

THE ECHO

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From the President's Desk

So far this year we have sponsored several unique programs for our membership. If you have an idea for a potential program, please take the time to notify one of our directors or me.

On JUNE 7th we will be opening the museum for our sixth season. On that same day will be our annual celebration of "THE COMMONS" with a tag sale and a tour of the commons. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

We could use help with staffing the museum and creating some new displays. Our goal is to have three new displays for this summer. They are Roscoe's Printing House, Allen's Sugar House, and the Brickyard.

The board of directors meet on the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the museum. You are welcome to attend!

I would like to thank all of the members of the board for their hard work and participation.

GEORGE CLAPP

FROM THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The board of directors gave the buildings and grounds committee permission to try to get the exterior of the museum painted. We need \$4,000 to accomplish the project and we have \$2,500 currently in our project fund. If you would like to donate to the fund or have an idea for a fund raiser, please let us know. Once the museum is painted we hope to construct a roof over the front doors. We need this to protect the wooden doors and the hardware from rusting. The original structure had such a roof.

THE CHAPIN FARM SLEDS

In the fall of 1996 Tom Tailer of our board gallantly volunteered to move and restore two large antique farm sleds used on the farm owned by Graton and Jessie Chapin. With the help of Tom's family and a local Girl Scout troop, the sleds were given a protective coat and displayed at the Essex Outlet Fair during the December holidays and the remainder of the winter. When the snow was gone, the sleds were returned to the Chapin property.

Both of the sleds were used on the farm and were representative of equipment common to farmers in northern New England in the late 1880's and the first half of the 1900's. The logging sled was used to secure the winter's fuel supply as well as timber for building. Cutting the logs was usually done in winter. The snow made it easier to haul the logs from the woods.

The second sled was used in the maple sugaring process. The sled held a metal tank in which the sap from the sugar maples was hauled, usually by a team of horses, to the sugar house to be boiled down to syrup. Today most sugar producers used tubing to get the sap to the sugar house.

BARBARA CHAPIN

OUR ANNUAL TAG SALE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, STARTING AT 10:00 AM AS PART OF THE TOWN COMMON CELEBRATION. WE ARE ASKING FOR CLEAN, USABLE GOODS FOR OUR SALE TABLE TO EARN MONEY FOR MUSEUM PROJECTS. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE PLANTS, BOOKS, OR CLOTHING. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE, CALL BARBARA MUDGETT AT 878-5887 OR GEORGE CLAPP AT 879-0619.

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EXCERPTS FROM A DOCTOR AT
ALL HOURS-THE PRIVATE
JOURNAL OF A SMALL-TOWN
DOCTOR'S VARIED LIFE
1886-1909 BY DAVID S.
KELLOGG, M.D.

Dr. Kellogg was born in 1847 on a farm in Essex located on Brigham Hill Rd. He settled in Plattsburgh, New York in 1874 after receiving his M.D. from the University of Vermont. Dr. Kellogg was a journalist, and in 1970 his journals were collected in a book edited by Allan S. Everest. The following are excerpts from that book.

May 26, 1887-On May 24, I went over to Essex Center, Vermont to a close of the term and of the year, and to a reunion of the pupils of the Academy. I took my new horse over on the steamer A. WILLIAMS... and got to Burlington a little after nine. The school exercises were in the Baptist Church....After a time the church began to fill by twos and threes until it was well filled. I visited a great deal of the time with Dr. L. C. Butler, my old medical preceptor. I could stay only till three o'clock as I must take the boat in Burlington at five.

March 11, 1886-I received last night a letter from a cousin of my father, Harvey F. Aubrey of Brooklyn N.Y., giving, so far as he could remember, the names of the Kellogg's and Aubreys. Mr. Aubrey himself is 82 years of age. I quote from Mr. Aubrey's letter the

AUBREY-CASTLE INCIDENT

"In 1775 my father was born, that soon after he went with the army

and was taken by the Indians, and it was reported all were killed. My father was named after his father, John F. Aubrey. After awhile my father's mother married Mr. Abel Castle in Essex, my father then a little boy living with his mother and stepfather, Abel Castle.

In about 9 or 10 years by some strategy Dr. Aubrey got clear from the Indians and made his way to find his wife and child. He heard that she was married again and was told where he could find her. The first she knew he walked in Mr. Castle's house, and there met his wife and 3 children. My father said there was a great time, his mother fainted, Mr. Castle came in and the two husbands met... The whole matter was talked over, neighbors consulted and the matter was left to the wife which man to live with. She having 2 or 3 children by Castle, she decided to live with him....My father remained in Essex with the Castle family, became a carpenter by trade and farmer. He married one of the daughters of David Kellogg, sister of your Grandfather Russell Kellogg."

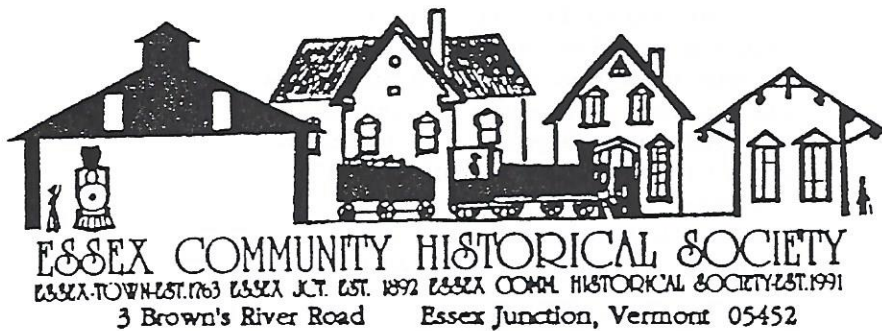
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DR. KELLOGG IN 1888

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Want to volunteer at the Museum this
summer? Call Kathy Dodge at 878-4272.
We open on Saturday, June 7!