



## EDDINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

### EDDINGTON VETERAN

### CHARLIE GROVER

Written by Gina Miller

Charles "Charlie" Grover was born on a cold, December 27, 1937 in Eddington, Maine. His parents were Clarence and Lena (Libby) Grover. He went to Eddington School, which was a one room school house across from the existing Eddington Elementary, then onto the East Eddington Elementary school, and he graduated from Brewer High School in 1956. He was drafted in 1961 and was sent to Fort Dix for boot camp, then Fort Chaffee for training in advanced infantry and heavy weapons, then to Scofield, Hawaii for more training, to Thailand, and then back to Hawaii. During his time, he was a chief mechanic and a ¾-ton truck driver. He helped



with miscellaneous carpentry projects when asked. One time while the troop was out a jeep broke down and with the assistance of an interpreter and lots of hand signals, he was able to obtain replacement parts from a Thai

service station and repair some broken bearing and another time replaced a complete engine with the help of a local repair shop. Charlie was always doing what was needed.

He was active duty for two years and then inactive duty for another two. When asked if he wanted to reenlist, he replied, "I ain't stupid!" He did his duty and was ready to come back home to Eddington.

He built his home for his family right next to his childhood home. He married Susan (Foster) and they had four children. They now have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with another due in March 2018. He and his wife are enjoying a simple retirement, living not 800 feet from where he was born.

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF KAY MITCHELL**

Written by Margaret Dougherty

Kay was born in Orrington, Me. on February 28, 1926, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary MacEwen. She attended schools in Orrington and Brewer. Kay married Albert Bud Mitchell on December 23, 1942. Kay and Bud built their home in Eddington on Rt. 9. She was a devoted member of the Clifton United Baptist Church, singing in the choir, active in the women's Help-Some-How Club and The Morning Glories. She contributed homemade items to White Cross, Hospital Chaplaincy, and craft fairs. Kay belonged to the Eddington Extension, Eddington Clifton Civic Center(Comins Hall) and Eddington Historical Society. She was very active in fund raising for the Historical Society by organizing and making items for sale. We miss her joyful presence and encouraging words and poems. Kay worked for Custom Management at Eastern Maine Vocational Technical College for 19 years. Her hobbies included knitting, quilting, plastic canvas and many crafts. She enjoyed traveling to Prince Edward Island, to camp at Beech Hill Pond and entertaining family reunions at her home. Kay leaves her husband Bud and three children, Mary, Warren, Norman and his wife Susan; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren and her sister Joyce Caldwell. A memorial service honoring Kay's life was held at the Clifton United Baptist Church.



## Fall in Maine: A Poem by Pamela Dorr

The forest is silent  
And that silence is deep.  
I walk down its path  
While others still sleep.  
The color of the leaves  
Is a sight to behold;  
The pines are surrounded by red, orange, and  
gold.  
They crunch as I walk  
Under the soles of my shoes,  
And I hum to myself  
An old song that I choose.  
I see two little squirrels  
Playing up in a tree,  
And they don't even pay  
Any attention to me.  
A chipmunk sits alone  
On a tree trunk so old  
And isn't the least but  
Afraid of the cold.  
Although I can't see them,  
I can still hear the birds  
Telling me stories  
Without using words.  
Ahead of me are the turkeys  
Strutting around,  
Looking for food  
They might find on the ground.  
Above the trees  
Is a soaring hawk,  
And I am sure tomorrow  
Again I will walk,  
For I love this forest  
And I'll never complain,  
Since there's no beauty greater  
Than this season in Maine.



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## OUR RECENT EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

### **Alice in Wonderland Tea Party**

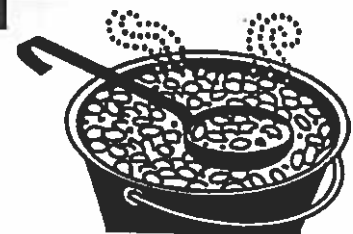
**May 20th, 2017**

In May Margaret Dougherty and Sylvia Decker threw a wonderful Alice in Wonderland themed children's party at Comins Hall. Attendees enjoyed beautiful decorations, cakes and cookies, and real tea from a silver tea pot. They also played games and learned more about the history of Eddington. It was a great success!



### **Bean Hole Bean Fundraiser Supper**

**June 24, 2017**



This supper was held at Comins Hall, and featured bean hole beans made on site, hotdogs, coleslaw, potato salad, and an array of homemade cakes and pies. Thank you to Sylvia Decker and Margaret Dougherty for organizers all of the food and volunteers! Thanks to all who helped we raised \$738 to support our Building Fund.

## New Calendars for Sale

Our annual Eddington Historical Society calendars for 2017-2018 are now available! This year, our theme was local barns. Calendars for sale at the Town Office and the Eddington Store. Buy now for Christmas gifts!

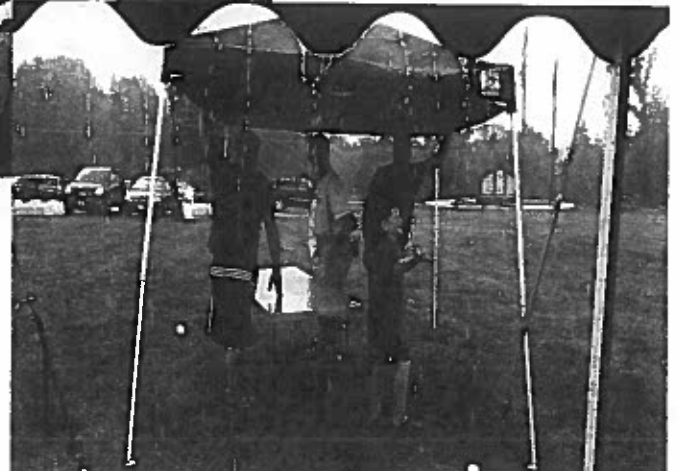
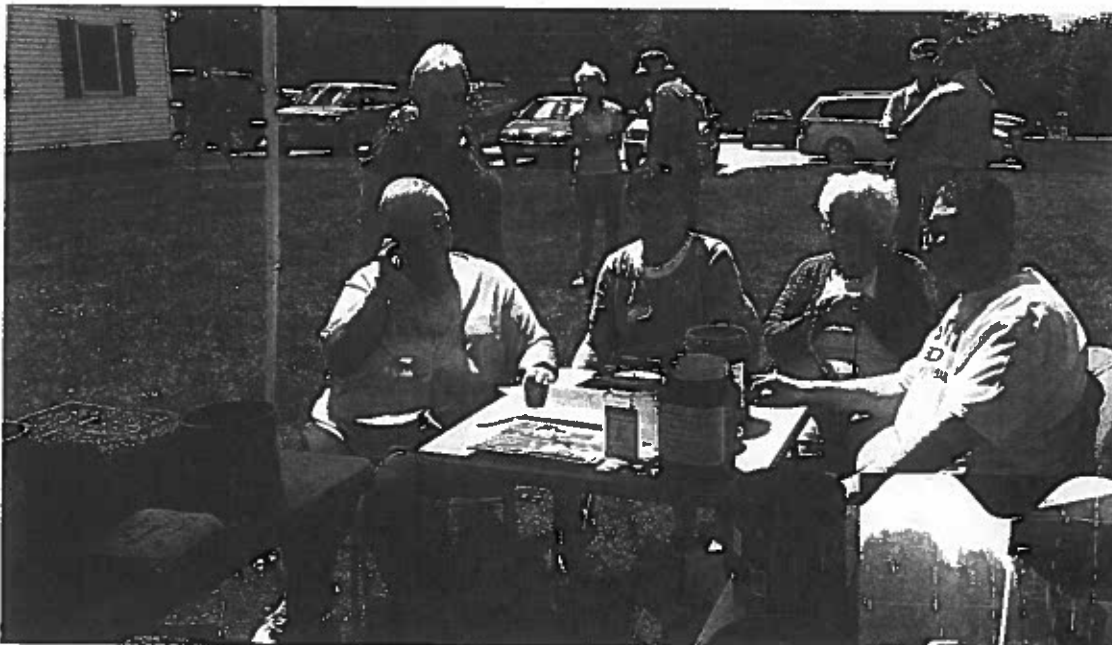
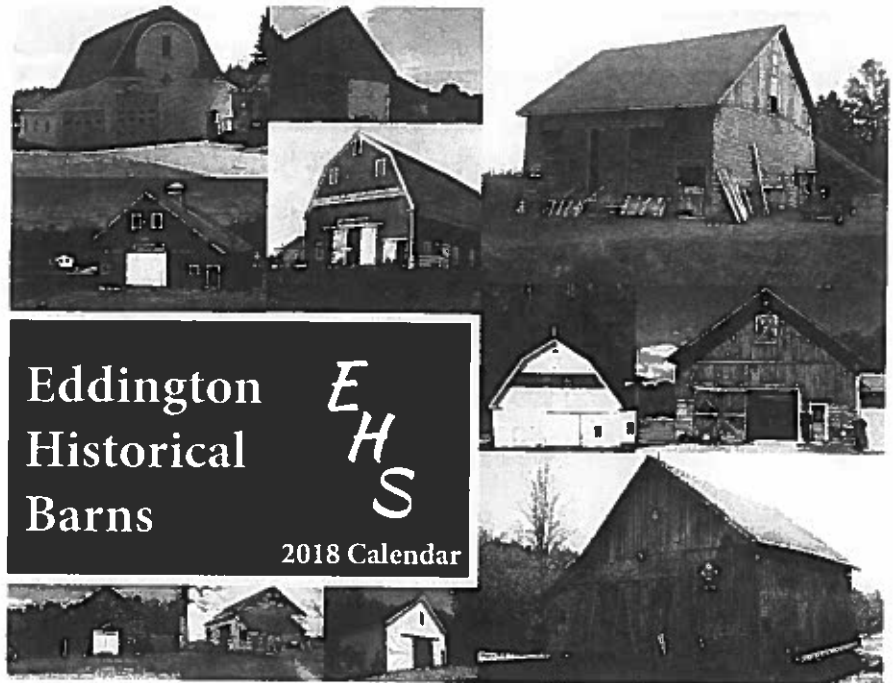
Only \$12! Available now!

## Eddington Town Picnic and Raffle to Benefit the Historical Society

August 13, 2017

Despite a sudden rain shower, a great time was had by all at the Eddington Town Picnic. The Historical Society hosted a wonderful raffle of donated items, including paintings, crafts, photography, donated services, and flats of blueberries! We appreciate all who

donated items and services, and to those who manned the booth. We raised \$221 toward our Building Fund.



## Pie Sale at the Eddington Town Hall October 6, 2017

Our pie sale was a resounding success.

We raised \$489 for the EHS!

Thank you to everybody who contributed a pie!



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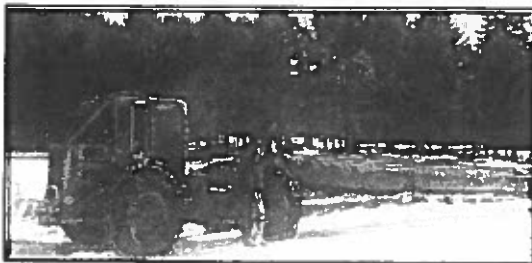
This recipe was submitted by "a subscriber in Maine" to *American Kitchen Magazine: A Domestic Science Monthly* (Sept 1895). Does anyone know why it is called Eddington Pudding? Who is this mystery recipe writer? If you have ideas, please let us know!

### Eddington Pudding

2 ½ quarts boiling milk  
1 cup cornmeal  
1 cup water  
½ tsp salt

½ tsp ginger  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
1 cup molasses  
3 sweet apples

Pour the boiling milk on the cornmeal, add the other ingredients in order, and the apples cut in eighths. Bake in a covered deep pudding dish for four hours.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY MARGARET DOUGHERTY

The EDDINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY was founded in 1977 and is working to preserve Eddington's past history, present history and the growth of Eddington since its incorporation on February 22, 1811 when the town charter was signed. Our purpose is to preserve artifacts and educate children and adults about the historic importance of Eddington in the growth of the State of Maine. The Eddington Historical Society will meet at the town office on the second Sunday in the winter months of January, February & March. Our next meeting will be January 14, 2018 at 1 to 3pm. Rebecca White will be speaking about "Poor Farms in Maine," research she completed as part of her dissertation at the University of Maine. We invite you to join us at our meetings. We appreciate your financial support at any level.

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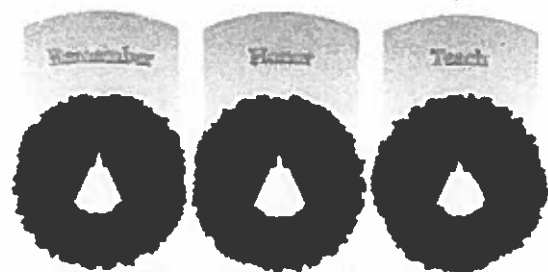
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## SAVE THE DATE

### Upcoming meetings:

- ❑ Sunday, January 14 at 1:00pm
- ❑ Sunday, February 12 at 1:00pm
- ❑ Sunday, March 12 at 1:00pm
- ❑ Monday, April 9 at 6:30pm

All society meetings held at  
Eddington Town Office  
906 Main Rd  
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# WREATHS — across — AMERICA

## JOIN US!

*Wreaths across America at  
Eddington Town Office  
Sunday, Dec 17 @ 12 Noon*