bad enough – let the dead rest. No cheers, &c.

By William Yeaton, jr. The Governor and Council. A noble appointment in Epsom: A Justice of the peace without residence. But, as Jack said, any port in a storm.

By Benson Ham. Jacob B. Moore’s Epsom Deputy. May he ever pursue the course he has begun; give the *writ and summons to the defendant, clear our, and scream murder.*

#### Pittsfield Sun 1-14-1830 **EXPLOSION**

One of the buildings attached to the Powder Manufactory of Oliver M. Whipple, Esq. In Lowell, exploded on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. Some of the shingles were found half a mile off. Mr. Robinson, of Epsom, N.H. was the only person in the mill, his brother having left it in a few moments. Mr. R. threw himself on his face, but was found dreadfully bruised, and both eyes destroyed. His life is despaired of.

NH Patriot 11-5-1832

We are informed that no less than **FOUR BUSHEL**s of tory newspapers, extras, handbills and pamphlets have been sent to the single town of Epsom during the last few weeks. Such of these are not franked by *Daniel Webster* and other members of Congress, come charged with postage. In many instances the persons to whom large bundles are directed, refuse to take them out of the mail; *and thus a direct fraud on the Post Office Department is committed.* What would have been the condition of the public mails, had *Daniel Webster* and his party succeeded in taking off the postage on newspapers, extras and handbills? Our stages would have been more heavily loaded with this free commodity than they ever were with passengers !

NH Patriot 12-7-1835

***Beat this, who can?*** – A single tree, in the orchard of Mr. *Isaac Eastman* of Epsom in this county, produced the present year *seventy-two* bushels of apples. They were gathered late in the season, and carefully measured in the presence of several persons – are of large size, very fair, sound, and excellent winter fruit.

NH Patriot 10-23-1837

#### **Article**

The *Portsmouth News* tells a good story of a **REVOLUTIONARY TEA PARTY** got up by Major Michael McClary of Epsom, an unflinching patriot of those times, for the express benefit of a Mr. Dix of Pembroke, a tory who openly retailed the obnoxious article in spite of the threats and remonstrance’s of the liberty men. Major McClary and his friends repaired to Pembroke, and commenced operations by buying a pound of tea of Mr. Dix, during the purchase of which, the latter threw out certain hints that did not tend to allay the excitement of the “tea party.” On the following morning this pound of tea was burned in the street before Dix’s store, in the presence of a large number of the *liberty men*. Dix had in the mean time fastened

the door of his store, and armed himself with a *loaded* musket – and swore if the d\_\_\_d whigs broke open his store, he would shoot them as fast as *seven devils* could carry them out. The cry being made for *more tea*, the brave and daring McClary, with one jump, stove in the door of the store; entered the same sword in hand, and disarmed the tory Dix before he recovered from his surprise. His well stored chests of tea were emptied upon the fire – and himself compelled to sign the agreement of the patriots – that he would sell or drink no more tea! Thus ended the tea party of Pembroke, N.H.

NH Sentinel 12-14-1837

### VARIETY

“Who’ve you nominated for Governor?” said an Epsom Van Burenite, a noisy, blustering go the wholer, to one of the Whig’s delegates on his return from Concord, - “Who’ve you nominated for Governor?” “Guess.” “Low?” “No.” “Kent?” “No.” “You havn’t nominated Wilson have you?” “Just so.” “*The rascal, he’ll get half the Van Buren votes in Epsom!*”

NH Patriot 11-14-1844

**LARGE PUMPKIN.** William Brown of Epsom, raised the past season a pumpkin, which weighed, when taken from the vines, 80 lbs

NH Patriot 10-16-1845

**Robert Knox Jr.** has been appointed Postmaster at Epsom, N.H., in place of Benjamin L. Locke.

NH Patriot 10-23-1845

“The State paper can point out the ‘individual distinguished’ or otherwise, who has effected the removal of Gen. Locke living beyond the limits of Epsom.” – Hill’s print.

“The “State paper” can do no such thing. The reckless falsifier who conducts the ‘Great Corporation Advocate,’ state that ‘probably’ the removal was effected ‘at the instance’ of Col. Pierce. We are authorized to say that Col. Pierce has exerted no influence, directly or indirectly, in relation to the removal and appointment of postmaster at Epsom. No man in Concord, to our knowledge, had the least thing to do with the removal of Gen. Locke. We did not know that any effort was made for his removal, till the notice of the removal was sent to us for publication. Hill must hunt up another ‘clique’ to hold answerable for Gen. Locke’s removal, and other removals of which he complains.

NH Patriot 6-13-1850

**QUICK WORK.** – At Long Falls Mills, in Epsom, Mr. Stickney Robinson, a few days ago, sawed, with a hand machine, 17,000 shingles in ten hours and twenty-five minutes. – Mr. R. says that if any person can beat this, he will do better next time!

Farmer Cabinet 9-3-1851

**HAIL STORM AT EPSOM.** – We learn that on Monday that village in our State was visited by a terrific hail storm. It broke between three and four hundred lights in one house, and from one to three hundred in many others. The damage to the crops was considerable.

Farmers Cabinet 12-23-1879

- A young lady named **Gracie N. Merrill**, is sick at Short Falls, Epsom, with hydrophobia. She had never been bitten by a mad dog, but once took care of a child who died from that disease.

## **EPSOM NEWS FROM EARLY NEWSPAPERS – FIRES**

The Argus 4-17-1792 **OSGOOD DWELLING**

On Tuesday the 3d inst. the dwelling house of Col. Samuel Osgood, of Epsom, accidentally took fire, and with their provisions, and some of their furniture, &c was consumed.

9-14-1819 **SALTER's BARN**

A barn in Epsom, the property of a Mr. Salter, was burnt by lightning on Wednesday evening last. The building was large and nearly new, and besides about 40 tons of hay, contained grain and many of the materials prepared for erecting a new house.

8-24-1824 **JOSEPH BROWN BARN**

*Lightning.* A barn filled with hay &c. in Epsom, belonging to Mr. Joseph Brown, struck by lightning, was burnt on Monday last. The same day a new barn belonging to Maj. Wm. Weeks of Hopkinton, and partly filled with hay and grain, was burnt.

12-31-1825 **JOSIAH SANBORN BARN**

At Epsom, about 12 o'clock, on the night preceding Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, the barn belonging to Josiah Sanborn, Esq. together with its contents, thirty tons of hay, 20 head cattle, including a yoke of large fat oxen, a horse, and various other articles, was consumed by fire. By the timely exertions of the neighbors, the house, which was united to the barn by a shed, was preserved. The residence of Esq. Sanborn is upon the side of McCoy mountain, and the flames of the burning building presented a sublime and awful appearance. From the time of night at which the fire took, it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss about \$1000; no insurance.

7-4-1831 **JOHN CHESLEY RESIDENCE**

The dwelling house of Mr. John Chesley at Epsom was burnt on Wednesday night last. There is no doubt the fire was set by an incendiary. Fire had twice before, within a short time, been applied to Mr. Chesley's barn, and had gone out, leaving the brands which were intended to enkindle the flames. The house was so much on fire before it was discovered, that only a small portion of furniture in the front part was saved.

5-18-1833 and 5-20-1833 **DANIEL CILLEY BARN**

On Sunday night last, three barns, with a stable and shed belonging to Col. Daniel Cilley, of Epsom, were consumed by fire: supposed to have been set by an incendiary. Loss not particularly stated; probably about \$1000. Insurance \$350 in the N.H. Mutual Company.

On the night following the 5<sup>th</sup> instant the barns of Daniel Cilley, Esq. were consumed. His dwelling house was saved with much difficulty. There is no doubt that this was the work of an incendiary. Epsom has for a few years past been peculiarly unfortunate in fires and in the *suspicion* at least, that it is infested with a very few miscreants, who have occasioned them.

#### 6-22-1835 **JAMES SHERBURNE CATTLE**

Lightning. James Sherburne, of Epsom, had (about ten days since) six cattle killed in his yard; by a single shock of lightning. He was standing within a few feet of them, but escaped without injury.

#### 3-12-1839 **DEARBORN BATCHELDER TAVERN**

The tavern house of Mr. Dearborn Batchelder, of Epsom, N.H. was destroyed by fire a few days since. Loss \$1500 or more, besides several hundred dollars in money. The property had been insured in the N.H. Mutual Office; but the owner suffered his policy to expire a few weeks since, without renewal.

#### 9-14-1848 **JOSEPH LAWRENCE DWELLING**

Fire In Epsom. – The large three-story house in Epsom, which, for many years, has stood so boldly in the traveler's eye as he passed on either of the leading roads in Epsom, owned by Mr. Joseph Lawrence, was consumed by fire, last Wednesday morning, soon after sunrise.

## **EPSOM ADS FROM EARLY NEWSPAPERS**

NH Gazette 7-6-1759

*TAKEN up at Epsom about the 23d of June last, a large red roan HORSE with a Star in his Forehead, a little lame in his off Fore Foot: Supposed to be the same advertised by Andrew Aramour in this Paper of June 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Whoever can prove his Property in said Horse, may have him again, paying the Charge of this Advertisement, and other Charges for taking him up. Inquire of Mr. John McCleary of Epsom.*

NH Gazette 8-8-1760

**THESE** are to give Notice to the Proprietors of EPSOM, that the Proprietors Meeting, warned the Eighteenth of June, to be held at the House of Capt. *Andrew McCleary*, in said Epsom, stand adjourned to the Tenth of September next ensuing the Date hereof. *Epsom, August the 1<sup>st</sup>, 1760*  
*John McClery, Nathan Marden, Thomas Clakes, Select Men*

NH Gazette 4-10-1761

**THESE are to NOTIFY** the Proprietors of the Town of Epsom, that they meet at the House of Mr. Jonathan Longfellow, Innholder in Rye, on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, to chuse a Committee to prosecute such as have cut and carried Lumber off Epsom Common; such as refuse or neglect to settle with the present Committee: As also to act any Thing that shall be tho't proper for the Benefit of said Town and

Proprietors. Also those Gentlemen that claim Rights in the Town of Epsom, and had not had them, are desired to appear at said Meeting, and prove their Rights, if any they have. The Meeting to begin at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

NATHAN MARDEN, Proprietors Clerk

NH Gazette 9-10-1762

Just publish'd, sold by the Printer,

**The Rev. Mr. JOHN TUCK's SERMON**, preached at the Ordination of his SON at Epsom. To which is annex'd the Charge and Right Hand of Fellowship. Subscribers are desir'd to send for their Books.

Portsmouth Printed by D.Fowbe.

NH Gazette 9-14-1764

### **Province of New Hampshire**

**THIS** certifies, that a Petition has been preferred to the General Assembly of this Province by a Number of the Inhabitants of EPSOM in said Province, praying Leave to sell certain LANDS in said Township, as therein mentioned, and the Monies raised thereby, applied to the building a convenient and proper MEETINGHOUSE for the publick Worship of GOD, which would be in the End and Advantage to the Non Resident Proprietors as well as to the Inhabitants, by encouraging and Increasing Settlers; which Petition has been considered and voted in the Assembly, and concurred in Council; that the Petitioners be heard thereon the second Day of the sitting of the General Assembly after the First Day of August next, that any Person may appear and shew Cause, if any they have, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.  
T. Atkinson, jun. Sec.

2/25/1768

### **Province of New Hampshire.**

**Know** all Men by these Presents, that I Josiah Sanborn of Epsom, in said Province of New Hampshire, Yeoman, have constituted sundry Person from and before the Date of these Presents, to act in my Name; Now Know ye, that I do utterly disannul and revoke all former Power and Persons to act any Thing in my Name, or in my Stead, to appear by Virtue of any Power that I have given before this Date.  
Epsom Feb. 25, 1768, JOSAIH SANBORN

NH Gazette 5-26-1769

**TO BE SOLD** (cheap for Cash) by WALTER PHILBROOK of *Greenland*,  
A Tract of LAND lying and being in the Towhship of Epsom, being the Lot No. 43 in the third Range, containing 100 Acres. Said Land is well Timbered and Watered and will be warranted good and free and clear of Incumbrances whatever. **ALSO**,  
To be Sold by said PHILBROOK, half a Pew in Greenland Meeting House.

NH Gazette 3-16-1782

**AT a legal Meeting** of the Inhabitants of the Town of EPSOM held at the Meeting House in said Town, on January the 7<sup>th</sup> last, the Town then voted, that the Selectmen be impowered to call a Proprietors Meeting in Order to choose a Committee, or to adopt any other Plan that may be thought necessary by said Propriety when met, for the Purpose of establishing a Boundary Lines now in Dispute between Epsom and Chichester: Said Propriety are hereby warned to attend at the Meeting House in Epsom aforesaid, on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March next, precisely at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, for said Purpose.  
John Casey, Thomas Babb, Benjamin Goodwin, Selectmen for Epsom  
February 9, 1782

NH Gazette 12-21-1782

**T O B E S O L D**  
**At PUBLIC AUCTION,**

At the house of Elizabeth McClary, innholder in Epsom, on Tuesday the seventh day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon (by virtue of a licence from the honorable Judge of Probate of Wills, &c. for the county of Rockingham) the following lots of land in Epsom, aforesaid, viz. One lot in the first range, No 12, containing 26 acres – one lot No 3, in the second range, containing 30 acres – one half the lot No 61, in the same range, containing by grant about 52 acres, mostly under improvement, with a barn and orchard thereon; - also part of the lot No 105 in the third range, containing about 45 acres; - likewise one lot in Pittsfield, containing 50 acres, which was originally part of the right of Thomas Westbrook Esq; - also, the common and undivided land belonging to the said 50 acre lot. –  
Said lands, are part of the real estate of Andrew McClary, late of Epsom, aforesaid, Esq; deceased.  
Conditions of sale to be seen at time and place.  
Epsom, December 16, 1782

9-7-1792

**G O O D S,**  
**FREE FROM THE INFECTION**  
**OF THE SMALL POX**

***William Duncan,***

Informs the public, that he has for sale, a general assortment of  
English and Westindia

**GOODS,**

at his Stores in

*Concord, Epsom, and Sanbornton,*

Which he is selling cheap for

Cash, Ashes, Salts, and Flax Seed.

He also informs the public in general, that those GOODS were received before the Small Pox broke out in Boston and the adjacent towns; and that he will not receive any Goods into his Stores, from Boston, Charlestown, or any towns where that contagious disease prevails, until they are thoroughly free from the infection.

**C A S H**

And the highest price, given for  
Good Salts.  
Wanted, a quantity of  
Good Staves & Heading.

Concord, Sept. 7, 1792

The Mirrour 7-1-1793

## ‘Sin not at all.’

THIS DAY PUBLISHED  
And to be sold at this Office – Price 8d.

### A WARNING

*To young People to avoid SIN*

By EBENEZER HASELTINE, A.M.

*Pastor of the Church in Epsom.*

“Remember they Creator in the Days of they YOUTH.”

*THE Title of this little Book, will recommend it to the perusal of those amiable Youths, who aspire after a Crown of immortal Glory-and the Excellency of its Instruction, we are confident, will ensure it the Approbation of every honest Christian Reader.*

Courier of NH 5-1-1798

### TWO STALLIONS.

WILL stand, for public service, at the stable of Mr. Benja. Fisk, in Pembroke, four days in a week from Monday to Thursday night, and on Friday and Saturday at the stable of Major James H. M’Clary, in Epsom, this season, the well established Horse (in many parts of Connecticut and New York) known by the name of

Fleetwood,

English and Dutch blooded, a bright bay colour, black mane and tail, good size, well proportioned, his natural gait gracefully flow and beautiful; - our country affords but very few that will equal him in speed.

Gentlemen Farmers are particularly invited to call and view said Horse; and if his good qualifications do not meet their approbation, they shall be handsomely recompensed.

NH Gazette 7-31-1798

### Ten Dollars Reward

**STOLEN** from the subscriber on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. three notes of hand, two of which were signed by David Drake, one for 49 dollars, some cents, the other for 93 dollars, some cents, on interest, dated some time in January last past, the other was against Aaron Lamprey for ten dollars, dated Sept. last past; whoever will apprehend said thief, so that he or she may be brought to justice, shall have the above reward and all necessary charges paid by

MORRIS LAMPREY

Epsom, June 25, 1798

Concord Gazette 3-11-1815

The following communication was received two or three weeks since for publication. We had heard the story to which it relates, and the source when it sprang, but deemed it too ridiculous to require contradiction. As, however, we are informed, great exertions are making to circulate this report, with a view to prevent the election of Mr. Sanborn, we feel it our duty, in justice to the character of the Gentleman, to insert the certificate of Levi Towle, Esq., the person with whom the transaction referred to, took place.

*Certificate.*

I the subscriber, hereby certify, that I have known and dealt with Josiah Sanborn, Esq. of Epsom, for many years. I always found him to be a fair, honest, upright man, in all his dealings. I never knew him to take any property of any kind from me wrongfully. The story that is in circulation of Esq. Sanborn's taking a twenty dollar bank bill from me, wrongfully, is a mistake. I know of no such thing: There was a 20 dollar bill swept from my table by some means, I know not how, but I did not miss the bill until Esq. Sanborn asked me if there was not a mistake about the money he had paid me; I answered not to my knowledge; I will look and see, Esq. Sanborn said you need not look, for I have taken off the floor a twenty dollar bill, and I know it to be the same bill I just paid you, and handed it to me.

LEVI TOWLE

In the Presence of SAMUEL SHAW, BENJAMIN TOWLE

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1815

NH Patriot 10-14-1817

**SACRED MUSIC**

THE members of the Central Musical Society are notified that their semi-annual meeting will be holden at the meetinghouse in Epsom, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of Oct. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; where an Address will be delivered to the Society by a member. A punctual attendance of the members is earnestly requested. By order,

STEPHEN AMBROSE, Sec'ry.

Concord, Sept. 23, 1817

Hillsboro Telegraph 3-18-1820

**SACRED CONCERT**

New Hampshire Musical Society

THEIR Annual Sacred Concert will be at the Meeting House in Concord, on the Thursday evening of Election week, in June next, where an Address will be delivered, and as much of the following Music performed, as the time will admit. –

*Air and Chorus*-O thou that taltest food tidings to Zion. *Handel's Messiah*, p. 24

*Chorus*-Behold the Lamb of God p 53

*Air and Chorus*-How beautiful are the free, - - - - 89-100

*Chorus*-Worthy is the Lamb, 134

*Air*-Why do the nations so furiously rage, 98

*Chorus*-Let us break their bands, 101

*Anthem*-O give thanks, *Old Colony Collection*, Vol. 1, p.1

*Anthem*-Lord of all power and might, 22

*Chorus*-He gave them hailstones for rain, 95

*Chorus*-Moses and the children of Israel, 89

*Anthem*-Almighty God, when round thy shrine, 149

*Anthem*-Extract from the Mount of Olives, Now the work of man's redemption, *Old Colony Collection*, Vol. II, p. 55

*Anthem*-Fair truth like thine, 159

*Anthem*-There was darkness, 117

*Anthem*-Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, - *Bridgewater Coll.* P. 262

Most beautiful appear-*Haydn's Creation*, - - - p. 76-82

Now heaven in fullest glory shone, 96-111

To these may be added a few common tunes. Exercises to begin at half past seven. For the purpose of siding the Society in their unavoidable expenses, tickets for admittance will be sold at Fifty Cents.

The Society will meet for business, on Wednesday, June 7, at 9 o'clock, A.M. provided with the books referred to above.

By order of the Trustees,

JONATHAN CURTIS, *Sec'ry.*

Epsom, March 1, 1820.

NH Patriot 12-13-1824

#### **NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons are forbid purchasing a promissory note purporting to be given by me to Stephen Rand, of Epsom, for about eighteen dollars, dated September 24, 1824 00 as the same was improperly obtained.

STEPHEN B. SMITH

Chichester, Dec. 4, 1824

NH Patriot 5-23-1825

#### **YOUNG BULLROCK**

WILL stand the ensuing season for the use of mares at the following places, will commence on Saturday may 14, at Joel P. Tibbet's tavern in South-Deerfield, and will be there on all the Saturdays through the present season. Also will be at Col. Daniel Cilley's tavern in Epsom, on Monday, May 16, and will continue to be there on all the Mondays through the season, and the rest of the time at the subscribers in Epsom.- Said horse is fifteen hands high, four years old and of a dark bay color, and is said to be one of the finest horses that ever was raised in the County; and has all the good qualities of the old noted Bullrock that was owned by Benjamin Thompson. Any person that wishes to examine said horse, may have an opportunity by calling at the above names places.

Terms. \$150 the leap, 250 the season and to warrant as parties can agree.

MATTHIAS HAYNES

Epsom, April 12, 1825

NH Patriot 8-30-1830

#### **Sixty Dollars Reward !**

**STOLEN** from the pasture of the subscriber in Epsom, N.H. on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. a large black Horse, long bodied, and long limbed, with a white stripe in his face, a white mark around the breast, occasioned by a gall from the harness-long switch tail, and had not been docked. Said horse steps long,

heavy, and not very quick, and carries his nose very much out when he travels. Whoever will return said horse, or give information to the subscriber where he may be found, shall receive 10 dollars, and twenty dollars for securing the thief of thieves, so that proper punishment may be inflicted.

THOMAS D. MERRILL

**ALSO – STOLEN** from the subscriber, on the night before mentioned, a black horse, five years old, with a white star between the eyes, and a little white on the nose, white hind feet, the back a little more rising than common near the hips, a small spot under the left ear on which the hair is usually longer, and of light colour, especially in the winter season-switch tail, and a good traveler. The above Horses were supposed to be taken by the same person or persons, and probably gone the same route. Whoever will give information of the last described Horse, shall receive the same reward as above mentioned, and the same for securing the thief or thieves.

JOHN WALLACE

Epsom, August 28, 1830

**N.B.** A young man about 5 feet, 7 or 8 inches in height, dark eyes and dark hair, rather fair complexion, and generally known as an essence peddler, about 25 years old, left his family at the time the said Horses were taken, and has not been seen in the neighborhood since.

The person suspected, is said to be well skilled in painting horses, and the marks above described, may not distinctly appear, from a slight examination. tf

NH Patriot 6-17-1833

## **\$500 REWARD !**

WHEREAS, on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> of May last, three Barns and a Stable, the property of Col. Daniel Cilley, of Epsom, were destroyed by fire, - supposed to be the work of an incendiary or incendiaries. The Town, at a meeting legally warned and holden for that purpose on the 3d day of June, 1833, unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing and empowering the Selectmen to offer the above reward to any person or persons who will furnish evidence sufficient to convict any, who have been guilty of the crime.

ELIPHALET WIGGIN, NATHAN BICKFORD, THOMAS D. MERRILL, Selectmen of Epsom  
Epsom, June 7, 1833

NH Patriot 12-15-1834

## **Stray Heifer.**

**STRAYED** or stolen from the subscriber's pasture, in the westerly part of Epsom, about the middle of September last, one three year old HEIFER, of a bright red colour, marked on the right ear with a slit in the upper side and half crop on the underside of the same. Whoever will return said Heifer or give information where she may be found, shall be handsomely rewarded.

SAMUEL WHITEHOUSE

Pembroke, Dec. 2, 1834

NH Patriot 10-16-1837

**The Thanks of the N.H. Historical Society** are presented for the following donations. J.B. Moore, Librarian:

A set of bronze Weights a century old, - brought out of Ireland, by the ancestors of the McCLARY family, which settled at Epsom.

By Miss Elisa McClary, Concord.

### **LEGAL**

Portsmouth Oracle 7-21-1804

*Epsom October 28, 1803*

**THE Partnership betwixt** JAMES H. M'CLARY of *Epsom*, and DANIEL GOOKIN of *North-Hampton*, is this day by mutual consent dissolved. All Persons indebted to said Company are to make payment to said McCLARY, by whom all debts of the Company will be paid.

JAMES H. M'CLARY

DANIEL GOOKIN

Portsmouth Oracle 2-28-1807

**NOTICE is hereby given**, that the Directors of the N.H. Turnpike Road, have voted to farm out for one year, from the first day of April next, the Toll that may be collected at the several gates on the said Road, and collected at the several gates on the said Road, and the same will be disposed of at *Public Auction* to the highest bidder – viz. the Toll that may be collected from gates No. 1,2,3 & 4 being the four lower gates, as the house of Joseph Richardson, innholder at Durham, on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March next, at 2 o'clock P.M. and the Toll from gates No. 5 and 6, being the two upper gates, at Godfrey's Tavern, at Epsom, on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, at 11 o'clock A.M. – Satisfactory security will be required of the purchasers, that they pay over to the Treasurer of the propriety, the amount of their respective purchases in four equal quarterly payments.

*By order of the Directors,*

JOSEPH AKERMAN, JR.

Proprietor's Clerk.

Portsmouth, February 21

NH Gazette 2-4-1808

*State of New Hampshire-Rockingham, ss.*

**NOTICE** is hereby given to *William M'Crillis*, a non-resident proprietor and owner of land in the town of EPSOM, in said county, who had not paid his State, county, town, school and highway tax for the year 1804 – that so much of his land as will pay the same with incidental charges, will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the dwelling house of Daniel Cilley in said Epsom, on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March next, at 10 o'clock A.M. unless prevented by previous payment.

ANDREW SANBORN, Collector

*Epsom, January 14, 1805*

Concord Gazette 5-31-1814

## ***Dissolution of Partnership.***

WE the subscribers, this day, by mutual consent, have agreed to dissolve partnership. All those indebted are requested to make immediate payment; all those who have demands against said firm, are requested to present their demands for settlement.

ROBERT KNOX  
JAMES McCUTCHIN  
Epsom, April 27, 1814

NH Patriot 2-28-1825

## **COPARTNERSHIP FORMED**

**THE** subscribers have commenced the Paper manufacturing Business at Epsom Short Falls, N.H. under the firm of PARK & KENNESON, where they will pay CASH for unsorted RAGS; and for those of a good quality they will pay the highest price.

RICHARD PARK  
NEHEMIAH KINNESON  
Epsom, N.H. Feb. 9, 1825.

NH Patriot 4-9-1827

**NOTICE.** Be it known, that, by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, passed July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1819, we, *Levi Locke, Abel Brown, B L Locke, Samuel W. Bickford, Daniel Cilley, Bradbury Cilley, Samuel Whitney,* and others, our associates, do hereby give notice that we have formed ourselves into a Society known by the name of the Universalist Society in Epsom.

B.L. Locke, Clerk  
Epsom, March 27, 1827

NH Patriot 4-16-1827

Merrimack ss

**AGREEABLE** to an act passed in this State June Session, 1819, notice is hereby given that *A. W. Marden, John Sherburne, James Wiggins, jr. and Asahel Allen* and their associates, have formed themselves into a religious Society by the name and style of the First Union Methodist Society in Epsom, and have caused the same to be recorded in our Book of records.

A true copy – Attest  
Sam'l B. Cilley, Clerk  
Epsom, April 10, 1827

Farmers Cabinet 8-13-1831

## **AN ACT to alter the names of certain persons.**

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened,* That the several persons herein named shall hereafter be called and known by the names which, by this act, they are respectively allowed to assume, (viz.) William Keniston of Epsom, may take the name of William Johnson,

and Jemima H. Keniston of Epsom, may take the name of Jemima H. Johnson; and Samuel W. Keniston of Epsom, may take the name of Samuel W. Johnson; and Elizabeth Ann Keniston of Epsom, may take the name of Elizabeth Ann Johnson; and Joseph H. Keniston of Epsom, may take the name of Joseph H. Johnson; and John S. Keniston of Epsom, may take the name of John S. Johnson; and Robert Trickey of Allenstown may take the name of Robert Appleton, and John Trickey of Allenstown may take the name of John Appleton; and Thomas Trickey of Allenstown may take the name of Thomas Appleton; and Sally Trickey of Allenstown may take the name of Sally Appleton; and Rolinda Tickey of Allenstown may take the name of Rolinda Appleton, and Jane Trickey of Allenstown may take the name of Jane Appleton; and Catherine Tickey of Allenstown may take the name of Catherine Appleton; and Harriet Trickey of Allenstown may take the name of Harriet Appleton; and Robert Trickey Junior of Allenstown may take the name of Robert Appleton; and Samuel Trickey of Pembroke may take the name of Samuel Appleton; and Mary Trickey of Hooksett, may take the name of Mary Appleton, and Edwin Trickey of Chichester, may take the name of Edwin Appleton.

Approved July 2, 1831

NH Patriot 5-13-1833

### **THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Merrimack, ss.

Court of Common Pleas. February Term, 1833

**EPHRAIM HASTINGS** of Heath in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire, Plaintiff, against John D. Haynes, of Epsom, in said county of Merrimack, Butcher, other wise called of Brighton, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Defendant. In a plea of the case founded on the note of said defendant under his hand dated the ninth day of February, 1831, for the sum of eight hundred dollars in eight months, and grace, made payable to one Samuel Davis or order and by him endorsed to the Plaintiff. Also, on said defendant's other note of the same date, under his hand for seven hundred dollars in six months, and grace, made payable to Samuel Davis or order and by him endorsed to the Plaintiff.

It has been suggested to the Court that the property of the defendant in said State of New Hampshire has been attached on the Plaintiff's writ and that said defendant has had no notice of the said attachment.

It is therefore ordered that said action be continued to the next term of the Court to be holden at Concord, in said county of Merrimack on the first Tuesday of September 1833, and that notice to be given to the said defendant of the pendency thereof by publishing a copy of this notice and the order of Court thereon in the New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette, a newspaper published in said Concord five weeks successively the last publication thereof to be thirty days prior to the first day of said Term in September 1833.

Attest – M. Eastman, Clerk.

NH Patriot 7-12-1849

### **NOTICE.**

**BE** it known that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1849, I peaceably entered upon and took possessions of a tract of land situated in Epsom, in the county of Merrimack, bounded as follows: southerly by the first New Hampshire Turnpike road; easterly by land of Albion Perkins; northerly by land of Joseph Howe; westerly by land of William P. Silver, containing one acre more or less, being part of the land which Joseph Marden of said Epsom, conveyed to me by his mortgage, dated October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1846, and recorded in the Merrimack Records – for condition broken, and for the purpose of foreclosing the right in equity of said

Joseph Marden, to redeem the same, and at the same time publicly declared the purpose and object of entry and possession.

MARK MARDEN

Epsom, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1849

Farmers Cabinet 7-28-1858

**ANACT** to disannex the farms of Orland Hines, True Sanborn Jr., Abram Stanyan, Charles Stanyan, Joseph C. Bartlett, and James H. Langmaid, from Union School District in Epsom and Chichester, and annex the same to Centre School District No. 6 in Chichester.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:* That the homestead farms of Orlando Hines, True Sanborn Jr., Abram Stanyan, Charles Stanyan, Joseph C. Bartlett, and James Langmaid of Union School District of Epsom and Chichester, together with the inhabitants thereof living in said Chichester, and their taxable property, shall be and hereby is disannexed from said Union District and annexed to School District No. 6 in the town of Chichester, called the Centre District, for the purpose of schooling, until otherwise districted by said town of Chichester.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved June 26, 1858

### **MILITARY**

New England Chronicle 2-8-1776 **DESERTED**

**DESERTED** some time ago from the company under my command in Col. Starks regiment, one Benjamin Barey, a fellow about 20 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, formerly belonged to Epsom, in New Hampshire. Also, one Jonathan Wilkins, about 5 feet 7 inches high, a well built man about 27 years of age, formerly belonged to Amherst in New Hampshire. Whoever will bring said deserters to their regiment, on Winter Hill, shall have 5 dollars reward for each or either of them, by me.

AMOS MORRILL

Camp on Winter Hill, Feb. 12, 1776

United State Oracle 5-8-1802

### **20 Dollars Reward.**

BRADBURY KENNISTON, a Private in the Artillerists of the United States, was directed on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant to repair to the Post Office in Portsmouth, by land, after the letters and papers belonging to the Officers of this Garrison; and on the receipt of some letters and papers at the post-office, he deserted the service of the United States.

Said KENNISTON was born in the town of Epsom in this state. – 24 years of age – 5 feet and 8 inches in height – black eyes – black short hair – and dark complexion; wore away a round hat – a regimental coat – short blue pantaloons and boots. Whoever will apprehend said KENNISTON, and return him to the subscriber, or secure him in any Goal, so that he may be obtained, shall receive a reward of TWENTY DOLLARS, and a reimbursement of all necessary expenses.

AMOS STODDARD, Capt.

Commanding

Fort Constitution, May 3, 1802

## **REGIMENTAL ORDERS !**

The Militia is the defence of our common country – therefore it is necessary that they should be equip'd. TO the Soldiers of the eighteenth Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire – You are early and earnestly requested to equip yourselves with a good Fire-Lock, Bayonet, Belt and Cartouche-Box, before the next Battalion or Regimental Reviews; otherwise you will not be received, and shall expect to be dealt with as the law directs; those who are not able to equip themselves may make immediate application to the town in which they belong.

By order of the Lt. Col. Com.  
DANIEL CILLEY, Adjutant  
Epsom, December 24, 1806

NH Gazette 9-22-1807

The second company of Light Infantry in the 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Militia in New Hampshire, formed in the town of Epsom, under the command of S.A. Heath, have volunteered their services to government.

NH Gazette 6-2-1812

## **Attention ye Brave ! CITIZENS AND PATRIOTS !**

YOUR country having been insulted her rights most wantonly violated, her seamen plundered on the high seas, and ignominiously enslaved by the tyrants of the ocean, the government of the United States, after having exerted all amicable and pacisick means to redress the manifold wrongs, which for years have accumulated beyond further endurance, has determined to vindicate the dignity and honor of the republic in the field of battle, and calls on all the friends to its laws, independence and constitution to rally round the standard of liberty, prepared to nobly defend its dearest privileges or perish in the glorious attempt.

When the drubbing drum summons you to the field, and the trumpet of war sounds the charge to victory or death, each gallant spirit will rush to the standard of union and emulate the deeds of the heroes of the revolution. Like them every real American will contend for the honor of the battlefield. Inspired by the brilliant achievements of Bunker's heights, the plains of Saratoga, Monmouth and Yorktown, the glories of a military procession must rouse into valorous exertion the exalted faculties of the martial soul.

You are called upon to wage no predatory war for the personal ag\_\_ndizement of a remorseless despot \_ \_ fight for your birth rights, \_\_ and fortunes, your wives, \_\_ and children.

Your country offers to every able \_\_ between the age of 18 \_\_, who nobly tenders his services, sixteen dollars bounty, on enlistment, five dollars a month, feeds and clothes you better than any troops on the globe, and after the expiration of the time for which you enlisted, presents you three months pay over your annual compensation, and an hundred and sixty acre of excellent land, on which you can settle, make a productive farm, and rear up a host of patriots to defend your country's rights and honor.

What a glorious opportunity is now presented you to acquire the never fading laurels of the soldier, reputation and fortune. With zeal then step forth as the impregnable ramparts of freedom and become enrolled among the gallant defenders of your country.

20 active young men may be enrolled for only 18 months; and will be entitled to all the above emoluments except the land.

All disposed to serve their country will do well to apply immediately at the rendezvous in Epsom or Dover.

ANDREW McCLARY

Captain of Infantry, U.S. Army

NH Gazette 8-11-1812

### **Notice to British Subjects.**

United States of America, District of New Hampshire }ss.

THE Department of State having directed, that all British Subjects within the United States, report themselves to the Marshals of the Districts where they reside, either to them or such other persons as they may appoint – viz their names, their age, the time they have been in the United States, the persons composing their families, the places of their residence and their occupations or pursuits, and whether and at what time they have made the application to the courts required by law, as preparatory to their naturalization. For this purpose I do hereby give notice to all such aliens residing within this district, that they immediately report themselves, agreeably to the foregoing direction to the marshal at his office in Epsom.

MICHAEL M'CLARY, Marshal

Dated at Epsom, July 22d, 1812.

NH Patriot 9-1-1834

### **MILITARY**

#### **BRIGADE ORDERS**

Head Quarters, 3d Brigade N.H. Militia

Epsom, Aug. 15, 1834

Perkins Gale, late Brigade Quarter Master has been promoted, appointed and commissioned Inspector of the third Brigade with rank of Major, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

B.L. LOCKE, Brigadier General

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#### **BRIGADE ORDERS**

Head Quarters, 3d Brigade N.H. Militia

Epsom, August 15, 1834

Thomas D M Locke, late Paymaster in the 18<sup>th</sup> Reg., has been promoted and appointed Quarter Master of the third Brigade with the rank of Major; and Jonathan L. Cilley, has been appointed Aid de Camp to the Brigadier General of said Brigade with the rank of Captain, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the Brigadier General,

PERKINS GALE, Brigade Inspector

The Regiments constituting the third Brigade will parade for Inspection and Review as follows, viz:

The 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment October 2, 1834

11<sup>th</sup> Regiment October 3, 1834

38<sup>th</sup> Regiment October 7, 1834

18<sup>th</sup> Regiment October 8, 1834

17<sup>th</sup> Regiment October 9, 1834

## PAUPERS

NH Patriot 6-22-1813

**ABSCONDED** from the town of Epsom, SOLOMON SUTTON, a town pauper. All persons are hereby forbid harboring or trusting him on the account of said town, for we shall not pay any debt of his contracting after this date.

Samuel Morrill

Richard Tripp

Bickford Lang – Selectmen

Epsom, June 10, 1813

NH Patriot 8-27-1816

### **Notice.**

**ABSCONDED** from the town of Epsom, JOHN WELLS, a town pauper. The subscribers hereby forbid all persons furnishing him with supplies on the account of the town, for we will not pay any charges incurred for his support subsequent to this date, except by special contract.

SAMUEL MORRILL, BICKFORD LANG, Selectmen of Epsom

Epsom, Aug. 19, 1816

NH Patriot 7-21-1818

**ALL persons** are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting JUDITH KENISTON, a person who has for sometime past, with her child, been supported by the town of Epsom, and having lately eloped, the town therefore determine to pay no bills or debts for the support of the said Judith or child after this date.

T.D. MERRILL, SAM'L MORRIL, Selectmen of Epsom.

June 15, 1818

NH Patriot 6-6-1820

**ALL persons** are forbid harboring or supporting DANIEL GRANT, a pauper supported by the town of Epsom, on account of said town or on my account, as I have contracted with the selectmen for his support and have made ample provision therefore.

MATTHIAS HAYNES

Epsom, May 23, 1820

NH Patriot 8-14-1826

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the subscriber having taken SALLY BARTON, a town pauper, by contract with the selectmen of Epsom, and has made suitable provision for her support; this is to forbid all persons from harboring or trusting her on my account, or on account of said town, as no debts of her contracting will be paid after this date.

DANIEL PHILBRICK, jr.

Epsom, June 13, 1826

NH Patriot 4-27-1829

**THE** subscriber having contracted with the town of Epsom for the support of Amos Ames, his wife and two children, Mary Lamprey, Elizabeth Wells, and Mary C. Barton, town paupers, and also all others which said town may be liable to support for the term of one year from the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March last, hereby forbids all persons harboring or trusting them on his account or on account of said town of Epsom, as he has made suitable provision for their support.

JOHN YEATON, jr.

Epsom, April 13, 1829

NH Patriot 11-30-1829

**NOTICE.**

**THIS** is to forbid all persons from harbouring or trusting *Mehitable Grant*, a town pauper of Epsom, on my account or on account of the town of Epsom, as I have made suitable provision for her support.

JOSEPH KNOX

Pembroke, Nov. 13, 1829

NH Patriot 1-25-1830

**NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons are hereby forbid trusting Nancy Wells, now an inhabitant of Alexandria, but a town pauper of Epsom, on account of the subscriber or the town of Epsom, as I have, agreeably to my contract with the town of Epsom, made provision for her support, and shall pay no debts of her contracting.

JOHN YEATON, JR.

Epsom, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1830

NH Patriot 8-4-1834

**NOTICE.**

**I** hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting any of the following named persons, now considered paupers and belonging to the town of Epsom, viz. John Saunders, John Dolloff, Elizabeth Lamprey, Elizabeth Wells, wid Sally Marden, Sally Ames, and Roxanna MacDaniels, or any other persons who may become chargeable to said town within one year from the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March last, they are also forbid employing them as they would avoid the penalty of the law; as I have contracted with the selectmen for their support and am entitled to their labour. I have made ample provision for them at my house, in Epsom, and am determined to support them nowhere else.

JAMES WIGGIN, Jr.

Epsom, July 30, 1834

NH Patriot 5-2-1836

**NOTICE** is hereby given that we the subscribers do forbid all persons harbouring or trusting Samuel Trickey, Phebe Trickey, wife of said Samuel Trickey and Permealy Trickey, Catharine Trickey, James Trickey, Mary Trickey and Benjamin Trickey, children of the said Samuel Trickey, paupers belonging to Allenstown, but now residing in Epsom, as we have made provision for the support and maintenance, we shall pay no accounts or debts contracted on their account unless by our order.

CHARLES ROWELL, JOHN JOHNSON, Selectmen.  
Allenstown, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1836

NH Patriot 2-16-1843

**NOTICE**

**THIS** is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting John Bachelder, Hannah Locke, Abigail Ames, Betsy Wells, Jane Daniels, John Saunders, John Dolloff, Benjamin Freese, Nancy McDaniels, Samuel Moses and his wife Mary Moses, and their three children, Thomas J. Moses, Madison W. Moses and James E. Moses, all paupers belonging to the town of Epsom, as I have contracted with said town for their support.

WILLIAM ROBINSON  
Epsom, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1843

NH Patriot 10-24-1844

**NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting ABRAHAM LOCKE, a pauper of the town of Epsom, in the County of Merrimack, on my account, or on account of said town – as I have contracted with the Selectmen of said Epsom for his support, and have made suitable provisions for him at my house.

DEARBORN BATCHELDER  
Epsom, Oct. 16. 1844

NH Patriot 4-26-1849

**NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons are hereby forbid harboring, trusting or employing James H. Haynes, Adeline Haynes, Alvira Haynes, Sarah E. Haynes, Harvey S. Haynes, Octavia T. Hayes, Martha A. Haynes, Reuben White, Eliza White, Keziah White, Sally White, Abigail Towle, Betsy Ames, Moses Locke, David Dickey, Elijah Pettingill, Meriam Barton, Thomas Moses, Benjamin W.M. Moses, James E.C. Moses and Elizabeth Moses, Paupers, chargeable to the town of Epsom – said town having made ample provisions for their support, will claim their earnings and pay no debts of their contracting.

WILLIAM HAM, JONATHAN L. CILLEY, GEORGE SANDERS, Overseers of the poor in said Epsom.  
Epsom, April 9, 1849

**PERSONAL**

Courier of New Hampshire 5-10-1800

**WHEREAS Sarah**, the wife of me the subscriber, has eloped from my bed and board, and has behaved herself very disorderly: This is therefore to forbid any person's harbouring or trusting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debts she may contract after this date.

THOMAS MARDEN  
Epsom, May 3, 1800.

Courier of New Hampshire 1-4-1804

**WHEREAS Polly Wyman**, wife of the subscriber, having long since left my bed and board, and in various instances run me a debt, and otherwise conducted herself in a very unbecoming manner, by living with other men; I therefore hereby forbid all persons harbouring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debt of her contracting after this date.

THEODORE WYMAN

Epsom, Dec. 2, 1803

Concord Gazette 11-16-1807

### ***TAKE NOTICE***

THIS is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting, John Sherburne, Abigail Sherburne, Polly Sherburne, Betsey Sherburne, David Sherburne, jun. and Nancy Sherburne, my children, on my account, as I shall pay no debt or debts of their contracting after this date.

NATHANIEL SHERBURNE

Epsom, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1807

5-29-1810

### **NOTICE.**

**THE** subscriber being appointed by the Hon. Nathaniel Rogers, Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills &c. for the county of Rockingham, Guardian of JOSEPH ALLEN, of Epsom, a person adjudged non comp's mentis, is hereby forbids all persons trading or trusting the said Allen, if they would avoid the penalty of the law.

SAMUEL MORRIL,

Epsom, May 26th, 1810

NH Patriot 12-3-1815

### ***ONE CENT REWARD !***

**RAN** away from the subscriber an indentured apprentice boy, by the name of SAMUEL PRESCOTT. This to forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on my account, as I will pay no debts of his contracting after this date.

JONATHAN BROWN

Epsom, Nov. 19, 1815

NH Patriot 2-6-1816

### **One cent reward – no charges paid.**

**RAN** away from the subscriber on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant indentured apprentice boy sixteen years of age, by the name of JOHN MOSES, and this is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on my account, as I will not pay debts of his contracting after this date.

DAVID SHERBURNE

Epsom, Jan. 24, 1816

NH Patriot 6-2-1818

**WHEREAS Abigail**, my wife, conducts very imprudently and unbecoming a wife: I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debt of her contracting after this date.

SAMUEL DAVIS

Epsom, May 15, 1818

NH Patriot 5-15-1826

**WHEREAS MARTHA** my wife has left my bed & board and separated herself from me ever since June the twenty-seventh day 1822, declaring her fixed determination never more to return or live with me; and since that time has continued to live separate from me in such manner as best suited her views; often repeating her determination not to return to me or perform any of the duties of a wife; but as we are commanded to render good for evil, for that reason I offered to give her a lease of a complete well finished dwelling house, delightfully situated on a small farm, about one quarter of a mile from my homestead farm during her natural life; also to deliver her two children into her care, and in addition to that I offered to maintain her and the children, and provide everything necessary for their comfort in sickness and in health. But she has such an ungoverned tempter and disposition, that she utterly refuses to comply with said offer; but chooses rather to stroll about from place to place and live in gross and lewd manner, inconsistent with and repugnant to her marriage vows; it is said in the Scripture at the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established; and at the mouths of three respectable eye witnesses, I have a full, sufficient reason to believe that she the said Martha has been guilty of the crime of adultery. Therefore I do hereby forbid all person harboring or trusting her on my account, for I am determined not to pay any debts of her contracting from the above mentioned time she left my house up to this date, and from this date to the end of time.

JOSEPH LAURENCE

Epsom, May 8, 1826

NH Patriot 1-8-1827

**I HEREBY** relinquish to my son, SAMUEL M'DANIEL, all right to his services and earnings in future, and declare him free to trade and act for himself.

ROBERT M'DANIEL

Epsom, Sept. 2, 1826

NH Patriot 2-16-1829

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the subscriber, of Epsom, in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire, was the twentieth day of January, A.D. 1829, duly appointed by the Judge of probate, for said County, Guardian of Heaseltine, Charles, Mary, Susannah G, Jonathan, and James Wm. Yeaton, all Minors and Children of Jonathan Yeaton late of said Epsom, deceased. I hereby forbid all persons harboring, trading with, or trusting any of the above name children, (if they would wish to escape the penalty of the laws,) for I shall pay no debts of their contracting.

JAMES HERSEY

Epsom, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1829

NH Patriot 4-12-1830

**NOTICE.**

**RAN** away from the subscriber in Epsom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. John Taylor Gilman Cate, an indented apprentice bound out by the Selectmen of Northwood, thirteen years of age. All persons are hereby forbid harboring, trusting, or employing him, as they would avoid the penalties of the laws. Whoever will return said boy to the subscriber shall receive one cent reward and no charges paid.

WILLIAM KENNISON.

Epsom, April 3, 1830

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 7-30-1831

**NOTICE**, - I hereby forbid all persons harbouring or trusting any person or persons, whatever, on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debt or debts contracted by *any one*.

A.W. Marden

Epsom, July 29, 1831

NH Patriot 9-24-1832

**NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons are hereby forbid harbouring or trusting MOSES LOCKE, an idle person, bound by the selectmen of Epsom to the subscriber until the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March next – an all persons are also forbid hiring or employing him as I shall claim his services and earnings till that time.

SAMUEL W. BICKFORD

Epsom, Sept. 12, 1832

4-24-1837

**NOTICE.** The subscriber has been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack, State of New Hampshire, Guardian over the person and estate of Perkins Philbrick of Epsom in said County, judged to be non compos Mentis, and has taken upon himself that trust, he giving bonds according to law. – He will adjust all claims in favor of or against his said Ward, accordingly.

ROBERT KNOX, Guardian

Epsom, April 17, 1838

2-25-1839

**NOTICE.** This is to certify that I have given my son NATHAN EMERSON his time to act and trade for himself. I shall claim none of earnings nor be responsible for any debts he man contract from this date. –

JESSE EMERSON

Attest – Benj. Sanborn, George B. Ham

Epsom, March 6, 1839

NH Patriot 7-11-1844

**NOTICE**

**IS** hereby given to all concerned that the subscriber has given to his son, CHARLES H. YEATON, of Epsom, his time to act and trade for himself form this date. I shall claim none of his earnings, nor pay any debts of his contracting, hereafter.

JOHN YEATON, Jr.  
Witness- William Yeaton  
Epsom, July 10, 1844

NH Patriot 7-5-1849

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the county of Merrimack, guardian of the person and estate of STATIRA BABB, of Epsom, in said county, decreed to be an insane person. All persons indebted to the said Statira Babb are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber, and all having claims to present them for adjustment.

ALONZO WALLACE, Guardian  
Epsom, June 26, 1849

NH Patriot 5-30-1850

**NOTICE.**

**THIS** certifies that I have given my son, WILLIAM ROBINSON, his time to act and trade for himself. I shall claim none of his earnings nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

WILLIAM X ROBINSON (his mark)  
Witness- Simeon P. Locke, Mandana C. Locke.  
Epsom, April 13, 1850

NH Patriot 2-21-1850

**NOTICE.**

**THIS** certifies that I have given my son GEORGE P. YEATON his time to act and trade for himself. I shall claim none of his earnings nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

JOHN YEATON, Jr.  
Witness - Wm. Yeaton, Warren Yeaton.  
Epsom, Feb. 1, 1850

**PROBATE**

Exeter Journal 3-10-1778

ALL persons who have any demands upon the estate of the late Rev. John Tucke of Epsom, deceas'd are desired to bring them in to Mary Tucke, Administratrix to said estate. And all indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment.

Epsom, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1777

1780

**All persons** thus have any demands against the estate of Major ANDREW McCLARY, late of Epsom, deceased, are required(?) to bring in their claims to ELIZABETH McCLARY, Administratrix to said estate, in order for settlement. And these persons who are indebted to said estate are requested to make speedy payment, otherwise they must expect to settle the consequence without further notice.

Elizabeth McClary, Administratrix  
Epsom, November 22, 1780

NH Gazette 7-26-1783

**T H E** creditors to the estate of John Dwyer late of Epsom, deceased, intestate, represented insolvent, are hereby notified tat six months longer from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May last are allowed the commissioners to receive their claim against said estate, and that they will attend that business on the first Monday of the five following months from three to six o'clock P.M. at the house of Widow McClary, innholder in said Epsom.

JAMES GRAY

MICHAEL McCLARY, Commissioners

Epsom, June 22d, 1783

NH Gazette 11-11-1785

*State of New Hampshire*

*THE subscribers, appointed commissioners to receive and examine the claims of the several creditors to the estate of John Casey, late of Epsom, in the county of Rockingham, trader, deceased, represented insolvent; give notice that six months from the date hereof, are allowed the creditors to exhibit their claims, and that they will be ready to receive them on the first Wednesday of the five following months, at the house of the widow Elizabeth McClary in said Epsom, at 10 o'clock, A.M. of each of said days.*

JEREMIAH EASTMAN

JOSEPH MARCH

RICHARD JENNESS, Commissioners.

Epsom, November 8m 1785.

1786

**State of New Hampshire, Rockingham**

By leave from the Honorable Philip White, Esq. judge of probate, for the county of Rockingham, will be sold at public vendue at the house of Elizabeth McClary, in Epsom, on Monday the 27th day of March, instant, at two of the clock, afternoon, part of the real estate of of Andrew McClary, late of Epsom, Esq. deceased, viz.

A piece of land in Deerfield, being part of the lot No. 25, in the 8th range, containing 60 acres, well watered, with a considerable quantity of oak and pine timber standing thereon, and produces yearly, about 8 or 10 tons of hay.

Another piece of land lying in Epsom, being one of the home lots, in said town, containing (by grant) 50 acres, pleasantly situated, lying on the road that leads through said town, and adjoining to the home lot that Major Amos Morrill now lives on. — Said land has, for a number of years, been under improvement; has on it a good ORCHARD, that will produce 12 barrels of cyder yearly, is well watered, and pasturing sufficient to keep (in the season of pasturing) six cows; and as good for tillage and mowing as any in said town, according to the quantity of acres.

Conditions of sale to be seen at time and place.

ELIZABETH McCLARY, Adm. to said estate.

Epsom, March 1, 1786

NH Gazette 5-29-1798

State of New Hampshire  
County of Rockingham

**ALL** persons indebted to the estate of George W. Ham, late of Pittsfield, in said county, yeoman, deceased, are requested to settle the same with the subscriber, administrator on the estate of said deceased, and all persons having demands on said estate are desired to exhibit the same for settlement.

WILLIAM M'CLARY.

Epsom, May 26, 1798

NH Gazette 5-29-1798

State of New Hampshire.  
County of Rockingham.

**ALL** persons indebted to, or that have demands on the estate of Ephraim Lock, late of Epsom, in said county, gentleman, deceased, are desired to settle the same with the subscriber, administrator on the estate of said deceased.

FRANCIS LOCK.

Epsom, May 25, 1798

NH Gazette 8-14-1798

**ALL** persons indebted to or who have demands against the estate of ANNA JOHNSON, late of Epping, deceased, are desired to exhibit them for settlement to the subscriber, administrator on said estate.

DAVID LAWRENCE MORRIL.

Epsom, July 30, 1798

WHO HAS FOR SALE.

Within twenty rods of Epsom Meeting House; three quarters of an acre of Land, on which is a beautiful garden spot, a small House and Barn, decently furnished.

NH Gazette 7-6-1802

**ALL** persons who have demands against the estate of

EBENEZER WALLACE,

Late of Epsom, husbandman, deceased, are hereby requested to exhibit the same for settlement: And those indebted to said estate are likewise desired to make payment to

JOHN WALLACE, Adm'r.

Epsom, June 29, 1802

NH Gazette 7-19-1803

**ALL** persons who have demands against the Estate of

JONATHAN LOCKE,

late of Epsom, husbandman, deceased, are desired to exhibit them without delay; and those who are indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber, Administratrix to said Estate, or to SAM'L MORRIL, her Attorney.

ALLICE LOCKE

NH Gazette 11-19-1805

Rockingham, ss.

**ALL** persons indebted to, or that have any demands against the estate of GEORGE SANDERS, late of Epsom, in said county, yeoman, deceased, are requested to settle the same with the subscriber, executor to the last will and testament of said deceased.

JOHN SANDERS

Epsom, October 31, 1805.

NH Gazette 8-5-1806

**ALL** persons having demands against the estate of SIMON BROWN, late of Epsom, deceased, are requested to exhibit them, and those indebted to make immediate payment to the subscriber, or SAMUEL MORRIL, her attorney.

ELISABETH BROWN, *Adm'x.*

*Epsom, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1806.*

NH Gazette 12-22-1807

**ALL** persons who have demands against the estate of JOSEPH SHERBURNE, late of Epsom, deceased, are requested to exhibit them, and those indebted to make immediate payment to

DANIEL SHERBURNE, *Executor*

Epsom, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1807

NH Gazette 3-7-1809

**NOTICE is hereby given** that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator to the estate of JAMES CHAMBERS, late of Epsom, in the county of Rockingham, Cooper, deceased, and had taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs, - All persons having demands against said estate are requested to exhibit them for adjustment - and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment to

THOMAS D. MERRILL, Administrator.

Epsom, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1809

NH Gazette 3-21-1809

### **NOTICE**

**ALL persons** having demands against the Estate of THOMAS BABB, late of Epsom, in the county of Rockingham, Esquire, deceased, are requested to exhibit them for settlement, and all indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to

SARAH BABB, Executrix

Epsom, March 15, 1809

9-25-1809

**TAKE NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons who have demands against the Estate of SETH BARTLETT, late of Epsom, deceased, are requested to exhibit them; and those indebted, to make immediate payment to

LOIS BARTLETT

MARY BARTLETT

Epsom, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1809

NH Gazette 4-17-1810

**NOTICE.**

The subscriber Executor of the last Will and Testament of JOSPEH SHERBURNE, late of Epsom, deceased, will exhibit his account at the Probate court to be holden in Epsom on the third Wednesday of May next for examination and allowance.

DANIEL SHERBURNE

Epsom, March 21, 1810

NH Gazette 2-12-1811

**James H. M'Clary's Estate.**

*County of Rockingham ss.*

**THE** Subscribers being duly appointed commissioners to receive and examine the claims of the several Creditors to the Estate of JAMES H. M'CLARY, late of Epsom, in said county, Esquire, deceased, represented insolvent, hereby give notice that they will attend to that business, at the late dwelling house of said deceased, in Epsom, on the first Monday of March next, and on the first Mondays of the five following Months, from two to six of the clock, afternoon, on said days

JOSIAH SANDBORN

DANIEL CILLEY

SAMUEL MORRIL

Epsom, Jan. 31, 1811

**NOTICE.**

*State of New Hampshire,*

*County of Rockingham ss*

THE subscriber, Administratrix on the estate of

James H. M'Clary

Late of said Epsom, in said county, Esquire, deceased, intends to exhibit her administration account for settlement, to the Judge of Probate, at a Probate Court to be holden at Epsom on the third Wednesday of January next.

ELIZABETH M'CLARY

October 31, 1811

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Rockingham, ss

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that at the Probate Court to be holden at Epsom, on the third Wednesday of January next, at 11 o'clock A.M. the account of Widow Mary Knowles, of her administration of  
Deacon SIMEON KNOWLES'

Estate, late of Northwood, husbandman, deceased, will be presented for examination and allowance.

MARY KNOWLES, *Adminin'x.*

*December 15.*

NH Patriot 1-25-1814

**NOTICE.** All persons who have demands against the estate of John Dolloff, late of Epsom, deceased, are requested to exhibit them; and those indebted to make immediate payment to SAMUEL MORRILL, or the subscriber.

Mary Dolloff, Adm'x

Epsom, Jan, 4, 1814

Concord Gazette 6-27-1815

**NOTICE**

**ALL** persons indebted to the Estate of Nathan Libbey of Epsom in the County of Rockingham, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment and those that have Demands are requested to present them for settlement at the house of the subscriber on the third Tuesday of this and the three following months at one o'clock P.M. on each of said days.

ABIGAIL LIBBEY, Executrix,

Epsom, June 6, 1815

NH Patriot 11-12-1816

**NOTICE** All persons having demands against the estate of SAMUEL LOCKE, late of Epsom, in the county of Rockingham, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same for settlement; and those indebted to said estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

DANIEL LOCKE, *Executor.*

Epsom, October 29, 1816

NH Patriot 1-13-1818

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to exhibit her accounts of administration on the estate of ROBERT GOODHUE, late of Epsom, deceased, at the Probate Court to be holden at Epsom on the third Wednesday of January next, for approbation and allowance. MIRIAM GOODHUE, *Administratrix.*  
Deerfield, Dec. 27, 1817

NH Patriot 8-18-1818

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the subscriber intends exhibiting her account of Administration of the Estate of JONATHAN LOCKE, late of Epsom, deceased, to the Probate Court to be holden at Epsom, on the third Wednesday of September next, for examination and allowance.

ALLICE LOCKE, *Administratrix*

Epsom, Aug. 4, 1818

NH Patriot 12-29-1818

**NOTICE.** All persons having demands against the estate of LEVI BROWN, late of Epsom, deceased, are requested to exhibit them and those indebted to make immediate payment to LEVI BROWN, jun. Executor  
Epsom, Dec. 9, 1818

2-7-1820

***Col Samuel Osgood's Estate.***

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Executrix to the last Will and Testament of

**COL. SAMUEL OSGOOD**

late of Epsom, in the county of Rockingham, deceased, and has undertaken that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the Estate of said deceased, are requested to exhibit them for adjustment; and all indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment, to

THOMAS D. MERRILL

Agent for Elizabeth Osgood, Executrix.

Epsom, Feb. 7, 1820

NH Patriot 3-28-1820

**BENJAMIN MOODY's Estate.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator on the estate of BENJAMIN MOODY, Esq. late of Epsom, in the county of Rockingham, deceased. All persons having demands against said estate are requested to exhibit them for adjustment; and all indebted are desired to make immediate payment to

THOS D. MWEEILL, *Adm'r.*

Epsom, March 23, 1820

NH Patriot 2-12-1821

**NOTICE.** – The subscribers having been appointed by the honorable Daniel Gookin, Judge of Probate for the county of Rockingham, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all the claims of the creditors to the estate of WILLIAM H. DICKEY, late of Epsom, deceased, represented insolvent under the administration of Thomas D. Merrill – give notice that we will attend at the house of Simon A. Heath, in said Epsom, to receive said claims, on the first Mondays of April, May, June and July, from 2 to 6 o'clock, P.M. at which times the creditors will bring forward and support their claims.

JOSIAH SANBORN

JOSIAH CROSBY

Epsom, Jan. 24, 1821

NH Patriot 12-1-1823

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

*By the Hon. DANIEL GOOKIN, Judge of Probate for said County.*

To the heirs and creditors to the estate of JONATHAN GREEN, late of Epsom, gentleman, deceased, and all interested in said estate.

GREETING

**YOU** are hereby notified, that the report of the Commissioner on said estate is presented to the Probate Court for said county for acceptance; that the same will be taken into consideration at said Court to be holden at Exeter, in said county on the Thursday following the second Tuesday in January next, at 10 o'clock, A.M. and at the same time the Administratrix will present her account of administering said estate, for examination and allowance.

By order of the Judge,  
JOHN J. PARKER, Reg. Probate.  
Nov. 13, 1823

Portsmouth Journal of Literature & Politics 3-13-1824

State of New Hampshire – Rockingham ss.

*To the Honorable Daniel Gookin, Judge of Probate for said county,*

**Represents William Amazeen**, Executor of the last will and testament of **CHRISTOPHER AMAZEEN**, late of New Castle in said county, deceased – that the said deceased in his life time entered into al written contract with one Jeremiah Burnham, to convey to him a certain tract of land in Epsom in the county of Merrimac, formerly in said county of Rockingham, viz. the northerly half of a lot of land which formerly belonged to Joseph and Christopher Amazeen, and is a part of the lot on which the said Burnham now lives – that the said Jeremiah Burnham stands ready to perform his part of the said contract, but the said Christopher Amazeen is prevented by death – Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honor that he may be empowered to convey the said property agreeably to said contract, and be as bound, &c. Jan. 13, 1824.

**WILLIAM AMAZEEN**

*Rockingham ss. – Probate Court at Portsmouth in said county, Jan. 13, 1824.*

Upon the foregoing petition Ordered that the same be taken into consideration at said court to be holden at said Portsmouth on the second Tuesday in May next, at 10 o'clock A.M. – and that the petitioner notify all persons interested in said estate to appear at said court, to show cause, if any, why the petition may not be granted, by causing an attested copy of said petition and this order to be published in the Portsmouth Journal three weeks successively, the last publication to be thirty days before said court.

By order of the Judge.  
John J. Parker, Reg. Probate.

NH Patriot 6-21-1824

State of New Hampshire

Merrimack, ss.

The **JUDGE OF PROBATE** for the County of Merrimack

To **SAMUEL LORD**, as he is Executor of the last Will of **MICHAEL M'CLARY**, late of Epsom, in said County, deceased, testate, to the Heirs, and all concerned in the estate.

**GREETING**

**THE** said Executor is hereby cited to appear at the Court of Probate to be holden at Concord, in said County, on the second Wednesday of July next, to render his first Account of the Administration of said Estate; and the said Heirs, and others concerned, are also cited to appear at said Court, that they may be heard on the said Account.

And it is ordered, that the said Executor serve the above Citation, by causing it to be published three weeks successively in the N.H. Patriot and State Gazette, printed at Concord, the last publication whereof to be at least one week before said Court, and return the same with his doings to the Court aforesaid.  
Given at Concord, in said county, the nineteenth day of June A.D. 1824.  
SAMUEL MORRIL, Judge of Probate.

NH Patriot 3-28-1825

**THE** subscriber, having been duly appointed Executor to the last Will and Testament of Sally Dolbeer, late of Epsom in the county of Merrimack, widow, deceased, requests all persons indebted to said estate, to make payment – and all who have demands, to present them for adjustment.

THOMAS D. MERRILL

Epsom, March 14, 1825

NH Patriot 11-28-1825

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator, with the Will annexed, on the estate of

SIMEON CHAPMAN,

Late of Epsom, in the county of Merrimack, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are requested to exhibit them for settlement, and all indebted are requested to make payment.

THOMAS D. MERRILL, Adm'r.

Epsom, Nov. 25, 1825

NH Patriot 12-5-1825

*State of New Hampshire*, Merrimack, ss. – The Judge of Probate for the county of Merrimack, to ELEANOR BROWN, as she is Executrix of the last will of ENOCH BROWN, Jr. late of Epsom, in said county, deceased, testate, to the heirs, and all concerned in the estate.

GREETING

**THE** said executrix is hereby cited to appear at the court of probate, to be holden at Concord in said county, on the third Tuesday of January next, to render an account of the administration of said estate; and the said heirs, and others concerned, are also cited to appear at said court, that they may be heard on the said account.

Given at Concord, in said county, the first day of December, A.D. 1825.

SAMUEL MORRIL, Judge of Probate.

1-27-1827

To the Honorable John Harvey, Judge of Probate of Wills, &c. for the County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire.

**HUMBLY** shews John Cate, of Epsom, in the County of Merrimack and State aforesaid, that he is guardian of Olive Wood of said Epsom, widow, and an insane person, by the appointment of the Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham – that said Olive is seized of the following described real estate, to wit: a certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situate in Epsom aforesaid, near Parson's Mill, so called, and bounded as follows – northerly and westerly by Benjamin Towle's land and Chichester line,

northerly and easterly by land formerly owned by Sherburne, supposed to contains about seventy-five acres - and that it would be conducive to the interest of her the said Olive to sell the property aforesaid. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may have liberty to sell and convey the said estate in such manner as shall be most beneficial to said Olive, and your petitioner shall ever pray.

JOHN CATE, Guardian

Jan. 27, 1827

NH Patriot 4-20-1829

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of JONATHAN YEATON, late of Epsom, in the county of Merrimack, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them for settlement, and all indebted to said estate, to make immediate payment.

WILLIAM YEATON, Adm'r.

Epsom, April 13, 1829.

NH Patriot 9-28-1829

**ADMINSITRATOR'S NOTICE.**

**ALL** persons having demands against the estate of

ENOCH BROWN,

Late of Epsom, deceased, are requested to present them for settlement; and all indebted to make immediate payment.

WM. YEATON. Jr. Adm'r.

Epsom, Sept. 22, 1829

NH Patriot 10-4-1830

**NOTICE.**

**THE** subscriber hereby gives notice, that he has been duly appointed, by the Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack, administrator on the estate of WILLIAM YEATON Jr. late of Epsom in said county, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving bond as the law directs. He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to said estate to make immediate payment – and those, who have any demands against the same, to exhibit them for settlement, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

JOHN YEATON, Administrator

Epsom, Sept. 23, 1830

NH Patriot 3-28-1836

*To the Hon. Horace Chase Judge o the Probate of Wills, &c. for the County of Merrimack.*

HUMBLY shews James Wiggin, Sally Knox, and Eliphalet Wiggin as Guardian of Henry Knox and Albert Knox, all of Epsom in said County of Merrimack, that they are seized in fee simple, and as tenants in common, of and in a certain real estate situated in said Epsom, being one third part of the homestead farm formerly owned by John Dolloff, late of said Epsom, deceased, bounded northerly by land of Jeremiah G. Burnham, easterly by Suncook river, southerly by land of Jeremiah Gordon and Nathan Bickford, westerly by the road leading from Epsom to Pembroke, and is that part of said farm, which was assigned and set off to Mary Dolloff, as her dower in said farm, being about twenty-five acres, the said James Wiggin being

owner of one undivided eighth part, and the said Sally Knox, Henry Knox and Albert Knox, of one undivided half, with Nathan Bickford, the heirs of Josiah Knowles and the heirs of Jabez Smith, there being no dispute about the title, that they cannot possess, occupy and improve said parts to any advantage, while the same lie in common and undivided as aforesaid, but wholly lose the profits thereof: wherefore they pray that notice may be issued, in due form of law, and that their said parts may be set off and assigned to them in severalty; and your petitioners shall every pray.

JAMES WIGGIN,

SALLY KNOX,

ELIPHALET WIGGIN, Guardians for Henry and Albert Knox.

NH Patriot 7-11-1836

*To the Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire.*

**RESPECTFULLY** shews Stickney Robinson of Epsom, in the County of Merrimack, Yeoman, that he is Guardian of LAVINA ROBINSON and JOSEPH ROBINSON, minors, children and heirs of Joseph Robinson, late of said Epsom, deceased, by the appointment of the Judge of Probate for the said County of Merrimack; that his said Wards are seized each, of one undivided third part of a certain piece or parcel of land situate in Epsom in said County, containing about eighty-five acres, including the reversion of the widow's right of dower therein, bounded on the north by land of Hazen K. Clark, on the east by Suncook river, on the south by land of James Clark and on the west by the highway leading from Buck street in Pembroke to Short falls, so called, in said Epsom, and that it is necessary for the support of his said Wards and will not be conducive to their interest to have the premises sold; wherefore he prays that he may be licensed and authorized to sell the same a public auction, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

STICKNEY ROBINSON, Guardian

June 28, 1836.

NH Patriot 7-2-1838

**COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.** The subscriber having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack Commissioner to receive, examine, adjust and allow, all the claims and demands against the estate of JOSIAH KNOWLES late of Concord in said County deceased, to be administered as an insolvent estate, and six calendar months from the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1838 being allowed for that purpose, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his dwelling in Epsom in said County on the first Tuesday and on the last Saturday of September and on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next from 1 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon on each of said days.

JONATHAN L. CILLEY, Com'r.

Epsom, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1838

NH Patriot 8-24-1843

**NOTICE.**

**THE** subscriber hereby gives notice, that he had been appointed Administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of JONATHAN KNOWLES, late of Epsom, in the county of Merrimack, deceased, and requests all persons indebted to the estate to make payment to him, and all persons having claims against the estate, to present the same for settlement.

NATHAN BICKFORD.

Epsom, August 23, 1843

NH Patriot 10-24-1844

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – Merrimack, ss.**

The Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack,

To the heirs at law and all others interested in the estate of PERKINS PHILBRICK, late of Epsom in the said County, deceased, testate, GREETING.

**WHEREAS**, a certain instrument, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to the Judge of Probate of said county, by JOHN PHILBRICK, son of said deceased and interested in said will for probate thereof in solemn term.

You are hereby notified to appear at a court of Probate, to be holden at Concord, in and for said county, on the fourth Tuesday of December next, to show cause, if any you have, why said will ought not to be proved.

Given at Concord, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, A.D. 1844

By order-JOSEPH ROBINSON, Register

NH Patriot 5-15-1845

***To the Hon. Judge of Probate for the county of Merrimack.***

Respectfully represents John Whitaker of Hopkinton, in said county, Executor of the last will and testament of Joseph Bickford, late of Concord in said county, deceased, that the said Joseph Bickford in his lifetime, to wit., on the fourteenth day of August, A.D., 1837, did contract and engage in writing, to convey to one William Bickford of Epsom, in said county, upon the performance of certain conditions on the part of said William therein stated, certain real estate, situated in said Epsom, bounded as follows – beginning at the northeasterly corner of said premises, thence on the rangeway to land owned by Stephen Rand, thence westerly on land owned by the said Stephen Rand to Suncook river, thence northerly on Suncook river to land which John Rand bought of Tobias T. Rand, thence easterly on the line of the land said John Rand bought of Tobias T. Rand, to the bounds first mentioned. Also, one undivided half of a certain tract of land in said Epsom, lying on the west side of the Suncook river, bounded as follows – on the south by land owned by John Prescott, west by land of said Prescott and Samuel Marden, north by Canterbury old road, so called, and east by Suncook river.

That the said Joseph Bickford was prevented from making said conveyance by death, and that said William Bickford stand ready to perform the conditions of said contract on his part.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that he may be licensed to make and execute a conveyance of said real estate, agreeably to the Statute in such case provided.

JOHN WHITAKER

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 1845.

NH Patriot 7-10-1845

***To the Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire.***

**RESPECTFULLY** shews SAMUEL D. NUTTER, of Barnstead, in the county of Belknap, that he is guardian of JOSIAH K. NUTTER, a minor child of your petitioner, by the appointment of the Judge of Probate for the said county of Merrimack; that his said ward is seized of one undivided eighth part of the following described real estate, viz: a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Epsom, in said county of Merrimack, and bounded easterly by the range road leading from Epsom Village (so called) by the dwelling house of David Philbrick, in said Epsom, northerly by land of David Lock, westerly by the road leading from Epsom Village to Pittsfield (so called) and land of Samuel Cate, southerly by land of Joseph J.

Moses, containing two hundred acres more or less, with the buildings thereon and improvements thereon, the same being the homestead place of the late Jonathan Knowles, aforesaid; also, the one undivided eighth part of a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in said Epsom, bounded and described as follows, to wit; easterly by land of Joseph J. Moses, northerly by land of Samuel Cate, westerly by the Range, and southerly by land of Stephen Rand, containing thirty-five acres more or less; and that it is necessary for the support of his said ward and will be conducive to his interest to have the premises sold; wherefore he prays that he may be licensed and authorized to sell the same at public auction, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

SAMUEL D. NUTTER, Guardian.

NH Patriot 7-12-1849

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – Merrimack, ss.**

The Judge of Probate for said county, to the heirs at law of the estate of JONATHAN CHASE, late of Epsom, in said county, deceased, and to all others interested therein.

**YOU** are hereby notified that ROBERT M. CHASE, administrator de bonis non with the will annexed, of the estate of said deceased, will exhibit is account of the administration of said estate at a Court of Probate to be holden at Concord, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of August next, when and where you may appear, and shew cause, if any you have, against the allowance of said account.

Given at Concord, in said county, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1849.

By order, CALVIN AINSWORTH, Register.

NH Patriot 10-10-1850

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and testament of JOHN S. HAYNES, late of Epsom, in the county of Merrimack, deceased, testate. All persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and all having claims to present them to the subscriber for adjustment.

WILLIAM HAM, Executor.

Epsom, Sept. 21, 1850.

**REALESTATE**

NH Gazette 9-7-1786

**BY Virtue** of a licence from the hon judge of Probate, &c. for the county of Rockingham will be sold at PUBLICK VENDUE, on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October next, at the dwelling house of the widow Mary Tucke of Epsom, ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF GOOD LAND in said Epsom, No. 8 in the second range, - Conditions of sale to be made known at time and place of sale. – Also, to be LETT and entered upon next April, the FARM where the widow Mary Tucke now lives, containing 100 acres with a good dwelling house and barn thereon, the said Farm is partly under improvement, it has produced eight tons of good English hay, sixteen barrels of cyder, and fifty bushels of Indian corn, has excellent pasturing. – For further particulars enquire of the widow Mary Tucke of Epsom, or Daniel Pierce of Portsmouth. Portsmouth September 5, 1786.

6-31-1793

TO BE SOLD  
On reasonable Terms,

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**A** FARM containing one hundred acres of land; with a convenient Dwelling House, Store and Barn, and appurtenances, agreeably situated and lying in Epsom, between the house of Major MORRILL and the Meetinghouse, now in the occupation of the subscribers, of whom information will be given respecting the terms, and a good title to the premises.

SAMUEL and JOSEPH TUCK

Epsom, June 31, 1793

8-28-1793

**F A R M S**  
**To be Sold in Epsom.**

The first containing about 175 acres of good land, under good improvement, consisting of mowing, pasturing, tillage, orcharding and woodland, pleasantly situated near the meeting house, and will serve for two small farms, having heretofore been improved as such, and has on it two houses, three barns and out houses, and is well situated for a trader, tradesman or innholder.

A second containing about 100 acres, chiefly under improvement, with a house, barn, orchard, &c. thereon.

A third containing about 90 acres, under some improvement, with a house and barn on the same, and a good privilege for saw and grist mills.

Also,

A mill for grinding Scythes in a good place for a blacksmith, where he may have a good run of business.

And

Several other small pieces of land, all of which will be sold together, or divided and subdivided, as will best suit the purchaser. For further particulars

Inquire of AMOS MORRILL.

Epsom, August 28, 1793

NH Gazette 8-14-1798

ALL persons indebted to or who have demands against the estate of ANNA JOHNSON, late of Epping, deceased, are desired to exhibit them for settlement to the subscriber, administrator on said estate.

DAVID LAWRENCE MORRILL.

Epsom, July 30, 1798

**WHO HAS FOR SALE.**

Within twenty rods of Epsom Meeting House; three quarters of an acre of Land, on which is a beautiful garden spot, a small House and Barn, decently furnished.

NH Gazette 12-23-1800

### **A GOOD BARGAIN FOR A CLOTHIER.**

THE subscriber offers for sale in the town of Epsom, within one hundred rods of the meeting house, and on the main road leading through said town, about thirty acres of good land, with a good House, thirty three feet by thirty, and one story high, with a convenient shop for a clothier, with press, shears, &c. complete, and two convenient barns, a good well, and pretty orchard thereon - also a new fulling mill in complete order, standing on an excellent stream, with one half acre of land adjoining the same.

Also, six acres of good wood land, within one mile of the dwelling house – for further particulars inquire of the subscribers on the premises.

JONATHAN PEARSON

US Oracle 7-4-1801

### **TO BE SOLD, BY PRIVATE SALE,**

A Small FARM in Epsom one mile from the Meeting-House, about fifty or sixty acres, with house, barn, and a large work-shop, consisting of good Mowing and Tillage land, good Well, and an apple Orchard that will recommend itself – The premises may be entered on immediately if required, and long credit given. – For particulars enquire of IRA SANBRON of Epsom, or the printer hereof.

NH Gazette 10-5-1802

### **TO BE SOLD *On reasonable Terms,* A FARM**

IN Epsom, containing about one hundred and twenty acres with good buildings, well wooded and watered, within fifty rods of the Meeting House, in said Epsom, for further particulars apply to JONATHAN LOCK on the premises.

Epsom, Sept. 27.

NH Gazette 7-12-1803

### **FOR SALE**

#### ***A Valuable Farm,***

LYING in Epsom, on what is called New Orchard Road, leading to Pittsfield; containing seventy-five acres; a two story House, double in length, with a good Cellar, and never failing Well of water, with a food Barn thereon. Said FARM produces twenty-five tons of English Hay annually, and pasturing in proportion, with a young thrifty Orchard that has produced forty barrels of Cyder, annually. Said Farm is well watered and wooded. – For further particulars inquire of Capt. WILLIAM BARTON, living on the premises, or JAMES H. M'CLARY.

Epsom, June 14, 1803.

NH Gazette 3-1-1808

**NOTICE is hereby** given that all the real estate, formerly owned and occupied by John Godfrey, lying in Epsom, will be sold at Public Auction on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, consisting of about 50 acres of LAND, with the buildings thereof, viz. - A new and convenient dwelling house, thirty by forty feet, one story high, well finished with a good cellar under it; a new and convenient Barn, Shed, and a Coopers Shop, situate on the first New Hampshire Turnpike Road, leading from Concord to Portsmouth, and on the road leading from Gilmanton to Newburyport, which renders it an excellent stand for a Tavern or Trader.

Sale to be on the premises, when the conditions will be made known. – Further information may be had by applying to LEVI MEAD & JOHN HARVEY of Northwood, - or JOHN GODFREY, living on the premises.

Northwood, February 22, 1808

Concord Gazette 5-5-1813

### **To be Let,**

**ON** liberal terms, and possession given the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March next, that pleasantly situated Farm, in Deerfield, well known by name of Godfrey's Tavern, near Pleasant Pond, so called, which is considered to be one of the best stands for a Tavern and Store, in the State. There is on said farm, a good house, Store, two Sheds, Woodhouse, and a complete Stable, well finished, and an Orchard that produced apples sufficient to make from 15 to 20 barrels of Cider the last season. It is also well wooded.

For further particulars, enquire of Mark French, of Epsom, where the conditions will be made known.  
Jan. 5, 1813

NH Patriot 5-9-1815

### **For Sale,**

**A FARM**, situated in Epsom, in the fourth range of Lots, containing one hundred acres of excellent land, with a new barn, 46 by 42, and 125 young apple trees. About 30 acres of said lot is cleared, and fit for mowing, pasturing and tillage; the remainder is well timbered with a thick growth of white oak, white pine, yellow pine, and the easterly end of said lot joins on Suncook river, where stands a new Sawmill and Gristmill. Conditions, which will be liberal, will be made known by applying to the subscriber.

MARK FRENCH

Epsom, May 4, 1815

NH Patriot 8-1-1815

### **To be Let,**

**THAT** pleasant and noted Stand, for a Tavern and Store, situated in Epsom on the N.H. Turnpike Road. Said House and Store are handsomely finished, in good repair, and exceeded by none between Concord and Portsmouth, for trade or a Tavern or both.

-ALSO-

To let, a FARM, one mile from said Seat containing one hundred acres of Land, of which thirty are under improvement. Conditions made known by applying to the subscriber.

MARK FRENCH

Epsom, July 14, 1815

NH Patriot 11-14-1815

### **TO BE SOLD**

**THAT noted STAND**, exceeded by none for Trade or a Tavern or both, situated in Epsom, between Portsmouth and Concord, on the New Hampshire Turnpike. Said Store and House is finished in the best manner, and exceeded by none for convenience and pleasantness of situation. With it is a good Barn, Shed and an excellent well of never failing water. The land is of the best quality, and implanted with fruit trees. Immediate possession will be given. For further particulars, inquire of the subscriber on the premises.

MARK FRENCH

Epsom, Nov. 2, 1815

[similar ad printed 2-20-1816]

NH Patriot 5-9-1820

### **FOR SALE**

A SITUATION in Epsom, 1-4<sup>th</sup> of a mile west of the meetinghouse, on the main road from Portsmouth to Concord-consisting of four acres of land of good quality, and under good improvement, with an excellent water privilege for any kind of Mill machinery – a small dwelling house of three rooms, blacksmith's shop, one forge – a small barn.

Terms low and payment made easy. For further particulars enquire of THOMAS D. MERRILL, or of REUBEN SANBORN, on the premises.

Epsom, April 27, 1820

NH Patriot 1-12-1824

### ***FARM at Auction !***

**WILL** be sold at public vendue, unless previously disposed of at private sale, on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February next, at ten o'clock, A.M. on the premises, 60 acres of excellent land, situated in Epsom, on the road leading from the turnpike to Pembroke, and near the centre of the town; suitably proportioned into mowing, pasture, tillage, orchard, and woodland, together with one half a good two story house, half a barn 52 by 30, one fifty foot shed, and a convenient joiner's shop. At the same time and place will be sold three good cows, six sheep, one pair good iron bound wheels, and sundry other farming tools. Conditions of sale liberal, and made known at the time and place of sale.

JAMES MARDEN

Epsom, Jan. 8, 1824.

NH Patriot 2-9-1824

### *Mills, &c. at Auction*

**To** be sold at Auction on Tuesday the 2d day of March next on the premises, at one o'clock, P.M. a GRIST MILL with two runs of Stones, situated in Epsom, on Suncook River at the short falls, so called, being a never failing stream of water. Also a small House and Barn with three acres of good Land near said Mill. The buildings and mill have been recently erected, and are in good repair. A liberal credit will be given for a part of the payment.

BENJAMIN ROBINSON

Epsom, Feb. 2, 1824.

NH Patriot 8-2-1826

### **FARM FOR SALE.**

**A FARM** situated in Epsom, county of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire, containing about one hundred and fifty acres of land of an excellent quality suitably divided into mowing, tillage, pasturing and wood, together with the buildings thereon, which are a house, thirty-nine by thirty-one, two stories, and mostly finished; a barn one hundred feet by thirty-two, well finished; two sheds adjoining the barn, together with a woodhouse, blacksmith shop and cider mill, all in good repair. Said Farm is watered by a brook of never failing water running through the same, together with two wells, contiguous to the buildings, which never fail - with an orchard which will average fifty barrels of cider yearly.

-ALSO-

Another Farm situated in said Epsom, adjoining the above, lying and being on the easterly side of Suncook river and adjoining the same, of a superior quality, suitably divided into mowing, tillage, pasturing and woodland, containing about sixty acres. Lying on the main road leading from Epsom to Pembroke, together with the buildings thereon, which are a convenient dwelling-house, new and mostly finished, together with a woodhouse adjoining the same, a barn forty-one feet by thirty-eight, well finished, and a good well of never failing water. All of which will be disposed of at a reasonable price. Payment made easy with food security. Any person wishing to view said premises can have an opportunity by applying to the subscriber, living on the same.

BICKFORD LANG

Epsom, Aug. 17, 1826

NH Patriot 4-20-1829

**TO be sold in Epsom**, N.H. the Farm commonly called **the Parsonage Farm**, lying opposite the meeting house in said town, containing nearly sixty acres of good land with a house suitable for two families, and in good repair, with a barn and shed thereon. Inquire of JAMES BABB, Esq. Post Master, Epsom, or WILLIAM WEST, Concord.

April 31, 1829.

NH Gazette 1-24-1832

### **GUARDIAN'S SALE.**

#### **Land in Portsmouth, Epsom**

By virtue of a license from the Court of Probate for the County of Rockingham, will be sold at Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Auction Room of Samuel Larkin in State-street Portsmouth, the following described pieces or parcels or Real Estate that is to say,

One piece or parcel of LAND situate in Epsom, in the County of Merrimack, commonly called the Allen Farm and occupied by Amos Prescott, containing about one hundred and twenty acres under improvement, with a good HOUSE and large BARN thereon, and out buildings.

Also, one other tract or parcel of LAND lying in said Epsom, commonly called the Treadwell Lot, being number sixty-three in the second range in the division of said town, adjoining the above mentioned premises, containing about two hundred and eighty four acres of Wood and Timber Land.

Terms of payment very liberal, and a credit for a considerable portion of the purchase money given with good security.

For Terms and further particulars, apply to JAMES FOSS, Kittery; WILLIAM H. Y. HACKETT, Portsmouth; or to either of the subscribers.

JOSEPH SHERBURNE, JOHN BALL, Guardians.

S. LARKIN, *Auct'r*

Portsmouth, Jan. 24, 1832

NH Patriot 2-13-1832

### **PAPER MILL FOR SALE.**

If not previously sold at private sale, will be sold at *PUBLIC AUCTION*, on the premises on Monday, the second day of April, next, at nine of the clock A.M., a PAPER MILL in complete running order, situate on Suncook river in the town of Epsom, County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire; said mill is abundantly supplied with a spring of water of the purest kind, a good aqueduct and cistern - also a convenient

#### **DWELLING HOUSE & BARN,**

With 20 rod of said mill, with a good well of never failing water, a young orchard of choice —— fruit, and several never failing springs of water, near the house.

#### **ALSO**

One other convenient **DWELLING HOUSE & BARN** within about 50 rods of said mill with a good well of water, and a young orchard, also a **GRIST MILL** with two run of stones, situated on the opposite side of the stream. The town bridge crosses directly from one mill to the other. For terms and further particulars apply to NEHEMIAH R. KENNISON on the premises or to RICHARD PARK, in Taunton, Mass.  
Epsom, Jan. 23, 1832

NH Patriot 3-10-1834

**NOTICE. A FARM,** to be sold at Public Auction at the Store of Tho. D. Merrill on the 22d day of March next at 10 O'clock A.M. Laying on the Old Road Leading from Concord to Portsmouth, within a few rods of the Meeting-House, School-House, Paint Mill, Saw-Mill &c. containing about Sixty-five Acres of good land well divided into Mowing, Pasturing and Wood-land. It has on it a food one Story House, Barn and other out Buildings necessary for the convenience of the Farm. Conditions made known at the time of sale.

Epsom, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1834

ANDREW M. HEATH

NH Patriot 2-27-1845

### Farm and Buildings for Sale.

The subscriber, having made arrangements for leaving the Farm where he now lives, this spring, is desirous to sell. Said Farm is situated in EPSOM, one half mile north of the turnpike on the main road from Manchester to Pittsfield. There are about eighty acres in the place. The Farm produces well, and is very easy of cultivation; is well wooded and watered.

The buildings are a one story house, 40 by 30, a barn, 48 by 38, a wood-house, hog-pen and corn-barn. Possession given immediately. Terms of sale, easy.

SIMONDS FOWLER.

Epsom, Feb. 19, 1845.

NH Patriot 8-23-1849

### AUCTION.

**WILL** be sold at Public Auction, on Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September next, at four o'clock P.M., on the premises, the old Congregational meeting house in Epsom. The building is about 50 feet by 40, the timber in the frame is large and with the rest of the wood work is believed to be sound and good.

Conditions at time and place of sale.

Frederick Sanborn

Moses P. Gray

Jonathan L. Cilley, Committee of the Proprietors.

Epsom, Aug. 20, 1849

NH Patriot 8-30-1849

### FARM FOR SALE

**THE** subscribers offer for sale their farm in Epsom, well known as the Cilley place, lying on the Turnpike road and near the centre of the town, and close to the line of the contemplated Railroad from Hooksett to Pittsfield. The home place contains upward of 200 acres, a large proportion of which is Mowing and Tillage, the buildings are two good dwelling houses, two barns with shed, and all other out buildings suitable for two families. Also, a large pasture about two miles from the home place, containing about 90 acres, well watered, lying by the side of Odiorne's pond (so called). Also, a wood and timber lot, containing about 90 acres, about one and a half miles from the home place, and very handy to Long Falls Saw Mill. They also offer the crops now growing, and the hay in the barns, being sufficient to winter 50 head of cattle; the greater part cut on the home place the present season. If not disposed of at private sale the present season, it will be offered at Public Auction the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1850.

Conditions of sale for the whole or such parts as may be agreed upon, will be liberal.

W.P. Cilley

J.L. Cilley

Epsom, August 6, 1849