

Eddington

Historical Society
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What Is It?
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At The Picnic, the Mitchell's welcomed Kay's sister Joyce as a Life Member.



Bud Mitchell, Joyce Coldwell, Kay Mitchell



Town Office Reports

Vote Vote Vote: The polls will be opened from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Eddington Town Office on November 4, 2008. If you are unable to get to the polls on that day, you can vote by absentee ballot either at the Town Office during regular business hours, or call them at 843-5233 and have them mail a ballot to you. If you have recently moved to Eddington and have not registered to vote here yet, you fill out a card at the Town Office prior to the elections, or do it the day of the elections.

Rabies Clinic: There will be a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats at the Eddington Town Office on Saturday, November 8th, 2008 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The charge will be \$8.00 per shot.

by Denise Knowles

Life Membership Drive

We are having a *Life Membership Drive* for the remainder of 2008. "What do I get for being a member?" You ask. Your name will be placed on the mailing list and you will be assured you will get future copies of the Newsletter.

In the Historical Newsletter, you will see pictures and print about homes and business and the people that lived in Eddington before you. You may advertise your business in the Newsletter. You may come to the Historical Meetings held at 1:00pm at the Town Office every second Sunday of the month. Your stories and your advertisements will go down in history, for every Newsletter will be saved in our Eddington Historical Society Archives.

It is easy to become a *Life Member*. Simply mail your name and address to Lou Higgins, 76 Jarvis Gore Drive, Eddington, ME 04428, along with \$25.00 for a Life Membership.

Old Chemo

I left old Lake Chemo a long way behind me,
 And with many a tear back to Old Town I came,
 And if I but live till one year from this August,
 I'll strap up my pack for Old Chemo again.

Chorus—

Pickerele are plenty, perch in abundance,
 Whiskey and new milk they both flow like rain,
 And if I but live till one year from this August,
 I'll strap up my pack for Old Chemo again.

It is pleasant to think of the shed tent we slept in,
 The walls were of cloth—and the roof but a pole,
 Familiar the chirp of the birds in the morning,
 And the doctor a-digging the beans from the hole.

I think of fish-chowder red hot from the kettle,
 And the pork that we frizzled so nice by the fire,
 With big roaring Crawford raising the devil,

The sun was setting in most royal splendor, and
 the birds were singing their songs from the trees,
 As one of our party was seen without clothing
 Promenading the beach and enjoying the breeze.

The name of this poor and unfortunate fellow
 Is kept from the public just merely to show,
 The respect we have for each one of our party—
 The name of the most are here given below.

Rowe, Cushman, & Douglass & Baker & Skinner,
 Their wives and their sweethearts and others a score,
 And last but not least came Miss Scott & Miss Nichols,
 Two gushing young damsels from over the shore.

Now all you old fogies who want recreation,
 Come down to Old Chemo if you want some fun,
 You will find our names there engraved on a shingle,
 Outshining in brilliance the rays of the sun.

(Author J. W. Rowe, Great Works, Me.)

Answer to What Is It? It is Clifford Rowe's Banjo.

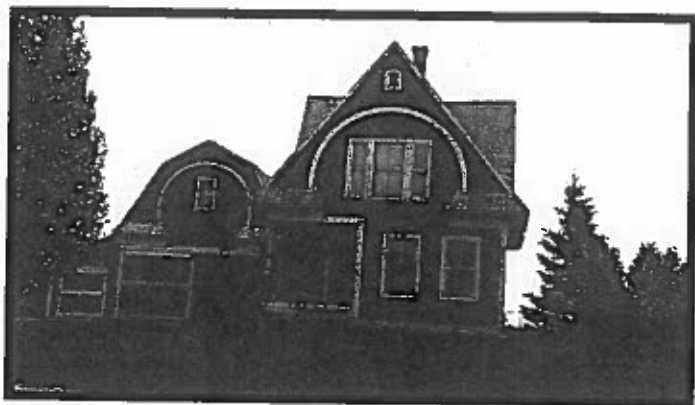
Look at the ivory tuners and original cat gut strings
 For many years, it has been in safekeeping with other historical things.
 Clifford would bring his harmonica and his banjo to everyone's delight
 He would do the picking while the boaters sang on many a moonlit night.
 The old waltz tune seems to be lost with the passing of time
 Read on about a happy place told of in this beautiful rhyme.

By Hilma H. Adams



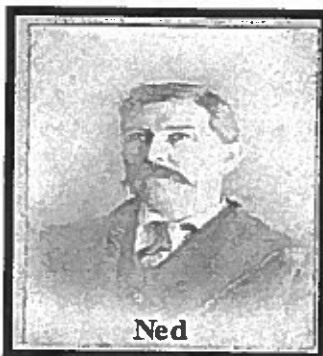
Dr. Nealy's Cottage at Chemo

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The McKeever Homestead

On July 18, 1898 Edwin (Ned) F. McKeever purchased about 36 acres of raw land from Mary Calef. Mary had inherited this property from her father, George Crane. In the settlement of the William Thompson Estate, George Crane paid S. H. Blake, Esquire, \$286.00 for it. The property conveyed to George Crane on May 23, 1833 and is the same property which was conveyed to William Thompson by James T. Kent. It included about ½ acre between the old road and the new road. The original Route 9 ran behind what is now Paul and Peggy Gerald's barn.



Ned

Ned came from Lincoln, Maine and Massachusetts. Ned had many talents. He was an accomplished barber, a carpenter and a painter. He designed and built this house using a scale down version of a Bar Harbor English Cottage. He painted it to match the original model.

He built a dumb waiter so his wife, Cora (Page) could lower her preserves to the cellar. On the second level of the barn he built feeder chutes so he could lift trap doors and drop the hay from the loft. The hay dropped directly into the cows crib. He painted the interior and exterior of



Cora

many houses. He was a painter of automobiles, as in his day the people repaired and painted their automobiles in favor of trading them for a new one. He always wore a mask to protect him from the lead in the paint. His paint shop was just below the house, just off the new Route 9. He became very prosperous and invested his money in stocks of the day. There was a young girl in town that was in poor health. She often

fainted in school. The doctor asked if she could come live with the McKeever's where she could have lots of beef steak and liver. Ned had a 30-30 with a full magazine. In addition to the domestic food, there was always plenty of wild life for the table. After a few years, the young girl was strong and healthy enough to return to her home. Cora won a trip to California and her album depicting her journey in pictures and captions is still enjoyed by family members. Ned did not heed the warnings of a failing economy in the 1920's. He was told to get rid of his stock. He insisted his money was safe and did not do so. In "The 1929 Crash" he lost thousands of dollars.

On August 25, 1935 Ned sold the farm to Charles A. and Anne B. Greenacre. They came from California and had one son, Stanley. Charles was a car salesman. Anne was a housewife and seldom left the house. He built a camp down the Bruckoff Road in Clifton at the water's edge of Chemo Pond. He had a canoe.

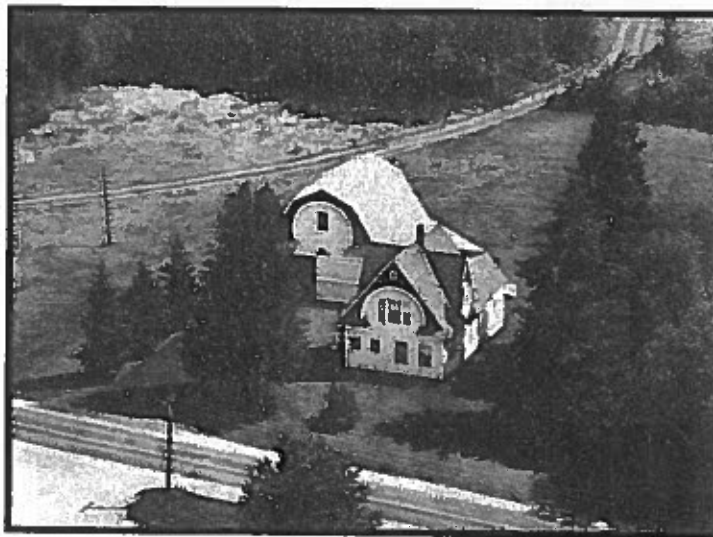


Stanley Greenacre

Friends would come and enjoy the fishing and good times. After Stanley graduated from High School he went to Connecticut, joined the service and served in foreign countries during WWII. Lillian Byers a beautiful young girl came to live with the Greenacres while finishing off her high school years. After her high school graduation, she went to work for Sears Roebuck. She married a Hadley boy from The Bend. She moved to SanBafel CA. She later married a Brown. She had two daughters.

The Greenacres conveyed the property, house, barn and about 36 acres to Jim B. Hooper on June 16, 1944.

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Jim & Doris Hooper



The Greenacres then went up the road and purchased the "Old Poor Farm" so called by locals, fixed it up and lived there during WWII. He then moved to Orono where he owned and operated a store. Jim and Doris had two sons, Jim and Myles. They adopted a little girl named Marlene. Jim and Doris also took in a state high school age boy by the name of Vincent Votaur.

Jim did filling station maintenance. Jim was a great hunter. Trophies of deer, bobcat, and bear adorned the walls of his home.

He started soon after moving here to clear the fields and prepare them for a blueberry crop.

He burned them every other year to get the blueberries growing. He said, "It's enough to pay the taxes."



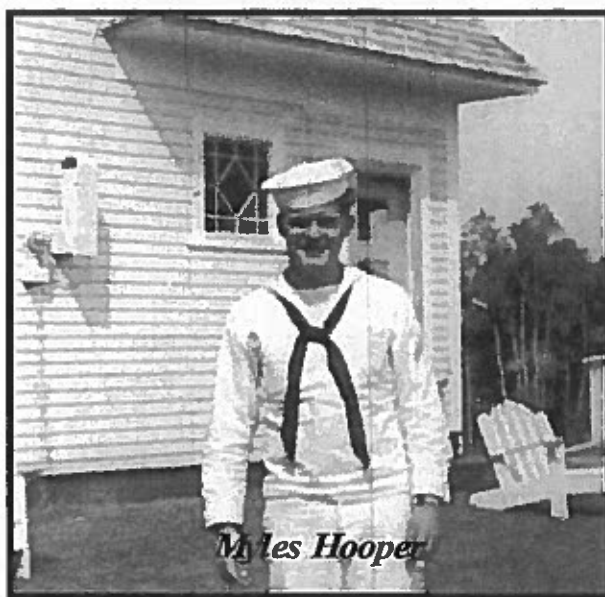
He was a great carver, carving most of his pieces with a pocket knife. He carved many "life-like" animals and fish on wood and he carved on the butts of his knives and guns. He had quite a gun collection. His carving of the *Lazy Acre Farm* still hangs above the garage door. Jim grew up in Sargentville, Maine. He joined the Merchant Marines. He met his wife, Doris Angel, in Providence Rhode Island. Her great, great grandmother was a Narragansett Indian. Doris learned to make tasty bread and pastries from her neighbor, Esther Adams. She was very artistic. She joined a ceramic class and made many beautiful things, including a complete set of Christmas Dishes.

Jim Hooper, Jr.



Their son, Jimmy was handsome, smart and very athletic. In the spring of his senior year, he skipped school with some of his friends. He was driving and McDonald was setting behind on his small motor bike, when they

went around a sharp curve on the Green Lake Road and hit the front of a Bangor Hydro truck. He passed away that night at Eastern Maine Medical Center.



Myles Hooper

Myles married Sharon Weymouth of Howland and they have two children, Jim and Lynda. Myles and Sharon both are very artistic. Myles moved to Woodland after attending an artist school in MA, and worked at Georgia Pacific. They opened and run several of their own businesses. They had the *Barring Arctic Cats & Motor Cycle* shop while in Woodland. After leaving Georgia Pacific they settled in Howland. They opened several new businesses there, *Coming Attractions, Signs 4-U, Mug & Muffin* and *Riverside Redemption*. They are now retired and live in Hermon, ME and Zephyrhills, FL.

Marlene went to school in Ed-dington and Brewer High School. She wed Stanley Ross from Hermon and they had one son, Stanley Jr. She now lives in Atlanta, GA near her son.



Marlene Hooper

On May 31, 1969 Jim Hooper conveyed 12.4 acres with front-age along Route 9 to Sherman Fogg, where he built several *Sherman Homes*.

On July 2, 1969 Jim B. Hooper conveyed the house, barn and about 24 acres to Paul Franklin and Peggy Lou Gerald.

by Hilma H Adams

Many thanks to my husband Phil for his great memory and his input into my writings. He is the Wind Beneath My Wings!



The Gerald's
Peggy, Jeff, Paul & Johnna

Paul was born in Howland in 1940, one of seven siblings. The family moved to Brewer in 1957 where Paul graduated from Brewer High in 1959. He spent the next four years in the navy. He worked many years for Texaco as driver. Then he moved up to a clerical position. The terminal was sold to Cold Brook Energy - Paul was the terminal manager. He still works there part time. He also enjoys driving tankers for Dysarts in his semi-retirement. Peggy was born in Machias in 1944. She spent the first four years in Aroostook County. Then in 1956 moved with her family to Orrington. They met through Peggy's older brother and were married in 1961. They have two children, Jeff and Johnna. Peggy was a

stay at home mom until the children were teen-agers. She now works part time for Commonsense Housing. For years, the Gerald's had large vegetable gardens. Wild berries were there for the picking.



Here you see a basket of cranberries that were gathered in their lower field in 1993. Over the years there have been many happy times in this home. There were many children in the neighborhood and they all gathered at the Gerald's. There were fields to play baseball and football. Many nights all the children would gather to play hide and seek in the front yard. Both Jeff and Johnna were active in school sports in the Eddington, Holbrook and at Brewer High Schools. This kept the parents very busy transporting them back and forth. Jeff and his wife, Laurie have two boys and reside in Dedham on Phillips Lake. Johnna and her husband Skip have a farm in Newburgh and have a daughter and son.

Federal Income Tax Exempt

The Eddington Historical Society was awarded 501 (c) (3) status by the IRS on September 26, 2008 as a public charity. That means that we are a Federal Income tax free organization, and that gifts, donations, transfers of property, etc are tax deductible to the person or entity that is making the gift. In simple terms, persons donating to us can deduct the total value of the gift from their income tax thus helping our society with no additional out of pocket costs to them. This status will allow us to grow and expand our services as we move forward in our quest to collect, preserve, store, and make accessible any items of historical significance to the town of Eddington and surrounding areas. Thanks to Rob Dorr for completing the paperwork thus making this possible. *by Richard Bowden, President*

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Eddington Town Picnic 2008

The Town of Eddington held their End of Summer Barbeque on Sunday, August 17, 2008. About 300 people attended the event. Jeff's Catering was hired to cater the event with their delicious chicken, ribs, burgers and salad. The Fire Fighters helped cook everything. As always everything was great. Everyone enjoyed the band Never2Late as they performed throughout the afternoon. They took requests and invited people to come up and sing with them. Ralph Corbett, an Eddington resident, made a wooden glider and donated it to the town to sell raffle tickets on to help raise money for the picnic. Rita Bull was the lucky winner. The A irline ATV Club set up a track out back to provide safe driving demonstrations and had their safety course trailer, which was equipped with videos on safety. The Picnic is planned for the third Sunday of August every summer. Put it on your calendar and plan to come next summer and meet and spend time with old friends and neighbors.

by Denise Knowles



***Compost Containers
Now Available at the
Town Office***

Have you always wanted to compost your table scraps, leaves and grass? The Eddington Town Office has compost bins for sale for \$36.00 and kitchen scrap pails for \$10.50.



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Meetings are held the second Sunday
of each month in the

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Eddy Monument

** Note: Meetings, Membership & Officers
Former VP, Carlene Harmon, has passed away.
Rob Dorr is our new Vice President*

We have unfortunately experience space constraints for this issue, therefore, we invite you to visit www.pasttimepublications.net to view the rest of the Eddington town picnic photos. Click **Purple** tab on left side of home page. *Enjoy!*

The 2009 Eddington Historical Calendars are available. You may pick one up at the Town Office or the Town Store. They are \$10.00 each. You may also get one mailed to you by calling Bud and Kay Mitchell at 207-843-5542. Add \$2.00 for mailing. Make the check out to the Eddington Historical Society and mail it with your request to Bud and Kay Mitchell 1102 Main Road, Eddington, ME 04428

Do you have a story to tell about your home and/or your family? I can help! I'm back home in Eddington now, and all you need to do is call me, Hilma Adams, at 356-7435 and we can get it together for a future newsletter.

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In Memory of Carlene (Powers) Harmon

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