

# EPSOM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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, or there is a acrobat file containing all 25 pages.

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From early newspapers 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

From early newspapers 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

From old newspaper 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 6th day of October next, at the dwelling house of the widow Mary Tuck 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 the time and place of sale. — Allso, 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

Newburyport Herald Newspaper - 8-24-1824 - A barn filled with hay, &c in Epsom, belonging to Mr. Joseph Brown, was struck by lightning and burnt on Monday last.

From the Farmer's Cabinet Newspaper, 12-31-1825

At Epsom, about 12 o'clock, on the night exceeding Monday the 19th instant, the barn belonging to Josiah Sanborn, Esq. together with its contents, 30 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 with 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.

From the Exeter Newsletter March 17, 1845

Deaths – In Epsom, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Jonathan Chase, aged 66.

From the Exeter Newsletter June 9, 1845

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

From the Exeter Newsletter April 27, 1846

In Deerfield, Mr. William Yeaton of Epsom to Miss Mary J. Stearns of Deerfield.

From the Exeter Newsletter August 10, 1846

In Epsom, Mr. N.S. Webster of Boscawen to Miss Lucy Ann Lord, of Epsom.

From the Exeter Newsletter, November 9, 1846

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

From Newspaper 'Farmer's Cabinet' Sep 3, 1851:

Intoxication and Death - At Epsom, NH, 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 axe, 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.

From the Valley Times October 22, 1868

The "Knowles Farm" on the New Orchard Road in Epsom was sold at auction on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant., by Widow Mark Moses, to H.F. Sanborn and Michael M. Steele for \$1850. This is an excellent farm, and considering the local improvements, was sold at a bargain. A large amount of personal property was sold at the same time. John L. French, auctioneer.

From the Valley Times Jan 28, 1869

One of the very best herds of cattle to be found in New Hampshire may be seen at the barn of Augustus Lord Esq. of Epsom, He has thirty oxen, none of which girt less than seven feet. He has probably sold more good cattle and obtained better prices the past four years than any other farmer in the state,

Farmers may obtain many new ideas by visiting Mr. Lord's farm, noticing the various improvements and looking at his stock.

From the Valley Times Jan 28, 1869

Charles A. Doe who had been engaged in driving a meat cart to Concord will open a meat cellar at Manchester in Kimball Block.

From the Pittsfield Valley Times Feb. 4, 1869

"As some school boys were sliding down a steep hill, the sled ran against a rock, and one of them, Anson B. Cass, son of H.O. Cass, had the bones of one leg broken and the flesh terribly bruised. He is under the care of Dr. Peabody and is doing well."

From the Valley Times January 20, 1870

The Ladies of the Congregational Society of Epsom held a Levee at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, which proved a very creditable and pleasant affair.

An excursion train went down from Pittsfield with about eighty passengers, who were highly pleased with the excursion and entertainment. The well disposed people of Epsom kindly furnished teams to convey them to and from the depot.

Messrs. Cass & Cox, who have done quite a thriving business during the past two years, butchering and carrying meat to Concord, are closing up affairs in Epsom, and preparing to move to Manchester where they will continue the business.

The desirable farm of J.J. Moses Esq. is advertised for sale in this paper, and he will go with the above firm to Manchester.

From the Valley Times February 17, 1870

Capt. Arthur Locke has been cutting a small lot of timber this winter, including several old growth pines; one of which made after it was sawed, 28,000 feet of lumber.

Large lumbering operations are going on in the vicinity of Pleasant Pond.

Monday afternoon of last week, as Mr. William Yeaton, working at Manchester, was engaged in rolling logs down a steep bank, he passed in front of a pile to arrange the large sleepers upon which the logs were to roll. While engaged in so doing, one of the largest logs, over three feet in diameter, started from its position, and Mr. Yeaton, in endeavoring to escape, slipped and fell over one of the sleepers, and the log rolled directly upon him instantly. Had he fallen between the sleepers he would have been safe. He was about twenty seven years old and was unmarried. He was the son of Warren Yeaton, and was brought to Epsom for burial.

From the Valley Times February 24, 1870

Epsom. Obituary. Mrs. Anna Merrill, aged seventy-eight years and nine months, died suddenly in her chair this forenoon, of congestion of the lungs. She was the widow of Thomas D. Merrill, a

prominent citizen of Epsom. Her father was Dr. Peter Green, a native of Lancaster, Mass., and for many years a distinguished physician in this city. He was one of the original founders of the New Hampshire Medical Society. Mrs. Merrill was the only survivor of thirteen children by his second wife, Ruth Ayer of Haverhill, Mass.

**NEW STORE,  
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In the Suncook Valley.**

The Subscribers offer for sale at their new Store just opened at Goss' Village in Epsom, a good variety of West India Goods and Groceries at extremely low prices. Having purchased goods for cash in Boston and vicinity, at great discount, we are prepared to place them before the public lower than they can be bought elsewhere, in this vicinity. We solicit a liberal patronage. Come one and all and examine our stock of goods for yourselves.

**Motto, Quick Sales and Small Profits.**

**WM. & JOHN A. GOSS.**  
Epsom, Feb. 28, 1870. 21-1f

From the Valley Times March 17, 1870

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From the Analectra January 24, 1884

Mrs. Joanna Buzzell died the 10<sup>th</sup>, inst., aged 92. She had been a widow over 40 years.

The funeral of Mrs. Ephraim Locke, who died in Suncook, was held at the residence of her son-in-law Mr. James Fowler, on Monday. Mrs. Locke was 78 years old.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. Prescott Locke gave him an oyster supper on Monday night. It being his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Horace B. Sherburne is bookkeeper at the shoe shop.

Miss Grace Edmonds is on the sick list

Miss Annie Cilley has recovered from her illness and had gone to work in the shoe shop again.

From the Analectra January 31, 1884

The Grand Army of the republic gave an entertainment at their hall on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.. There were two dramas by the Epsom Dramatic Club, music by the Jenness Orchestra of Chichester and dancing was kept up till a late hour.

From the Analectra February 13, 1884

Mr. [Jacob] Freeze Robinson is moving his family to Suncook where he has gone into the Dry Goods business with the Messrs. Johnson of that place. He has been in company with Mr. Silver at

Gossville for the past 12 years, but sold out to Sumner Hall a few months ago. Mr. Sumner Hall has been appointed depot master, Mr. Robinson having resigned.

Willie Burnham, son of James M. Burnham, met with a sad accident Saturday afternoon while coasting, bruising his head so that he was unconscious for six hours and breaking his right leg just above the ankle. Dr. Smith was called and set the limb, and he is doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Dr. Smith's mother has been very sick with the pneumonia the past week. She is now thought to be better.

There was a cut down at the shoe shop last week.

From the Analectra February 28, 1884

A skating rink was opened at the Odd Fellows Hall last week.

From the Analectra March 20, 1884

At town meeting the town voted to buy a hearse.

From the Analectra April 3, 1884

Mr. Moses Critchett, who died in Concord last week, was buried in the Short Falls Cemetery, he was a former resident of this town.

From the Analectra April 10, 1884

G.C. Knowles has sold out his butchering business to B.M. Towle.

From the Analectra May 15, 1884

Capt. Arthur Locke died May 10, 1884, 59 years, 6 months, 25 days. G.A.R. was in charge and the sermon was given by Elder M.A. Quimby of New Durham.

From the Analectra October 2, 1884

A new school house is nearly completed in the New Orchard district.

From the Analectra October 30, 1884

There is a brass band being organized at Gossville.

From the Analectra February 5, 1886

There are three writing schools in session in town. Mr. Crosby of Pittsfield has one at the town hall, Fred Heath has one in District 1 and Austin Yeaton at the North Road schoolhouse.

From the Analectra March 26, 1886

C.S. Hall had a very narrow escape from drowning Monday morning as he was crossing the shoe factory mill pond. The ice broke, letting him into the water up to his armpits, but by a hard struggle he made out to save himself.

From the Valley Times April 15, 1892

Mrs. J.T. Cotterell is visiting in Haverhill, Mass.

G.C. Knowles has been very sick, but is getting better.

J.E. Eastman is building him a slaughter house.

The band are to repeat their concert at Short Falls, April 22.

Married at the Free Baptist parsonage on April 8, by Rev. J.W. Scribner, Charles W. Towle of Epsom and Miss Rebekah Towns of Newport.

During the high wind last week Wednesday, a fire burned over about 200 acres of pasture belonging to B.M. Towle. C.W. Leighton and J. and W.H. Sanborn. Three sets of buildings were only saved by the timely aid of the citizens, and plowing across fields.

Fred Fife has gone into the butchering business.

Henry Bickford to carry on Mrs. J.C. Smith's farm this coming summer.

J.H. Tripp has taken down the barn on the J.R. Dow farm and putting it up again in connection with the one at his residence.

Amos Prescott, an aged man who died at North Berwick, Me, recently, resided in New Rye district many years ago. He is survived by one son, J.L. Prescott, the well known stove polish manufacturer, with whom he lived, and one daughter, Mrs. Jeremiah Burnham of this town.

From the Valley Times April 22, 1892

Albert Pickard has sold his farm and stock of cattle to Sumner Hall.

The Epsom brass band is to furnish music Memorial Day.

Noah Goss has finished his job in Windsor and returned home.

Hon. H.F. Sanborn of Princeton, Mass, came to town Wednesday.

From the Valley Times May 6, 1892

Gossville now has six mails a day.

Mrs. Perley Giles has been quite sick the past week.

H.S. Knowles has been in Boston this week buying goods.

The Ideal Minstrel troupe of Northwood gave a concert at G.A.R. Hall Tuesday evening.

The Epsom brass band have accepted an invitation to play at the anniversary of the I.O.O. F. Hall at their hall in Short Falls next Tuesday night.

Albert Pickard has moved to Deerfield.

Eugene Marden is clerking for J.B. Tennant

Shurburn Cass and wife of Lee, who formerly resided here, are visiting relatives in town.

The members of the Evergreen Lodge, I.O.O.F. attended the funeral of their late brother, John S. Hoyt, who died at this home in Chichester, April 21. He was a worthy member, and the oldest in the lodge. His age was 76 years. He is survived by a widow, one son, and four daughters.

The town schools are under instruction of the following teachers: Edith Fowler in the Mountain District; Mrs. Clara E. Woodman, New Rye; Eva Burleigh of Sandwich, Short Falls; Abbie James of Northwood, Gossville; Etta Goodwin of Portland, Center; and Josie Shaw of Pittsfield, New Orchard.

From the Valley Times June 10, 1892

A son was lately born to Hiram Hartford and wife.

Jeremiah Burnham and G.S. Chapman are both on the sick list.

James Fife, whose family has recently moved here from Boston, is very low in consumption.

By request of the late William Fife of Pembroke, the Epsom brass band attended his funeral at his late home, last Saturday.

A grandson of H.O. Wells, Herbert Lombard of Boston, aged 3 years, was brought here and buried in New Rye Cemetery.

Ephraim Locke, and aged man residing with daughter Mrs. J.W. Fowler, and who has been failing for several months, is now very low.

Dr. John Gile, formerly of Pembroke, now practicing in Tewksbury, Mass, was married on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant to Miss Vesta, oldest daughter of Benjamin Fowler of this town.

Maud Critcherson has an attack of the measles.

Married June 1, by J.W. Scribner, John W. Heath of Lynn, Mass, and Mrs. Sarah Hall of Epsom.

From the Valley Times June 17, 1892

Mrs. J. Hopkinson is sick with a brain trouble.

A daughter was born to George Cass and wife May 30.

Mrs. M.D. Bickford has a bad hand caused by getting a splinter in it and taking cold in it; she has had it lanced once, and it is still very painful.

Noah Goss, Will Waitts, Charles Gordon and James Bickford started early Monday morning for the Mountains with twenty barges and several carriages and one big coach.

From the Valley Times August 26, 1892

James Fife is very low in consumption.

J.H. Tripp and son started around with their threshing machine last Tuesday.

George S. Chapman died August 20 of heart disease, aged 67 years. He was a member of Evergreen Lodge, I.O.O. F., and is survived by a widow and two sons, Frank of Winchester, MA and C.

Augustine of this town, besides one brother of Lynn, MA, and five sisters.

Mrs. Lydia (Dickey) Hayward of Hastings, Nebraska, who recently visited her nephew H.O. Wells, s the only surviving member of the family of Esquire Hanover Dickey, one of the first families in town half a century ago. Mrs. Hayward is 76 years of age, and it had been twenty-six years since she had visited her native town.

The late Ephraim Locke, who died on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. was the son of Deacon Ephraim Locke. He was born in 1809 and lived in this town until 18 years ago, when he sold his farm to J.C. Philbrick, and moved to Suncook. While living here he served on the Board of Selectmen ten years, eight of which he was chairman, and was elected member of the legislature. He had been a member of the Free Baptist Church since 1835. His wife, who was a daughter of Rev. Samuel Dyer, died a few years since, and his eldest daughter, wife of Winthrop Fowler of Pembroke, soon followed her mother. For the past two years he has resided with his only remaining child, Mrs. James W. Fowler, at Short Falls, where he has been most devotedly cared for during the many months of his infirmities. His funeral was quite largely attended by the citizens of this town and Pembroke and he was buried in the family lot in Short Falls Cemetery.

From the Valley Times September 16, 1892

David Marden who died in East Concord September 3d, was a native of this town.

Mrs. Sarah Morrill who recently died in Pittsfield, was a sister of the late Deacon [Thomas] Tripp.

Miss Mary Baker, a teacher in St. Mary's school, Concord, visited her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Fowler, last week.

B.M. Cummings of Salt Lake City, Utah, was in town last week looking up the genealogy of George Wallace, a native of Epsom, but one of the early pioneers of that country.

Mrs. Thomas Ames is on the sick list.

Kidder Fisk is at work in Weare for Dr. Eaton.

The Democrats of Epsom chose the following delegates to the several conventions: State, S.R.

Yeaton, J.W. Fowler; congressional, George Sanders, William Fowler; councilor, Gorham P. Rand, C.O. Brown; senatorial, J.C. Lear, B. Fowler; County, Warren Tripp, S. Martin.

From the Valley Times Oct. 21, 1892

Mrs. A.G. Noyes is on the sick list.

J.H. Nute has been granted an increase of his pension.

The apple crop in this town does not exceed that of a year ago.

S.T. Dolbeer of New York City is stopping at Calvin Dowst's.

Mrs. Lucinda Dickey, an aged lady, is visiting her daughter in Haverhill and Medford, MA

Miss Malissa Dickey died October 10, of heart trouble, aged 47 years. She leaves a mother and three sisters.

Hon. J.B. Tennant and wife accompanied Governor Tuttle and party to Chicago to be present at the dedication of the Columbian Exposition buildings.

The band is to play at a rally at Deerfield Center Friday evening.

T.W. Kelley lost his horse one day last week, colic is thought to be the cause.

Two sons of the late Thomas Steele of Montreal visited relatives in town this week.

The following are the nominations made at the Democratic caucus Wednesday evening: Moderator for two years, Hiram A. Holmes; supervisors of checklist, Frank L. Seavey, James W. Fowler, George P. Cass; representative, Nathan Goss.

Mrs. Blake Cass went to Byfield, MA, Tuesday to visit her sister.

Everyone is sorry to hear that the shoe shop is to be closed again, and that Mr. Hill is going to move his business to Pittsfield.

From the Valley Times Nov. 25, 1892

Jennie E., wife of Albert G. Noyes, who died on the 13th, was the daughter of Simon and Abigail Healey, and born in this town December 18, 1838. She early manifested a love for study which developed into a real thirst for knowledge, but the death of her father and elder brother rendered it necessary she should leave school without attaining the proficiency she desired; yet while engaged in the different pursuits in life, she did not fail to improve every opportunity for intellectual attainments. Throughout her life, she was willing to sacrifice herself for the interest of those who were dear to her and never appeared to shrink from the faithful performance of every duty, and we, who best knew her worth, seem to hear the plaudit of "well done." In her associations she was considerate of the happiness of others; not given to evil speaking, but ready to throw the mantle of charity over others faults. Her kindness of heart reached out taking in ever the unfortunate and needy in her generosity, and she won friends wherever her lot was cast, who sincerely mourn her loss. She had been a member of the Congregational church in this place 34 years. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved husband, to the invalid mother, who had been bereft many times and now is deprived of a devoted daughter and last surviving child. Her funeral was largely attended, Rev. J.W. Scribner officiating. The floral tributes consisted of a pillow inscribed "Jennie" from her husband. Fifty three roses with smilax, Mr. and J.B. Tennant; wreath, McClary Grange. basket, Mrs. Abbie Chase, Haverhill, MA; Chrysanthemums, Helen and Abbie Noyes, Haverhill, and from Mrs. J.W. Fowler of this town. Interment in New Rye Cemetery; burial service rendered at the grave by McClary Grange.

From the Valley Times Nov. 25, 1892

James B. Fife, who died the 13th, was the eldest son of J.H. and Mary Fife, aged 39 years, 10 mos. He went to Boston at the age of 16 years where he was employed as a clerk in Ditson and Co's music store the most of the time for twenty two years. He came to his father's on a visit last December where he was suddenly stricken with hemorrhage of the lungs, from which he never recovered sufficiently to return. Besides his parents he leaves a widow, two daughters, one son, two



sisters. Mrs. Frank E. Randall of Pittsfield and Mrs. George Dowst of Allenstown, one brother, Fred C. of this town. His funeral was held in New Rye Chapel; services by Rev. J. Scribner, the deceased having been a member of the Free Baptist church here for twenty-seven years. Interment in New Rye Cemetery. Wreath and bouquet of flowers were furnished by his fellow employees in Boston. Chrysanthemums from his mother.

From the Valley Times December 2, 1892

There is to be a town meeting next Tuesday to see if the town will exempt a firm for a term of years to go into the shoe shop here. We would suppose that every voter would vote for it. [ed note, they did]

G.E. Critcherson and Everett Edmonds are working for Hill and Company in Pittsfield.

Charles Royal moved his family to Chelsea, Mass, this week.

From the Valley Times December 9, 1892

Mrs. Susan Weeks, who died December 1 at her brother William Goss' Pembroke of apoplexy, was the widow of the late Simon Weeks, both former residents of this town. She leaves four brothers and two sisters. He age was 60 years; interment in New Rye Cemetery.

Mrs. Susan Philbrick is repairing her house.

The Congregational Society will hold no meetings through the winter.

George P. Cass, who has lived on the Jonathan Chelsey place the past year, had moved back to his own farm.

F.L. Seavey is teaching New Rye School. Miss Olive Freeze of Deerfield at Short Falls. A number of the old teachers are retained.

From the Valley Times December 16, 1892

William H. Straw, a well known citizen, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of heart trouble, aged 59 years, 9 months. He had been a worthy member of Evergreen lodge, I.O.O. F., from its organization, also of McClary Grange. He was a native of Hill, his parents moving to this town during the years of his boyhood. He is survived by a widow, two daughters, Mrs. Anson B. Cass and Mrs. E.E. Kendall, one brother, J.L. Straw of Pittsfield, and one sister, Mrs. Susan Philbrick. His funeral was in charge of the Odd Fellows, conducted by Past Grand J.H. Dolbeer; bearers, Past Grand Warren G. Tripp, G.W. Lane, William Fowler and Frank Marden. Singing by G.E. Critcherson, J.A. Tripp, Ethel Brown and Alice Wells; organist Mrs. Warren Brown. Rev. Mr. Locke of Chichester, officiating pastor.

From the Valley Times Dec. 30, 1892

Died in Manchester, December 26, Mrs. Sally Robinson, aged 73 years. She was a native of this town. Her remains were brought here Wednesday and laid beside her husband, Levi Robinson, in the cemetery at Short Falls.

Quite an accident happened on Monday. Walter Yeaton, his sister Christie, Mary Griffin and a Miss James were out riding when their horse fell down, throwing them out, injuring them all except Miss Yeaton who escaped with a few bruises. Miss Griffin had a bad cut over one eye and her face badly bruised. Miss James had one limb badly sprained, Walter had his neck hurt. It was a narrow escape for them all.

From the Valley Times January 6, 1893

Mrs. Sally Robinson who was brought from Manchester last week and buried in the Cemetery at Short Falls was the last surviving member of the later Samuel Fowler's family.  
Levi Cass, who has been afflicted with paralysis several years, is now very sick.

From the Valley Times Jan 13, 1893

Charles Dutton has sold his buildings and a few acres of land to John Murphy.

From the Valley Times January 20, 1893

James Yeaton is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Ella Pearson of Epping gave a chalk talk on temperance in the Freewill Baptist Church Wednesday evening.

Dr. French of Pittsfield was called to see Mrs. Thomas Ames Monday. He gave no encouragement of her ever being any better.

B.M. Towle got one foot caught between a log and a tree while at work in the woods Tuesday, hurting it so that it is feared it will lay him up for some time.

Henry and George Dowst are getting our lumber to build a new barn the coming spring.

From the Valley Times January 27, 1893

A daughter was born to Nathan J. Goss and wife January 23; weight ten and one half pounds. [ed note, Maryetta Rebecca Goss, did not survive the year]

Alfred Yeaton is at Manchester Business college.

Fred Fife is getting out lumber to build a new house.

Jeremiah Burnham has been granted an increase in pension.

James Hersey, to whom reference has been made in the papers as teacher of Gen. Benjamin F.

Butler, from his beginning to attend school until he was qualified to attend Philips Exeter Academy, was a resident of this town for many years. He sold his farm to the town for the use of their paupers and moved to Manchester, where he died in 1869.

From the Valley Times March 3, 1893

Mrs. Mary Jacko [ed. Jackrow] died February 21, aged 59 years and 8 months. She came from New York some two months ago to help care for her sister Mrs. Thomas Ames, who has been sick for several months, and was taken suddenly ill with a brain trouble and lived but three weeks. Her funeral was held in Lowell, MA, February 25.

Died at the home of her daughter Mrs. G.E. Warren, February 17, Mrs. Sophia Holmes, aged 85 years. Her remains were carried to Northwood for burial. She leaves four sons and two daughters.

Deacon Charles Doe is on the sick list.

Otis Burnham of the Concord Railroad shop spent the last week at his father's James Burnham.

C.W. Tarlton of Concord was at his farm last week barreling and shipping his apples to Boston.

The roads have been badly drifted for a week or more, some are hardly passable now.

From the Valley Times March 17, 1893

Widow Hannah Prescott, who is in her 89<sup>th</sup> year, is living alone in her house in Gossville and doing her work. Her late husband, Stephen Prescott of Deerfield, was a soldier of 1812, and she is the only pensioner in town under that date.

Over forty from this place attended concert by the Epsom brass band at Chichester last Friday evening.

The following officers were elected at the town meeting Tuesday: Selectmen J.H. Dolbeer, Edwin R. Yeaton, and Henry Doty. Town clerk, Maurice C. Philbrick; town treasurer, Daniel Yeaton. Mrs. Martha Ames, wife of Thomas Ames, died March 4, aged 58 years and 1 month. She leaves a husband, brother and two sisters to mourn her loss. Funeral at the Free Will Baptist Church Wednesday. Rev. J.B. Scribner officiated. Burial in the Gossville Cemetery. Our enterprising lumber dealers, Tripp and Tennant are running two sawmills in Moretown, one in Francistown, one in Hillsboro, and are employing some 120 men. They have two mills not in use at the present time. They produce seven million feet of lumber in a year.

From the Valley Times April 14, 1893

Mrs. Daniel Goss is sick with pneumonia.

H.O. Wells recently bought 9 cows of C.C. Doe and son.

Horace Fowler had his hand badly injured while sawing wood by horse-power last week.

C.F. Haines and W.G. Weeks have painted New Rye schoolhouse and are now painting the one at the center.

The roof of the shed adjoining the dwelling house of J.H. Tripp took fire from a spark blown from the chimney on the 2 inst, and but for its timely discovery the extensive farm building must all have burned down.

Morris Hartford, youngest son of James Hartford, died in the hospital in Boston on the 7<sup>th</sup> of pneumonia, aged 18 years. His funeral was held at his father's last Sunday, Rev. J.W. Scribner officiating. Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers and five sisters.

From the Valley Times April 28, 1893

A son was born to Frank Davis and wife April 19.

The remains of Daniel P. Locke of Pittsfield, a native of this town, were brought here Tuesday and buried in the Gossville Cemetery.

Miss Minnie E. Warren, daughter of George E. and Lizzie Warren, died of consumption, April 19, aged 22 years, 4 months and 22 days. The remains rested in a white plush casket with beautiful flowers from friends comprising a pillow with the letters A.C.F. from the A.C.F. society of Epsom, of which she was a member, basket and 22 white roses, H.J. Holmes; bouquet of lilies and other flowers, Mrs. W.I. Holmes; twenty-two Easter lilies, E.M. Holmes; oleander blossoms, Mrs. C.P. Holmes; basket of flowers, Mrs. Ella M. Yeaton; calls lilies, Mrs. Courtland Freese; bouquet, Mrs. Hosea Hilliard; bouquet, Miss Hattie Pike; bouquet, Mrs. Charles Palmer; calla lilies, Mrs. Daniel Yeaton; bouquet, Miss Anna Batchelder; mound, Miss Ella Marden; bouquet, Mrs. Samuel Bickford; wreath, Mrs. G.W. Marden. Funeral was held at the Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday; Rev. J.W. Scribner officiated. The bearers were Hollis Hall, Charles Pike, Walter Philbrick and Willie Burnham. Daniel Yeaton, manager; singing by the choir.

From the Valley Times May 19, 1893

Roger Griffin, who was killed in Boston by an explosion of chemicals, was a native of this town, being the youngest son of Nathan Griffin now residing in Deerfield. He was 39 years old and leaves a family.

From the Valley Times 1894 (January-August)

Ernest Heath and George Cass have swapped houses.

Voted at school meeting (March) to have a new schoolhouse at Gossville.

From the Valley Times February 1894

#### Obituary

This community was very much surprised and saddened last Thursday morning to learn that Mrs. Carrie E., the estimable wife of Alonzo Batchelder, died at her home in Epsom Thursday morning, February 15th, at the age of 44 years. Her disease was congestion of the brain. The deceased was a native of Concord, and she was born March 15th, 1849, and she moved to Epsom at the age of 16, and had resided there ever since. She was a charter member of Ivy Green Rebekah Degree Lodge I.O.O. F., and also was a member of McClary Grange P of H, and in both of these organizations she ever took and active interest, and she will be remembered and mourned by a large circle of friends at her home and in this town. Besides a husband, she is survived by one brother, Albion L. Page of this town, and two daughters, Mrs. Hattie L. Sherburne and Myrtie E. Batchelder and also a grandchild, Nellie F. Sherburne of Epsom. The funeral obsequies occurred at the family residence last Sunday at 1 o'clock, and the attendance was large. Rev. Mr. Dame officiated, and he tenderly alluded to the many excellent traits on the deceased. The funeral was in charge of J.H. Dolbeer. There was a very elegant display of floral emblems. Wreath of flowers from Mrs. F.C. Ayer, wreath of flowers from members of Ivy Green Lodge. crescent from McClary Grange, wreath of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Page, cut flowers from Mrs. C.H. Heath. The beautiful service of Ivy Green Rebekah Degree Lodge I.O.O.F. was rendered, followed by interment in the Centre cemetery.

From the Valley Times Newspaper Sat. April 7, 1894

#### SHORTFALLS

The saddest accident that has happened in this vicinity within our memory occurred March 29th. While a party of men were engaged in rolling logs into the Suncook River near the gristmill, one log suddenly started rolling over and fatally injuring Florus W. Tripp, who died the following morning. He was 29 years of age and the only son of Warren Tripp, and no young man in our midst was more widely or better known. He had always lived with his parents, and his father being engaged in the lumber business, the entire care of the large farm has devolved upon him. Ever faithful in the discharge of the duties of life, while his honesty and integrity won the esteem of those who knew him, and the universal sympathy of the community goes out to his young wife, to whom he married last June, to his parents and his only sister, Mrs. B.H. Fowler, who are grief stricken by their great bereavement. He was a worthy member of Evergreen and Ivy Green, D. of R., Lodges, I.O.O.F., and of McClary Grange; a constant attendant at church and the Sabbath School; in all these associations he will be greatly missed. His funeral was held at his late home last Sunday afternoon, where there was the largest attendance ever assembled on a similar occasion in this town, a great many being present from Pembroke and other neighboring towns. Rev. J.W. Scribner officiated. Singing by G.E. Critcherson, F.C. Fife, Mrs. J.W. Brown and Mrs. F.C. Fife, Fred Burnham, organist. The services were in charge of the Odd Fellows: J.H. Dolbeer conductor; and the several organizations to which he belonged followed his remains to the grave. Among the floral tributes were 29 pinks from his wife, with many beautiful contributions from Evergreen Lodge, McClary Grange, relatives and friends. Internment in the family lot in Short Falls Cemetery.

From the Epsom Newsletter April 11, 1896

#### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Old Goss Stable with Fifteen Head of Cattle Destroyed

The village of Gossville in the town of Epsom was visited by the fire fiend about 6 o'clock Sunday night and the two large barns, stable and shed connected with the old hotel, owned for many years by William Goss and now owned by Mr. Osgood, were burned to the ground together with 14 cows, a

calf and several tons of hay. The house was saved after a hard fight. The loss is estimated at about \$1000, insured for \$3000. The origin of the fire is a mystery as no light had been used about the barn for 24 hours.

Mr. John S. Green is on the sick list.

J.W. Murby is at work on Emily Brown's farm.

Mrs. John Haynes is on the sick list at John W. Murby's, her boarding place.

Cyrus Marden is tearing down the old house where his mother used to live.

The Grist Mill broke down last Saturday morning, it has since been repaired.

Bertel R. Foss is going to be the foreman on Mrs. Keniston's farm at Allenstown in place of Charles R. Dutton who has resigned his position after serving 17 years.

From the Epsom Newsletter May 9, 1896

Charles Gordon is recovering from his recent serious illness.

Mrs. Harriet Towle is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Annie Smith, of Newton, Mass.

Daniel Goss, Charles Gordon, J.D. Langley and Mrs. John Haynes are all sick and thought to be failing.

The Northwood stage driver got left in Manchester last Friday evening and when the train reached here there was no one to carry the mail and passengers to Northwood. Finally a party from this town volunteered to assume the responsibility of carrying the mail through.

Winfred Hartford, the former hired hand of Andrew J. Cate, has moved to Deerfield.

C.S. Hall had a bad attack of the mumps.

Mrs. Calvin Brown is still in the hospital in Boston, but is reported improving.

C.J. Brown has moved to Epsom to run a public house at Gossville, also a livery in connection, and will be pleased to meet and entertain traveling public.

Mrs. Sylvester White of Rochester is making her son, E.F. White, a short visit.[Northwood]

Charles Quimby who died in Concord April 26 of consumption, was a resident of Epsom many years, living on a farm on Sanborn hill, and enlisted from here in the Eleventh Regiment, NHV. His first wife was Miss Frances Haynes by whom he had a large family. All but two sons died young. His remains were brought to Gossville cemetery and laid in the family lot. He was 67 years old and is survived by a widow.

From the Epsom Newsletter May 16, 1896

Josiah Langley is very feeble.

H.C. Fife is our new tax collector

Henry Philbrick is very sick with the mumps.

Henry Ames is also sick with the mumps.

C.S. Hall is improving from his recent illness.

John Spurlin is fitting up the James Brown house.

J.B. Cass was thrown from a wagon lately and received serious injuries to the head, and as he is 83 years old, it is thought doubtful that he recovers.

Work will soon be commenced on the new stable at the Goss place where they were burned a short time ago. A stable will be erected at the east side of the house.

Mrs. Jane Haynes, widow of the late John Haynes, died May 9 after an illness of several years of paralysis. She is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. Minnie Woodbury of Manchester. Her funeral occurred on Monday at New Rye church, Rev. Joseph Tucker officiated. The neighbors

contributed beautiful flowers and her remains were buried in New Rye cemetery by the side of her husband.

#### INJURED BY VICIOUS COLT

A painful incident happened about a mile from Suncook last Friday evening, the particulars of which are as follows: George H. Lovejoy, who lives with his father Henry Lovejoy, harnessed their five year old colt to go to Suncook on some errands. The colt had not been used much of late and was rather vicious. Mr. Lovejoy started for home about 9 o'clock and after going about a mile something startled the colt causing him to kick and in such a way as to hit Mr. Lovejoy on the knee and tore the left knee pan from its \_\_\_\_\_. The pain was so great that he lost control of the colt and being thoroughly frightened, it ran three fourths of a mile, when the wagon was turned enough to throw Mr. Lovejoy out and dislocated his shoulder, the colt continuing. Mr. Lovejoy's father at 12 o'clock, became worried at his son not returning, started after him, and found him lying beside the road near the Noah Cofran place, where the last event occurred. He was suffering severely from the injured joints and was thoroughly chilled having been on the ground for almost four hours. He was at once taken home and Dr. Munsey was called. The doctor found the joints in bad condition, but after setting them in place left Mr. Lovejoy in as comfortable condition as could be expected. The horse was found on Pembroke Street Saturday morning.

From the Epsom Newsletter May 23, 1896

Not long since eight Gossville enthusiasts went to Chichester and stripped the bark from 90 of the chestnut poles on which we hope soon to see a telephone line connecting us with Short Falls.

The people in town were surprised to learn of the death of Daniel Philbrick last week, coming as it did so sudden and so soon after the death of his brother John S.. The father and mother and family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

Gossville Carriage Company is having a boom. Work is coming every day from neighbors, Chichester, Loudon, or Northwood, and in every instance is quickly and satisfactorily done. A new coach is well under way for stage driver Brown which will add much to the line when completed. The roads are being put in good condition under the skillful management of our road agent, Samuel R. Yeaton, who is having all the loose stones removed after the road machine has done its work. A great improvement on riding over cobble stones all summer as all whose business compels them to ride the most of the time can testify.

Advertisement – Carriage and Sign Painting in all its branches at reasonable rates, and all work guaranteed by John G. Dow, "Gossville" Epsom, N.H.

From the Epsom Newsletter May 30, 1896

Frank Rollins was on the sick list last Friday and Saturday.

C.H. Osgood has planted 35 bushels of potatoes. Some of them are up large enough to cultivate. A fire that came near being a bad one started in the grass near J.B. Tennant's buildings but was discovered in time.

From the Epsom Newsletter June 13, 1896

Augustus Hartford's daughter died June 6.

James Clark is the owner of a week-old colt.

Miss Emeline Babb of Rochester is stopping at D.T. Cilleys.

Charles Hall of Concord has erected a monument over his father's grave.

Dr. Barston of Kingston, Ma, is going to stop on Lawrence Hill this summer.

Daniel Waterhouse of Deerfield has moved into the mill house at Short Falls.

Cyrus Marden has taken down his old house and has raised his barn and put a cellar under it. Lightning damaged the telephone at Samuel Fowler's quite badly Tuesday night during a heavy shower.

Charlie Marden, a former resident of Gossville, has returned to this place from Manchester, where he had been working in a store house. He has moved into the house next to the schoolhouse with his family of wife and child. We wish him success among us.

From the Epsom Newsletter June 20, 1896

The new coach to be run on the Epsom and Northwood stage line, was dedicated Wednesday June 17. It is a good sample of the work Gossville Carriage company can put out. It is made upon honor and no one need be afraid to ride in it.

C.H. Osgood has purchased the lumber for his stable of H. Clark of Deerfield and is at work now building.

Nellie, daughter of Augustus Hartford died June 6, aged 15 years. Besides her parents she leaves two brothers, Waldo and Ernest Hartford of Pembroke, and two sisters.

Daniel Goss died at his home in New Rye Saturday afternoon, aged 75 years and 11 months. Mr. Goss had been sick for a long time with various diseases, notably paralysis and blood poisoning. He leaves a widow, one daughter, Mrs. George Little of Concord; one son, Henry of Lynn; two sisters and three brothers; Mrs. William Walker of Concord, Job Goss of Maine, Mrs. Calvin Dolbeer of this place, all older than the deceased; Samuel of Ashland and William of Pembroke. Funeral Monday afternoon with burial in the New Rye Cemetery, where he buried his first wife 18 years ago.

From the Epsom Newsletter June 27, 1896

Abner Colby of Newton, Mass., was in town last week, called here by the death of his sister, Mrs. Sanders.

For a good harness or first class repairing, call on William Hoyt, creamery building, Short Falls, NH, open Wednesday, Thursday or Fridays.

Mrs. Estella Edwards, wife of Robert Edwards, died of consumption Sunday afternoon. She had been ill for a long time and her death had been hourly expected for the last week. She leaves besides her husband, a son and daughter, a brother Will Yeaton, two half brothers, Daniel and James Yeaton, and two half sisters, Mrs. Batchelder and Mrs. Brown.

James D. Colburn was brought here Sunday afternoon and buried by the side of his wife in the New Rye Cemetery. Just ten weeks before that he accompanied his wife's body to the same place. The only relatives he has are widely separated, none of whom were at the funeral, which was held at his late residence in Concord. Since the death of his wife he had been at the Margaret Pillsbury hospital for treatment for heart trouble complicated with other diseases. A delegation of Odd Fellows accompanied the body and performed the burial service at the grave.

New Stage Christened

The elegant new stage just placed upon the Northwood and Epsom line was christened last week Thursday by a free ride given to a number of out town officials and prominent citizens by specialized invitation from the proprietor, C.J. Brown. The party numbered 17 and started from Epsom depot on arrival of the up train at about 11:30 o'clock. The stage was gaily decorated and drawn by four handsome horses, driven by the proprietor himself. Several members of the party were provided with fish horns, cow bells and other musical instruments, which awoke the echoes along the hills and announced their progress to the wandering inhabitants along the route.

A short stop was made at the Narrows, where they were greeted with cheering and waving handkerchiefs by the entire populace, who flocked to doors and windows to view their passage

through the village. The next stop was made at Northwood Center for dinner. Here the party sat down to a first class spread at the Harvey House and shortly after dinner the return trip was begun. At the Narrows a stop was made at the post office where Postmaster C.H. Sherman treated the party to cigars. Arriving at Gossville, the store of Silver and Hall was visited and all were refreshed.

From the Epsom Newsletter July 11, 1896

Samuel Fowler has an apple tree which contains both blossoms and fruit.

Charles W. Towle is confined to his bed with a lame foot. Dr. Hill of Northwood is attending him.

From the Epsom Newsletter July 25, 1896

H.O. Wells and sons are cutting the grass on the farms of J.L. Brackett and C.W. Tarleton.

E.F. White boards or breaks horses and colts, also handles and trains speedy horses. Post Office address, Northwood, NH.

Eugene Philbrick is haying for Charles Steele.

Charles Leighton's colt was kicked badly in his pasture Sunday.

Reports of the damage by lightning during the shower of last week Wednesday show that it was the severest one experienced in this vicinity for years. In seven places within a distance of three or four miles the effects of electrical discharges are seen. Freeman Marden's barn was struck and his horse killed, but the building did not take fire. A bolt struck George Burnham's house and completely demolished a window, besides doing other damage. The telephone at George Lane's was destroyed and wires were burned out at Tennant's store and Samuel Fowler's. George Towle's house was struck and badly damaged. It will cost of \$100 to repair it. The worst damage, however, occurred at John Tripp's. From appearances it would seem that two bolts took effect, one at the front and one at the back of the house. Every side of the house was more or less damaged, clapboard being ripped off, blinds splintered, and windows shattered all over the building. Nearly every room in the house was entered and gilt mouldings and picture frames blackened, and streaks burned on the wallpaper. The only occupants of the house were two lady members of the family, who were in the kitchen. The bolt entered the room and played around the stove and metal utensils and exploded in the middle of the room, but without injuring the inmates, which seems indeed a most remarkable escape.

From the Epsom Newsletter August 1, 1896

The youngest child of Frank Griffin of Boston was brought into town Saturday and buried in the cemetery at the center.

Mrs. J.C. Lear has an oleander with upwards of 700 blossoms and buds on it. It is for sale.

From the Epsom Newsletter September 19, 1896

M.C. Philbrick has a bad attack of the hay fever and is unable to work.

R.C. Knowles is attending Pembroke Academy, riding back and forth on the train.

Anyone wishing to attend the Rochester Fair should call at the News Letter office or at Stage Driver Brown's. Fare down and return only \$1.

From the Epsom Newsletter September 23, 1896

E.S. Morrill has peas and corn which have been hoed twice.

J.B. Tennant had had his platform scales re-planked and repaired

Frank Fellows has purchased a new horse. This is the sixth horse Mr. Fellows has owned in as many weeks.

Frank Fellows has sold his horse and again goes to his work on 'shank's mare.'



Lois, daughter of C.H. Osgood, got badly poisoned with ivy last week.

George Cass cut his foot quite badly while building fence.

List of taxpayers in town who pay a tax of \$40 or more:

Alonzo Batchelder	49.50
Horace Bickford	49.00
Alfred Bickford	41.12
James L. Bickford	62.20
Lowell Brown	42.74
Heirs of Oliver Brown	42.27
David Barton	84.05
William P. Babb	41.91
Andrew O. Carter	58.08
Charles E. Cilley	45.67
Heirs of John Chesley	59.73
John H. Dolbeer	40.66
James W. Fowler	64.42
Samuel Fowler	66.10
Benjamin Fowler	41.25
Charles S. Hall	142.30
Henry S. Knowles	58.71
Joseph O. Lawrence	75.08
Chapin H. Osgood	52.80
David M. Philbrick	62.44
Andrew J. Silver	45.54
George Sanders	70.19
James H. Tripp	64.98
Warren Tripp	79.54
George C. Towle	48.11
Hanover O. Wells	57.39
Heirs of Warren Yeaton	64.52
Samuel R. Yeaton	48.63

From the Epsom Newsletter October 3, 1896

Advertisement – Hotels – Suncook Valley House, Gossville, Epsom, NH., near railroad station. Board by the week, \$1.00 per day; single meals 25 cents. Livery stable connected. C.J. Brown, proprietor.

Advertisement – Epsom and Northwood Stage. Stage leaves Northwood for Epsom 4:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Arrive at Epsom at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Leave Epsom at 11:19 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. C.J. Brown, Manager

We notice that A.C. Bickford and John Tripp have a new sign.

J.T. Minard has hired the Wheelwright shop of C.H. Osgood.

Miss Bertha T. Cotterell is very sick with acute muscular rheumatism.

Gorham Rand was in Rochester Sunday attending the funeral of a brother.

William Rand, a well known citizen of Rochester, died at his home in that city on Thursday of last week, aged 71 years. He was a native of Epsom removing to Rochester in 1850. He had been representative and member of the city government, also president of the Rochester Savings Bank.

The funeral of Miss Mary Lawrence was held at the late home of the deceased on Friday last. Boody's quartet of East Northwood rendered appropriate music and the many flowers which were received showed that she was esteemed by her many friends. The bearers were C.S. Hall, D.G. Chesley, C.A. Chesley and C. Wells. The carriers were Harvey Wells, Charles Bickford, Charles Steele and G.L. Fiske. James Bickford of Northwood Narrows was undertaker and director. For Sale – Second hand coach in good order. Will carry 20 passengers. Price very reasonable. C..J. Brown, Gossville, NH

From the Epsom Newsletter January 23, 1897

Frank Fellows remains seriously ill.

William Lent is building a new shed.

John Demers is working for Edwin Kelley.

William A. and Albert L. Sanders are getting out lumber for a new barn.

About twenty-five hands are employed at the shoe factory.

Mrs. H.B. Haynes remains sick and had been moved to her daughter's Mrs. Fred Page.

Sherman and Rollins have recently put in their usual supply of ice. They cut in Marden's cove instead of shoe factory pond.

From the Epsom Newsletter May 1, 1897

J.H. Tripp is having his house and out buildings painted, C.F. Haynes and Charles Abbott doing the work.

Miss Emily Brown is sick and Dr. Munsey of Suncook is attending her.

John Dolbeer and family of San Francisco are expected here soon on a visit to his relatives.

Mr. Tasker and wife of Sandwich have been visiting at Rev. J.W. Scribners. Mrs. Tasker was formerly Miss Evelyn Burleigh and is well remembered here as a successful teacher for a number of terms in our schools.

Bert Ordway, who has bought the Solomon Yeaton farm, is building a new barn.

Ed White of Northwood has moved into the C.W. Royal house opposite the Gossville School house.

Abel Lamprey has moved from Northwood to the Doe house on Palmer hill.

Charles Marden has moved to Slab City.

Frank Hall has had his house painted inside and papered this week..

From the Epsom Newsletter May 15, 1897

Mrs. J.B. Tennant has been sick with the grip, her sister, Mrs. M.J. Rand, caring for her.

G.C. Knowles is having his buildings painted.

Zachariah Leighton died at 12:30 p.m., Saturday May 8, after a long illness. The funeral was held at his home Tuesday at 12:00 o'clock. He was 79 years of age last March. He leaves three children and several grandchildren. His wife died in 1888 after having lived with him nearly 50 years. He has been a good and faithful man in whatever he was engaged and will long live in the memory of those who knew him.

Cyrus Marden has recently purchased a canopy top carriage.

C.J. Brown has recently bought a new horse and carriage.

From the Epsom Newsletter May 22, 1897

John Murby is quite sick.

Bert Ordway has built a new barn

George Pike has built a new barn.

Some of the shoe shop help have left.

Miss Helen Towle has had tonsillitis.

Henry Ames has been farming for C. H. Osgood.

The selectmen have appointed for the board of health: J.T. Cotterell, Nathan J. Goss and F.C. Fife.

From the Epsom Newsletter June 19, 1897

C.J. Brown has purchased a new democrat wagon recently, of Mr. Bartlett of Suncook.

The Epsom baseball nine crossed bats with the Barnstead team last Saturday. Score 19 to 11 in favor of visiting team.

Mr. Ring of Waltham, Mass., has moved his family into Joseph K. Tarleton's house at New Rye.

Mrs. Estelle Hall has recovered from the measles and returned to her home in Barrington.

Road agent Dutton has sold his oxen last Saturday to H.N. Clark of Deerfield.

Mrs. Augusta Chapman and Ellery Straw are having their houses painted.

Mrs. Daniel Yeaton received intelligence last Sunday morning of the sudden death of her brother, W.T. Rowell, in Manchester. As Mr. Rowell was walking on Elm Street about 8 o'clock Saturday evening he was seen to stagger and fall to the sidewalk. Aid was promptly rendered but only a slight fluttering of the heart was perceptible. He had been troubled with heart disease, but when he left his home to walk up the street he was in excellent spirits. He was the son of the late Asa Rowell of Chichester, and attended the high school in this town many years ago. At the age of 21 he entered the cotton mills in Manchester, rising to the position overseer in the weaving department. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in that city, also of the Lafayette lodge of Masons and Mechanics lodge, I.O.O. F., and had served six years on the board of assessors. He is survived by a widow, one son, and one daughter, and besides his sister here, an only brother, Rev. John A. Rowell of Pine River, Wis.

From the Epsom Newsletter August 28, 1897

Frank Chase died at his home in Epsom, Monday, August 23.

Walter Tripp has started out with his threshing machine; Waldo Hartford works with him.

More people have taken in the view from the top of Fort Mountain this summer than for several seasons past. Over 50 men, women and children, ascended it within a week.

Abby L. Dolbeer, widow of Calvin Dolbeer, died at her home Sunday morning aged 79 years. She had been ill for several months from a complication of diseases. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. C.S. Hall, who has faithfully cared for her in her illness, also an adopted daughter, Mrs. Sarah E. Akeley of Haverhill, Mass., one sister, Mrs. William Walker of Concord, and three brothers, Job Goss of Maine, Samuel Goss of Ashland and William L. Goss of Pembroke.

From the Epsom Newsletter September 25, 1897

Mrs. Sarah Akely of Bradford, Mass, is stopping at C.S. Halls.

Dr. L.W. Peabody and wife of Henniker visited in town this week. Dr. Peabody practiced medicine here some twenty-five years ago.

C.H. Osgood is getting out lumber to build a stable to take the place of the one that was burned.

C.S. Hall has been to Vermont and got a car load of cattle for his own use. 26 head.

Bills are posted for the auction sale of household effects of the late Mrs. Abby J. Haynes, to be held Tuesday afternoon September 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are sorry to hear that the veteran tin peddler, B.M. Davis, is unable to make his fall trips on account of poor health and is confined to his home in East Pembroke.

J.H. Tripp bought 15 head of cattle in Loudon last week.

James L. Bartlett had a harness stolen from his barn two years ago last spring while his family were at church. It was recently located at Northwood Narrows, and Mr. Bartlett has recovered his property.

Over 50 people from here attended the Rochester fair by team.

William Brown has his new hen house almost completed.

From the Epsom Newsletter October 9, 1897

J.L. Bickford arrived home Monday from Vermont with two cars containing 80 head of cattle, which he is to offer for sale.

C.H. Abbott is painting the residence of J.C. Lear.

Bert Ordway is having his barn newly clapboarded.

A.J. Silver is painting and repairing his buildings.

The new base ball club in the south part of town played at New Rye last Saturday afternoon.

The four-year-old son of Walter Hartford was kicked in the head by a horse last week. Dr. Hill dressed the wound and the child is doing well.

From the Epsom Newsletter October 16, 1897

Edward White, having leased the Suncook Valley House recently conducted by C.J. Brown, has now changed the name of the house calling it the Gossville Hotel and will make every effort to please the public. He will also run a free transportation carriage to and from the depot.

Mr. W.W. Reynolds, the new depot master is much appreciated. He has good taste and an evident desire to please each and every patron of the road.

Nathan Goss is having a new barn built on his home place.

There was a husking at Horace Leighton's October 8. There were 25 present and 100 bushels were husked out.

From the Epsom Newsletter October 30, 1897

Philip Fowler is having his buildings newly painted.

Edwin Hall caught a coon weighing 22 pounds last Friday night.

M.C. Philbrick is building a cottage at Suncook Pond for Suncook parties.

A.O. Carter of this place recently died in Lynn, Mass., from the effects of blood poisoning. He leaves a widow.

Henry Knox, proprietor of the Ocean Wave house at North Rye Beach, has been calling on old friends in this town.

Moses Libbey has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. John Babb in Deerfield.

We learn that Ellery Straw and wife are to return to the farm of Sumner Hall and that James Straw and family of Pittsfield are to line on Ellery Straw's place.

E.F. White, the proprietor of the newly named Gossville Hotel, is having quite a good run of trade as people begin to appreciate the accommodations. He is renovating the house all over inside, painting and papering and trying to please all who patronize him. His register shows well for the first week, having the following names: S.H. Sterling, R. Forsett, Manchester; C.H. Farron, Concord; H.J.

Morgan, Ansonia, Conn.; W.H. Kenney, Woburn, Mass.; Mrs. Ida F. Greenleaf, A.F. Holmes, Northwood; L.F. Smith, Thomas C. Brown, Boston; Park G. Hall and lady, Pittsfield; W.W. Reynolds, Providence, R.I.; Frank Manning and wife, Northwood; E.H. Haskill, York, Maine; George P. Wood and wife, Newmarket; H.M. Clark, Deerfield; A.E. Gleason, Durham.

Horace Leighton is painting his house.

From the Epsom Newsletter November 6, 1897

J.L. Bickford is expecting another car load of cattle.

Mrs. Bert Ordway is on the sick list.

Quite extensive repairs are being made on the creamery.

H.B. Hartford is quite sick.

Jonathan Marden is quite sick.

Frank Hall met with an accident Saturday; while working on the railroad he struck an axe in his leg and had been confined to the house.

A most disastrous fire occurred here on Monday night, when neighbors living in the vicinity of the farm of C.W. Tarleton discovered flames issuing from the barn a little before 10 o'clock. The fire spread rapidly to adjoining sheds, and thence to the large two story dwelling house till all the commodious farm buildings were destroyed. Mr. Tarleton moved to Concord six years ago but his family have spent summer vacations here, while people from cities have at the same time occupied the other tenement. The barn was filled with hay, the most of which belonged to J.H. Tripp. The most of the furniture was saved but the farming tools were lost. No insurance. Mr. Tarleton was informed of his loss Tuesday morning by telephone. The origin of the fire is unknown but supposed to have been set by some tramp who had taken shelter in the barn.

From the Epsom Newsletter November 20, 1897

Mrs. George Fisk is clerking at the Gossville Hotel.

A break in the water main near the store of J.B. Tennant, required the services of Commissioner D.C. Waterhouse.

George Haynes is on the sick list.

Sumner Hall had an auction Saturday and sold thirteen cows.

Perley Trickey has left Charles Lovejoy's where he had worked this summer.

C.J. Brown has moved to Northwood.

Jonathan Marden, who has been quite sick for the past six weeks, had got out once more.

Calvin Dowst is laid up with a lame foot.

C.W. Tarleton has been in town and it is his opinion that the fire which destroyed his barn was set by a tramp that found shelter there from the storm. His substantial farm buildings belonged to good farm land and were situated on the best location in the southeast part of the town and their destruction is felt as a loss to the community.

Walter Cox has finished work for J.H. Dolbeer and is stopping with his Uncle John Perkins.

The Center School has been presented with a handsome clock by Mrs. C.F. Bulfinch of Lynn, Mass., which is greatly appreciated by both teacher and scholars.

From the Epsom Newsletter December 4, 1897

Albert Brown is doing quite a business at butchering hogs this fall.

James Hall has been in town visiting at his brother's, Sumner Hall.

W.W. Reynolds, who has been our station agent for the past two months, has been transferred to Beverly, Mass., as ticket agent.

From the Epsom Newsletter December 11, 1897

George Tripp received a bad fall in his barn one day last week by falling from a beam to the floor below, breaking his nose and several fingers and otherwise injuring himself.

Harvey J. Wells cut his foot badly Thursday while chopping wood.

E.F. White has purchased a new horse from Mr. Merrill.  
Mrs. Charles A. Steele fell through the scaffold floor of their barn recently, breaking her collar bone.  
Mrs. Abby M. Weeks is quite ill.

From the Epsom Newsletter December 18, 1897

E. Lawrence Bulfinch of Lynn has returned to his Uncle's and is attending winter term of school at the Center.

Eliphalet W. French of Pittsfield was in town Thursday and Friday with his famous cattle-dog Nero, and captured Joseph Lawrence's five wild cattle.

James Tennant had a carload of corn, also a carload of gluten last week.

Joseph B. Cass fell Monday afternoon and broke his leg. His case is a serious one as he is 85 years of age.

Arrivals at Gossville Hotel: A.E. Giles, Gilmanton; H.N. Clark, Deerfield; E.S. Morrill, Short Falls; L. Ashton Thorpe, Manchester; J.F. Paine, Loudon.

E.F. White was to Pittsfield Saturday. Mr. White is much liked as proprietor at Gossville hotel, is well patronized and seems to be the right man in the right place. Mrs. White as hostess is equally pleasing, and everything possible is done for the comfort of the patrons.

Advertisement:

HOTELS – Gossville Hotel – Gossville, NH, E.F. White, proprietor. Rates per day \$1: single meals 35 cents; board by the week \$4. Good livery connected. Free transportation to and from trains.

From the Epsom Newsletter December 25, 1897

Electric Lights are generally talked of in Epsom. Parties have offered to put them in if enough people will take them to make it pay. Let someone start a paper and see who wants them.

From the Valley Times September 1, 1916

During the terrible thunder storm which swept over this section Wednesday afternoon of last week, the buildings at the center owned by Miss Amanda Hall, were destroyed. A bolt of lightning entered the barn, which was full of hay, and instantly the structure was ablaze. Luther Hall, who was the only person on the premises, his sister being at Hedding Camp Ground, succeeded in rescuing the livestock. Neighbors and other townspeople hastened to his assistance and dynamiting was resorted to in order to save this fine old colonial house which was a landmark of historic Epsom; but without avail. Some of the furniture was saved but many valuable articles were lost in the flames, including the farm implements and silverware.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tarleton of Concord have opened their summer home in the mountain district.

Mrs. M. Josie Rand of Concord has been visiting relatives in town.

From the Valley Times March 16, 1917

Mr. James W. Marden is reported slightly improved from a severe illness. A trained nurse is in attendance.

D.T. Cilley is convalescent from an attack of bronchitis.

An auction sale was held at the barn of B.M. Towle, Monday afternoon. Mr. Towle disposing of his herd of Holstein cows. H.B. Fairbanks of Manchester was the auctioneer.

Joseph Whidden, holder of the Boston Post cane, quietly observed his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

From the Valley Times February 13, 1931

Epsom people welcomed the largest sports party on record to invade New Hampshire, Sunday when the B&M R.R. "Snow Sports" train arrived.

Three locomotives were necessary to haul the 15-car train, on which were 654 men, women and children who had entertained in the North Station at Boston, at Winchester, Lowell and Manchester, NH.

The townspeople gave the train a royal welcome at Epsom depot. Pungs and trucks, the latter loaded with straw, were on hand and whisked the snowshoe and skating lovers off to favorable sports locations. Others of the natives had their automobiles on hand and hauled those who had brought their toboggans of into the hills were conditions were favorable for sliding. At other points the townspeople had assembled sleds and double-runners which they placed at the disposal of the visitors.

A further display of New Hampshire hospitality was the serving of hot coffee and doughnuts at the Town Hall, a courtesy provided for the visitors from the Bay State by the Citizens of Epsom and Gossville.

The train was parked all day at the Epsom depot, serving as a heated clubroom for the enthusiasts when they wanted to warm themselves before returning to their out-of-doors play.

From the Valley Times Mar. 28, 1931, Friday

Epsom, Mrs. Helen M. Carter

Mrs. Helen M. (Lawrence) Carter, widow of Andrew O. Carter, 83 years died at her home Monday evening.

Mrs. Carter was born in Epsom on April 11, 1846, the daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Philbrick) Lawrence. After her marriage, she resided in Lynn, Mass., and returned to Epsom 40 years ago, upon her husband purchasing the Lord farm. Mrs. Carter was a member of Ivy Green Rebekah lodge at Short Falls.

She is survived by two brothers, Abbott Lawrence of Springfield, MA, and Joseph Lawrence of Epsom; one sister, Mrs Sophilia S. Bulfinch of Brookline, MA; and three nephews and five nieces. Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon and burial was in Cochituate, Mass.

From the Valley Times Mar. 28, 1931, Friday

Baptist Church Notes

The pastor, Emmet Russell, has presented his resignation, as he had accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist Church at Ashland, NH. This resignation is to be acted on at the covenant meeting of the church, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR** (excerpt) Fall of 1869

**A LETTER BY  
ENOCH WORTHEN EASTMAN**

Enoch was born in Deerfield April 15, 1810 and died in Iowa in 1885. He was the son of John Eastman and Mary Worthen James. The Eastmans lived near the Epsom/Deerfield line and attended church in Epsom. Enoch's brother, Lowell Eastman, was a resident of Epsom.

In the fall of 1869, while living in California, he received a copy of the local paper, "The Suncook Valley Times" which caused him to pause and reflect on his youth, and prompted him to write the paper a letter. The paper focused on historical events and people, and this excerpted letter of Enoch Eastman gives a first hand account of events in Epsom.

And now, when I begin to tire at evening and feel the weight of the finger of time upon the physical man, along come this gem of the Suncook Valley (Suncook Valley Times), and hunts me out in the far-off west, and takes me back to the land and days of my youth, tells of the people and events of by-gone years, and imagination enlivens youthful blood and I am a boy again, sitting in that same old Academy, hearing our old friends, Joy and Curtis, expound the ablative and vocative, and solve the square and the cubit.

It tells too of the Harvey's, Knowlton's, of the Heaths, Hazelton's. Curtis' and McClary's, and of the old New Hampshire Turnpike, which by the way was voted a free road in Northwood. But the writer had forgot all about gates. Well, there was a gate right in the road. It stood at Yeaton's Tavern, at the closing of the "North road" in Epsom. Afterwards it was moved south, about a mile on to \_\_\_\_ hill, where it was tended by the "colored people" Catoe and Daily.

Both of the men, Catoe and Daily, were Revolutionary pensioners for services in the war to establish a government in which they "had no rights, which a white man was bound to respect." Lady Catoe afterwards moved to Exeter and became a pensioner under Col. Benton's Widow bill, the same bill by which the Widow Michael McClary of Epsom also became a pensioner.

And thereby hangs a tale that is nearby them. Mr. Curtis, before referred to, was the successor in Epsom of Rev. Mr. Hazelton (Hazelton), settled for life at the expense of the town. Ministers, like women, were supposed not to enjoy the right of elective franchise. Nevertheless Mr. Curtis voted, and not only voted, but he cast a Federal ballot and I believe the only one of the kind cast in town. At any rate it was federal. Afterwards in discussing the vote over some good liquor, the way such things were always done in those good old times, Gen. McClary said Curtis was a damned federal, that he had rather have old Hazelton's bones dug up from behind the meeting house and put up in the pulpit to preach, than to have Curtis there. Well, the evening wore away and the night and the liquor too; and the talk, for it was only talk, was forgotten.

But someone was kind enough to tell Mr. Curtis what Gen. McClary thought of his patriotism. Afterwards when Thanksgiving was approaching, Gen. McClary sent a turkey to Mr. Curtis. But still remembering the election, Mr. Curtis declined to receive it, and returned it by the bearer with a note saying: "Sir. I have on numerous occasions received favors from you, for which I have been thankful. But such has been your expression about me of late, that should I receive this, I have reason to fear it might contain something destructive to live. I therefore decline to accept it." The result was that at the next "Town Meeting" it was voted that Mr. Curtis might preach in the meeting house "half the time," and his support was curtailed to the society. Other denominations occupied the meeting house every other Sunday, and occasionally Elder Ebenezer Knowlton, of Catamount, who had a voice like an archangel, would come down and preach so loud in the meeting house, that it disturbed the sinners over across the road in the school house, where Mr. Curtis was preaching, I was there and saw and heard.

Soon after this the patriarch Cato went dead, and was quietly buried in the graveyard back of the meetinghouse, where he and the Rev. Mr. Hazelton still repose, without a chisled slab to tell of the spot.

The next week Gen. McClary died, the funeral service was held in the old meeting house. People came from afar. Large delegations from Concord and Pittsfield were there. Mr. Curtis preached the funeral sermon from the singular text "Without any order." I was but a boy, scarcely in my teens, but I remember it well. The thread of the discourse was that all without any order go to the grave; the rich, the poor, the young, the old, the high, the low.

"The grave is the common lot of all. All go down on one common level in the grave. Last week the poor African, to-day Gen. McClary." And as he came near the close, the speaker said it was



customary to extol the dead, but he could not do so. "You all knew the deceased. If I should speak of his patriotism you all know that. Should I tell you he was at the battle of Bunker Hill, so also was the poor African who died last week He closed by reading that beautiful hymn of Dr. Watts, two lines of which ran thus: The true, the wise, the reverend head Must lie as low as ours.

Probably no funeral sermon in New Hampshire ever created such an excitement. The Concord people said they guessed the speaker remembered the Turkey, and I expect he did.

The result was, figuratively speaking, that Gen. McClary rolled over in his coffin. A division soon sprang up in the church and society, and Mr. Curtis soon after left Epsom and went to Hanover in Mass., and from there to Pittsfield.

The moral to all this is, that when a man presents a minister with a turkery, his better way is to eat it.

Fraternally yours, E.W. Eastman Enoch W. Eastman