

SEPTEMBER 12th – EHS MONTHLY MEETING begins at 7PM at the John F. Hill Grange Hall on State Road. (note change to 2nd Monday in the month because of the holiday) For our program Eric Christian will speak about genealogical research and the use of DNA information. Refreshments will be served by Skip and Margie Brown.

ELIOT FESTIVAL DAY (last weekend in September):

Preparations are in the works for our booth. Sylvia Moynahan and Carol Zamarchi are co-chairing and working on plans. Save the date! We will be asking for your help!



Eliot Festival Day, 2015: Toni and Keith Searles, Carol Zamarchi, Cindy Lentz

RECENT ACQUISITIONS: From Judith Mills - an old cookbook belonging to her great-grandmother, Mrs. Fred Nelson with contributions by many well-known families.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROAD TRIP!



In July, eight of our members enjoyed a trip to the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton, NH. We were welcomed by a friendly and helpful volunteer who suggested we view a film as an introduction to the farm. Following that, a guide showed us through the Jones Homestead, which is very well and authentically furnished. She articulated much information throughout the tour and cheerfully and capably answered any questions we had. The cloudy, cooler weather was just what was needed for a

pleasant walk between buildings and to spend a bit of time watching a large group of traveling children pet and feed the sheep and pigs. We were encouraged to wonder through the barn

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where there were carriages, hand-operated machines and tools, all with attendant write-ups about their uses. We were all awed by a very long, slender sled; a picture by the sled showed a group of perhaps forty people sitting on it and words that said the sled could reach speeds of sixty mph. (Most of us women claimed we would not have had the inclination to hazard a ride, but a volunteer assured us that the sled often attained even higher speeds with only an occasional broken arm experienced.) After browsing through the gift shop, we shared some jokes while munching a few donut holes before driving to Wild Willy's for delicious burgers and "to-die-for" onion rings and french fries.

We all shared memories of other trips we've enjoyed as EHS members and expressed our intention to be part of future outings. These trips are carefully planned to accommodate a wide range of interests and to be quite affordable. It's a chance to interact on a more personal level than we might find at our regular Monday evening meetings. If you have ideas for trips, let Carolyn Bogh know at one of our meetings or call her at 439-2404. – *Submitted by Carolyn Bogh*

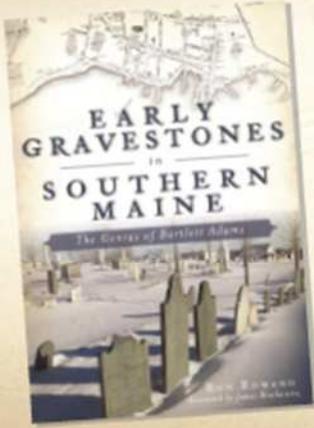
WEBSITE NEWS – We've had several inquiries. If you have information that will help these people in their quest (pictures, stories, etc.) please contact Eric or myself.

- Seeking information about the farm at the end of Fernald Lane. Our information has it to be the home of Woodbury Noyes. Also any old pictures of this farm and area.
- Trying to determine the parents and ancestry of Statira Spinney Dixon (~1802-1868). Statira married Abram Dixon (or Dickson) of Eliot on November 20, 1825. Statira and Abram had 8 known children: James Lysander, Edwin, Peter, Hiram, Sarah, Francis Napoleon, Estella, and Evelyn. Abram died on January 25, 1859, and Statira died on August 22, 1868. Both are buried in the Dixon Cemetery on Dixon Street.
- Looking for memories of times past in Eliot. If you have one you'd like to share on our website let us know!
- If you missed or want to revisit a Newsletter they are now on our website.



We send belated "Happy Birthday" wishes to Bob Fisher ("July")

NEW PUBLICATION:



Early Gravestones in Southern Maine: The Genius of Bartlett Adams

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Toward the end of a particularly trying round of golf, Jack was the picture of frustration. He'd hit too many far shots. Finally he blurted out to his caddie, "I'd move heaven and earth to break a hundred on this course." "Try heaven," replied the caddie. "You've already moved most of the earth."

Portsmouth Herald, Jan. 13, 1909

Richard F. Dixon has bought a lot of land on the east side of Pleasant street South Eliot, from Arthur Davis. The location is about 25 rods south of Cross street, and he says it is a good site for a bowling alley.