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President's Message

The 100th anniversary of the EFA will occur next September. We must consider what the next 100 years of our organization will look like and how we can preserve the legacy that our predecessors began and that we continue today.

On October 15, 2019, I had the great fortune of meeting with Jean Maguire, Library Director, and Tim Salls, Manager of Manuscript Collections, of the New England Historic Genealogical Society at their headquarters in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood.



Founded in 1845, the NEHGS is the oldest and largest genealogical society in the US and provides original scholarship, website

educational opportunities, and a research center with 200,000 bound volumes, 5,000 linear feet of original manuscripts, and 100,000 rolls of microfilm in its collection. The staff of 90 includes 22 librarians! Check out their website (americanancestors.org) for more information about the American Ancestors & New England Historic Genealogical Society (their formal name) including how they will honor the Mayflower anniversary coming up in 2020.

I was surprised to learn two things during my visit. First, the NEHGS is a national organization, not solely focused on New England. Their research library holds materials related to genealogical research in the US and Canada as well as some materials relevant to the UK and Ireland.

The second surprise: Our Eddy Family Association was an active participant in providing information to the NEHGS until about 1988. The last item in their Manuscript Collection was an EFA bulletin dated 1987.

They are in need of books we have published since 1987. Unfortunately, the EFA no longer has any books remaining. They are in need of the 2005 Supplement and Bulletin Nos. 43-53, 60, 63-69, 72, 78, 88-100. The dates of these bulletins are from 1987 through 2004. If there are any members of our organization who would be willing to donate the 2005 book, any of the supplements, or Bulletins, please address them to Timothy Salls, Manager of Manuscript Collections, American Ancestors & New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116.

The primary purpose for meeting with the administrators of the NEHGS was to explore how the EFA and the NEHGS could develop an Eddy Manuscript Collection at their research center. I have long been concerned about Eddy families in every line not knowing what to do with information they collect. Sometimes this data is never reproduced and is lost. Where does original source data end up when the “family genealogist” passes away? I also worry about original source data that EFA genealogists have collected when they themselves retire. A relationship with a professional organization like the NEHGS would ensure all data, manuscripts, digital data, bulletins, books, and any CDs we create will always have a permanent home.

I am certain many Eddy families would love to contribute to this effort to create a formal Eddy Manuscript section of their library, and in the future, we’ll not have to worry about the safekeeping of Eddy data.

My overall take: American Ancestors & New England Historic Genealogical Society is a great organization and one that can be trusted with helping preserve an Eddy Collection over the next 100 years.

Gary E. Eddey, President

October 2019

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Please Like our page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram! Join the conversation! We’d love to get to know you! Let’s get (and keep!) the conversation going!

Annual Meeting and Slate of Officers

The EFA Annual Meeting was held via conference call on August 3, 2019 at 11 am Eastern DST, and the following officers were elected:

Gary Eddey, President

Brad Markey, Vice President

Earl Eddy, Secretary/Treasurer

Linda (Lin) Eddy-Hough, Executive Secretary/Publications Chair

Rita Gianetti Eddy, Genealogist

Sherri Quental, Social Media Manager, Bulletin Editor

Earl Eddy, Membership Committee Acting Chair

*...in all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage—
to know who we are and where we have come from.*

Alex Haley

Editor-in-Chief's Message

Hello and welcome to another issue of the EFA Bulletin! Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Eddy Family Association and the 390th anniversary of the arrival of John and Samuel Eddy to the shores of the New World in 1630.

While Plymouth, Massachusetts, commemorates the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims, we felt that we should also mark the EFA's 100th anniversary in some way. We'll be holding a special art contest in early 2020 for children, asking them to submit artwork depicting our Eddy Pilgrim ancestors. Watch our website for details!

I've been trying to share more interesting content to try to breathe some life into our EFA Facebook page and created a discussion group linked there as well. If you're on Facebook, look us up and join our group! We'd love to chat with you and hear what's happening in your neck of the woods! While I try to post when I can, work and life sometimes get in the way, and your participation would help keep things lively!

I've been entering a lot of the updated data into the John of Taunton and William Eddy trees on Ancestry for our genealogist, and while doing that, I find myself wandering through the newspapers.com site looking for confirmation of various dates. I notice that through the years, a lot of Eddy families held reunions throughout the US (and abroad!). A great way to get word out about your upcoming reunions is to post them on social media. If

you share your events with me – either on our Facebook page or via email (EFABulletinEditor@eddyfamilyassociation.com), I'll post them on Facebook as well as on Twitter and Instagram to try to get word out and (hopefully) boost your attendance!

By now, if you are on the internet, you have seen our new website; please keep your eyes peeled for new and exciting Members-Only benefits to be introduced in the future!

If we have an email address on file for you, a member account was created for you and you should have received an email with login details. This account will grant you access to the Members-Only portion of our website (which is still under construction!). If you use the internet and haven't provided us with an email address, feel free to shoot an email to our membership manager, Earl, or to me (Sherri). Our emails are included on the officers listing at the end of this bulletin!

Please bear with us while we grow our website since it's very new to us and is a work in progress!

You might be surprised by where you can find the EFA online!

- Website: <http://eddyfamilyassociation.com>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eddyfamilyassociation>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EddyFamilyAssoc>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eddyfamilyassociation>
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Sherri Quental
Social Media Manager
Bulletin Editor-in-Chief

The Genealogist's Corner

Dear Cousins,

The search for previously unreported ancestors and bits of information or history for inclusion in profiles has me thinking of the hardships faced and accomplishments of the earliest Eddy's contained in the EFA record.

I encourage those who own the 1930 *Eddy Family in America* book to revisit the profiles of the earliest Eddy's documented there. Read the historical accounts and immerse yourself in the details given. Follow your direct line in search of profiles containing accounts of the character, accomplishment and times in which they lived.

The record memorializes many challenges and contributions of early family members as participants in the founding of communities in New England. They often had to first fall timber to clear an area for a modest dwelling and common garden area. There were few provisions, and replenishing them required the arrival of ships from England with crossing times of many months and the ever-possible loss of some of the cargo or, worse, the loss of the ship at sea.

Many fought off Native Americans and at times sought shelter in forts, some never returning to the plot of ground they toiled to make their home. Some of these lands were granted by the King, some purchased from the Indians. However, as more settlers arrived and families grew and expanded into further areas, fighting began.

The Eddys have a magnificent legacy within America's history. Many were farmers, blacksmiths, coopers, and were called to Ministry. Later generations included seafarers, ship builders, mill owners, lawyers, inventors and community leaders. The EFA is committed to finding and incorporating as much historical information as possible. There is undoubtedly much to be discovered, and I urge you to share any amount of knowledge of the accomplishments of individuals of your specific line.

If you read EFA profile(s) within your line that don't include a family story or tradition which has been recorded or handed down in your line, please contact me to share the information. It will be added to the EFA profile of your ancestor to assure it's retained and available for future descendants to enjoy. Once added to the profile, a copy of the updated record will be provided to you. The EFA gladly serves as the repository to ensure the data is retained for posterity. So often these nuggets of history are misplaced or discarded. At a minimum, if it's a word-of-mouth family story, make sure you have it written down.

The holidays are quickly approaching and provide an opportune time (you have a captive audience) to share memories, family knowledge, pride in the strength of body and mind, and the testament of the faith of these earliest ancestors from whom you descend.

We should acknowledge that the ease by which we move through our days is in no small part due to their earliest actions and the contributions of many after them. Who, in current generations, will be acknowledged as a leader in science, medicine, law, art, government, internet, space, technology and unknown future discoveries?

Rita Gianetti Eddy
Genealogist

A VERY GRACIOUS DONATION

I would like to share with you all a generous donation of items recently received from family members of Anna Cady Eddy, born May 17, 1848, died December 11, 1934.

Anna Cady Eddy was the last Eddy family resident of the Homestead at Eddyville, Middleboro, Massachusetts. Upon her death, many of her possessions were transferred to family members in various locations throughout the United States. Recently several items have been gifted back to the Homestead by a descendant of her brother William.

One of the gifts is a beautiful, finely detailed sampler. This exquisite 14 ¾”

x 13 ½”, framed piece was completed in 1828 by a family member, 10-year-old Mary Augusta Osgood, and was proudly displayed in the Homestead during Anna’s residence. It is worked on a light fine linen fabric with such incredible detail and precision of stitches, it is hard to imagine it was executed by a 10-year-old! The stitching is done in mostly neutral brown tones except for one contrasting pale blue-green thread used on two



birds located on the lower left corner and a row of fine center stitches in the Greek Key-like border. Imagine the time dedicated to completing this lovely work!

Another generous gift returned for display at the Homestead consists of several pieces of lovely blue and white china which Anna owned while residing there. Tradition handed down through generations is that these pieces were a gift to a family member from George Washington shortly after he became President. This gift was made at the time he was living at 3 Cherry Street in New York, the unofficial first Presidential Residence. President Washington did not like living in the house on Cherry Street and complained that it was cold and drafty and too small for his official functions. After all, he was charged with “inventing the presidency”!

The Mount Vernon website explains that Martha Washington, a gracious balance to her husband's formality, arrived in New York on May 27, just shy of a month after his April 30, 1789 inauguration. At the end of the Revolutionary War, she had looked forward to being "left to grow old in solitude and tranquility" with her husband; however, it wasn't to be. At 3 Cherry Street, overlooking the East River, Friday evenings were set aside for Martha Washington's receptions that lasted several hours. George Washington and many others attended and were served tea, coffee, lemonade, cake, and ice cream. After living at the first "White House" for approximately 10 months, they moved to the much larger Macomb House at 39 Broadway.



Was the china gifted to our ancestors used by the guests and President and Mrs. Washington? Possibly...or perhaps it was a wedding or other personal gift.

With many historical locations claiming "George Washington slept here!", it makes one wonder if he was a friend to an Eddy to gift these pieces of china. Could he have visited an Eddy home, possibly "staying the night"?

The Eddy Family Association and the Eddy Homestead Association appreciate the desire of the family to have these items returned to the Homestead. We are very grateful for the generous gift.

We hope visitors to the Homestead will enjoy seeing these items on display again after an 85-year absence.

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We love hearing from you!

How are we doing?





Call for Volunteers

All committees need members! We need board members to participate in email discussions, respond to emails for voting, or phone conferences that usually occur a few times a year. Please contact any of the board officers or Treasurer@eddyfamilyassociation.com.

If you are interested in providing an article for a possible future issue of the Bulletin, please contact our Bulletin editor, Sherri Qental at EFABulletinEditor@gmail.com.

Eddy Reunions

Please let us know about any planned reunions, so we can share them here in the Bulletin and on our social media accounts!

Family Submissions

In this section of the Bulletin, we will include contributions of family stories and articles submitted to the EFA by you, our valuable members. This submission is from our EFA President, Gary Eddey.

The Intertwined Lives of Otis Eddy, Ezra Cornell, and Otis's Youngest Son, James: Were the seeds of the relationships planted in Ithaca, NY, or Swansea, MA?

Recently our genealogist received an inquiry regarding Otis Eddy. It sparked a review of his life and quickly led to an appraisal of his relationship with Ezra Cornell, the founder of Western Union and Cornell University. That, in turn, brought us to the relationship between Ezra and Otis's youngest son, James.

In summary, here's what we found: Otis Eddy was an early mentor, and lifelong supporter, of Ezra Cornell that ended only when Otis died. Ezra, in turn, became a lifelong mentor to a young James Eddy, a relationship that in part involved financing to build regional telegraph companies. Unfortunately, this relationship ended prematurely when James died at age 40, several years after becoming president of the American Telegraph Company.

The website of Cornell University's Math department is a great source of early Cornell history, as is Von Engeln's *Concerning Cornell*, published in 1917.¹ By all accounts, Ezra was a generous, if not magnanimous, individual. (From Otis' and James' obituaries, it appears all three may have shared similar personal characteristics.) The Math department helped guide the institution, especially after the death of Ezra in 1874. Solid leadership was required because at that time, there was a problem: Cornell was designed as a secular institution and an institution where everyone, including women and African Americans, "could find an education in any area of study." Indeed, one of the earliest PhDs awarded to a woman in the United States was earned at Cornell's math department. Ezra meant what he said; all one has to do is read the original charter of Cornell University, and it becomes obvious that his university would remain a diverse and secular institution. This ruffled the feathers of educators far and wide, and for a time enrollment dropped.

Before we explore the relationships of Otis, Ezra, and James, we should first determine what brought Otis to Ithaca, New York. At the time, Ithaca was a happening place, although no one can adequately explain why it was named Ithaca. At some point, Otis became involved in a paper mill operation on Cascadilla Gorge in an area that would become Eddyville, now called Collegetown. In 1820, Otis broke from his partners and the paper mill, holding a mortgage on the property. By 1824/25, he was back building his three-story cotton mill at the edge of the same gorge. It operated for 50 years. In 1830, the African American population in Ithaca was 112, but I could find no record of how many were employed in factories along the Cascadilla Gorge or other areas of Ithaca.

What did Otis Eddy do from 1820 to 1824? We are not sure. More research needs to occur in this area.

Sometimes a family perspective is the best clue to relationships. For this, we turn to Otis Wood, Ezra's brother-in-law and the youngest brother of Mary Ann Wood, Ezra's wife. Otis Wood wrote that a young Ezra followed Otis Eddy to Ithaca and helped him establish the cotton factory. We are fully aware that Ezra enjoyed carpentry and had the skills to build a factory. He built, at the age of 17, a 1.5-story house for his father a few miles outside DeRuyter, NY. He also worked in Syracuse as a carpenter. Von Engeln wrote in *Concerning Cornell* that Ezra had known Otis Eddy from DeRuyter and was "influenced by him to come to Ithaca."

¹ *Concerning Cornell*, O.D. Von Engeln. Pub Geography Supp Bureau, Ithaca, NY 1917.

Otis Wood's use of the word "followed" is a family remembrance. Von Engeln's use of the term "influenced" is more formal. Why he followed him and under what circumstances are still not known, but his association with Otis lasts. It is reasonable to assume there was a previous connection. Otis must have had knowledge of Ezra's tremendous intelligence, work ethic, and "industry" deep in his soul; otherwise, would Ezra be given responsibilities to help build and operate the cotton mill as, what might be called, a mechanical engineer? (As an aside, in 1829, an advertisement for shirts from Otis's mill states something curious: His shirts are "not loaded with salt, to make the goods weighty.")

To suggest a mentoring relationship between them, one has to understand Otis did more than simply employ Ezra. He supported and guided him to seek greater opportunities, which included setting him on a path to becoming a mechanical engineer, well before the academic discipline commonly existed.² The mentorship aspect of their relationship has not been explored, which is somewhat surprising since mentoring has become, with good reason, an important aspect of an individual's growth, accomplishments in career, and overall life satisfaction. It could be a great case study in mentoring, even though Otis died before Ezra's next career began. Ezra created Western Union in 1855, but it would be quite a few years before he became wealthy enough to found his university.

Let's return to Eddyville. Many towns and cities across the United States have an Eddy Street. Providence, RI has one; New York City's Eddy Street is on Staten Island; South Bend, Indiana has one, San Francisco has one. The list is endless. Ithaca has one too, and at the end of Eddy Street, we find the Eddy Gate, the original entrance to Cornell University.

Eddy Street, the Eddy gate, and Eddyville were all named after one Eddy.

There were a few prominent Eddys in Ithaca, but only one was Ezra's mentor. Sometimes Dr. H.T. Eddy, a professor of Math, is mistaken as the namesake. He went on to have an illustrious career and became president of several colleges in the mid-west, including the University of Minnesota; there he had a street and an academic hall named after him.

But Eddyville and Ithaca's Eddy Street are named after Otis Eddy, who by now we know has a fourfold claim to fame in Ithaca: First, in 1826, he built the three-story cotton factory that he operated throughout his lifetime and which lasted for 50 years. The factory was at the end of Eddy Street, a stone's throw from the gate in an area known then as Eddyville. It is not

² Two military academies, West Point and Norwich Academy in VT, offered mechanical engineering in the US, although Rensselaer in Troy, NY, had just begun a course of study in 1835.

known when the name Eddyville went out of fashion and became Collegetown. Second, Otis was an early mentor to a young Ezra who helped build, and for a short time operate, the factory. Ezra is often described as the factory's mechanic – although “mechanical engineer” is a better descriptor. Third, Otis encouraged and nurtured and eventually suggested he work for Jeremiah Beebe, who allowed Ezra to expand his mechanical engineering skills by designing and building a tunnel for the canal system and operating a plaster factory. Lastly, Otis Eddy had a hand in multiple other projects around Ithaca and, in 1838, obtained a major contract 20 miles west of Saratoga Springs. Here, Otis built the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct as part of the enlargement of the Erie Canal. This part of the Erie Canal needed to be improved, and Otis constructed an aqueduct *over* the Schoharie Creek rather than passing *through* it. This Aqueduct was an important part of the Erie Canal. This site, now known as the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, is where the Schoharie Creek empties into the Mohawk River; it is not in the town of Schoharie.



Was the initial main entrance at the end of Eddy Street planned by Ezra as a way of honoring his mentor? Could the main entrance represent Otis's opening the gate for Ezra's astonishing life of challenge and accomplishment? This is a stretch, but it would support the notion of mentorship, a term created by Homer. In 1896, before the ever-growing campus moved the main entrance elsewhere, it was memorialized by an ornate gate to honor the first president, Andrew Dickson White. He left office in 1885



and died in 1913. A large medallion with the likeness of Ezra adorns the top of the gate, but despite being named for the first president of Cornell, it has always been referred to as the Eddy Gate.



Let's examine the evidence for a close relationship between Otis's son, James Eddy, and Ezra Cornell. They were approximately 15 years apart in age. Where is the proof of closeness to support the notion of mentorship? Well, we don't have to look very far for that information.

It's well-known that at one time, Ezra owned the majority of shares in Western Union. He eventually became wealthy from his stock, much of it

awarded by the regional telegraph companies that he helped lay cable...the cables that would carry the telegraphic messages that changed the world. Samuel Morse has written that he did not think his Morse Code had a chance without Ezra Cornell. It was the development of the early stages of the telegraph companies that set the stage for Ezra's mentoring of James Eddy.

There are multiple letters saved between the two; they are filled with anecdotes that are usually found in mentor/mentee relationships. I look to an individual at Cornell to examine in detail this trove of data. If a mentor relationship was indeed the basis for a lifetime of respect between Otis and Ezra, then is it not reasonable to assume he'd return the favor and mentor James? James was supported by Ezra in his desire to create several regional telegraph companies, which culminated in his becoming the first president of the American Telegraph Company. In 1866, eight years after James died, this too merged with Western Union as all the other regional companies had.

At the end of the article, I will summarize the sad ending to James' life and why it was mentioned in my second historical novel *Annie-Rose*. He died while in Vermont in 1858.



Let's turn to the possible connection between Ithaca, NY and Swansea, MA.

Otis Eddy's grandfather, Enoch Eddy, was born in Swansea, Massachusetts. At that time, there were a number of Eddy families living there, and enough had died that they had their own cemetery in Swansea. It is unclear when his family moved to Glocester, RI, but we know Otis was born there. As an adult, Otis moved at one point to New Berlin, NY.

Ezra Cornell married Mary Ann Wood on March 19, 1831 near Ithaca, NY, and although there is a close bond between the parents of Ezra and Mary Ann, where is the connection to Otis? At this point, we're not sure, but we do know that Ezra's parents and Mary Ann Wood's parents were originally from Swansea, MA also. Years later, both families found themselves in the same village of DeRuyter, 40 miles from Ithaca. It has been written that Mary Ann's father, Benjamin Wood, was a friend of Ezra's father, Elijah Cornell, and lived nearby. Both sets of parents were farmers, although Elijah Cornell was also a lifelong potter.

Is this a close enough connection to venture that Swansea rather than Ithaca was the source of the relationship? Unlikely, but anything is possible.

For the record, Ezra was the oldest of nine children, five of whom lived into adulthood. He was raised in Westchester County, although he was born near the mouth of the Bronx River in what is now the Bronx. His father moved several times, including to Englewood, NJ, before moving the family to the Quaker community of DeRuyter, NY. (Also worth exploring is the impact of the intellectual contributions of Rhode Island to modern democracy on Ezra.)

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Finally, I promised a discussion of the sad ending of James Eddy while in Vermont.

James had many obituaries, local and distant, one published as far away as London, England, the day after he died. How did the information get to London so quickly? He died the day the submarine cable opened between Nova Scotia and Great Britain. In his obituary, the second news telegram sent via submarine cable, he was lauded as one of the first and fastest telegraphers in the United States.



NYC Parade celebrating laying of transatlantic cable from Nova Scotia to Ireland/London, Sep. 1, 1858

The details of the story can be found in my second novel, *Annie-Rose*, to be published in 2020. He was born in Ithaca, and he and his wife lived in Portsmouth, RI; Ithaca, NY; and Bangor and Portland, ME. In 1855, they moved to Brooklyn, NY, where James assumed the position of General Superintendent of ATC.

The American Telegraph Company was eventually sold to Western Union in 1866. At the time of the dissolution, the company released a statement that there were two deaths they wanted to make note of. The second “death” was the end of their company; the first was James Eddy’s death in 1858. It had been expected that he would become the head of Western Union.

Aside from the able men who guided its early policy, several men contributed to give the American Telegraph Company a very high condition of vigor, wisdom and method in its internal management. First and earliest among these was James Eddy. Many of the present methods for the systematization and distribution of official labor originated with him. His mind was, like his heart, clear, pure and earnest. ... Finally came the summer's sun of 1866, with the successful landing of the Atlantic cable. With the completion of the first cable, the life of James Eddy had gone out. With the successful landing of the second cable across the Atlantic, the American company itself expired, if that can be called death, which, while dropping its autonomy as a separate organization, lives again under more vitalized conditions.

On July 1 Mr. James Eddy, whose name first appeared in connection with the telegraph in the construction and management of the lines of the Maine Telegraph Company, was a man of great excellence and sweetness of character. He was an accomplished telegrapher, and was thoroughly posted in all the practical details of the art. By his careful management, the company was, from the start, a financial success. He was strict, but of exceeding kindness to his subordinates, making their interests his own, and completely won their respect and affection. He was, in the highest sense, a Christian gentleman, and was widely and warmly loved. Had he lived, he would unquestionably have held a high place in the executive management of the telegraph interests of the country. In the brief time between his entrance upon his enlarged duties as general superintendent of the American Telegraph Company, in January 1, 1856, until his sudden death in August, 1858, he had greatly distinguished himself as a disciplinarian and organizer. Honor, kindness and truth were written on every line of his fair face.

I also include one obituary from August 26, 1858, published in the *Rockland, Maine Gazette*:

DEATH OF JAMES EDDY – On Monday, the 23d, the telegraph announced the death of James Eddy, Esq., General Superintendent of the American Telegraph Company, at Burlington, Vt., on the morning of that day. Mr. Eddy who was born in Ithaca, N.Y., was formerly a resident of Portland but more recently of New York City. He died of disease of the heart, and was about 40 years of age. He left New York less than a week before his death, on a journey to Vermont for the benefit of his health, but without suspicion on the part of his friends that his condition was so critical, and his death was therefore quite unexpected. Mr. Eddy is spoken of as one of the best men, in all respects a Christian gentleman. To his enterprise we are indebted for all the telegraph lines east of Portland, and for the efficient organization of those associated in the American Telegraph Co. His death at this time causes wide regret. The telegraph office in this city was draped in mourning on the reception of the intelligence of his death, and all the offices connected with the American Telegraph Co., will make this tribute of respect to his memory.

Submitted by Gary E. Eddey, President, EFA

Thanks to Rita Eddy, David Brooks, and references including: Sesquicentennial Historical Notes: 1865-1895 History of the Cornell Mathematics Department. The First Decade, 1868-1878.



A special thank you to lifetime member Janice A. of Sarasota, FL for her recent generous donation!

The EFA is always appreciative of donations. There are many ways you can donate (directly, through memorial or tribute gifts in honor of a loved one, legacy gifts through an estate, etc.). Your memorial or tribute gift will be a lasting honor to your

loved one. These gifts are an important cornerstone of the financial health of the organization, supporting our ongoing work.

News and Inquiries

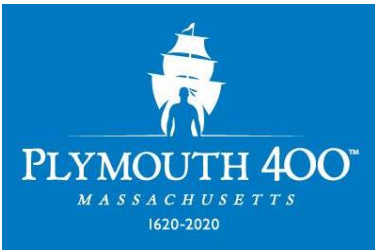
WILLIAM EDDY. There was a legend handed down and repeated by Zachariah Eddy in the *New England Historic and Genealogical Register* that there were four Eddy brothers in early Plymouth: namely, Samuel, William, John, and Benjamin. Thus far only two, John and Samuel, have been found in the early records. The first William found is in 1697, when he married Hannah Smith of Bristol.

Notes

EFA Genealogy Books: No longer available. Some public libraries scattered throughout the United States have the books on their shelves (e.g., The New York Public Library).

Website: While the new website is finally up and running, please be patient with us as we create content! If we have an email address on file for you, you should have received an email with login information. See the Editor-In-Chief's message earlier in this *Bulletin* for more information.

Mayflower 400th Anniversary



2020 will mark the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower Pilgrims in Plymouth, MA. If you plan to visit New England in 2020, please be sure to check out the Plymouth 400 website (below) for more details about scheduled events.

The Opening Ceremony of the Plymouth 400 Commemoration will be held at Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, MA on April 24, 2020.

Your Editor was able to attend the official launch and re-commissioning of the Mayflower II at Mystic, CT, on September 7 following its 3-year restoration at Mystic Seaport Museum's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard. I hope to be able to watch her sail into Plymouth Harbor next spring!

Plymouth 400 website: <https://plymouth400inc.org>



If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we might commemorate the EFA founding, we'd love to hear them! Please reach out via email or social media! Do you know of an ancestor who has a tie to a Mayflower passenger family? If so, please let us know!

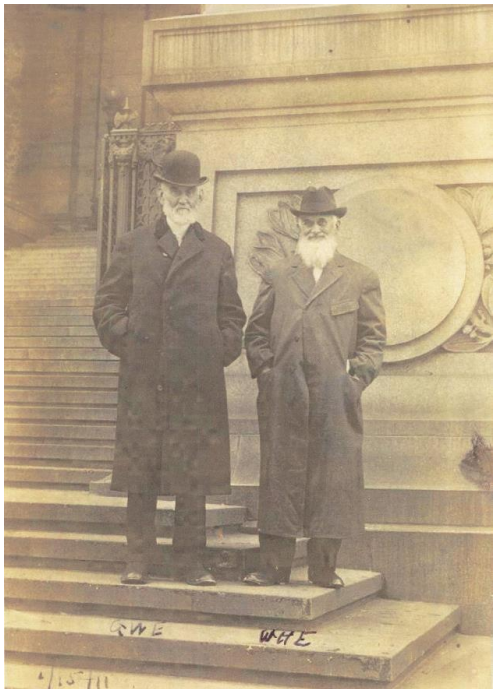


Photo submitted by Frank Eddy, a former member-at large of our Board of Trustees.

George Washington Eddy (left) and Frank's great-grandfather William Henry Eddy (right), near Wall Street, NYC. George and William were brothers of Carnes Eddy and Alfred Eddy of NYC, who were featured in the Spring/Summer 2019 Bulletin.

Of these four brothers, William Henry Eddy moved to Jallapa, South Carolina.

Request for Submissions

If you have an interesting family anecdote or story, a photo or bit of information to share, we would love to have them submitted for publication in a future Bulletin! The EFA is here for YOU and is about YOU and your ancestors. Share your stories and photos, let us know about your family reunions.

You can submit your stories to:

EFABulletinEditor@gmail.com



*You don't stumble upon your heritage.
It's there . . . just waiting to be explored and shared.*

Robbie Robertson

To all Christian People We knowe that Eleazer Eddy
 of Norton in the County of Bristol in New England his said man
 for many Good Causes and Considerations hath willingly
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 and interest unto any of the said Estate above said to him the said
 Caleb Eddy his heirs and Assigns for ever in that Part of the said
 said Eleazer Eddy nor by him nor any person or persons for him
 or them or in his or their names or in the name Right or Part of any of
 them shall or will by any way or means hereafter have Claimed holding
 or demand any Right title or interest of or to the premises or any
 part or parcel thereof but from all and every Action Right Title
 Debt Interest and Demand of or to the premises or any part or parcel
 thereof they and any of them shall be utterly excluded and Released
 for ever by these presents AMO 1740. The said Eleazer Eddy
 and by him the said Eleazer Eddy's heirs and Assigns and all other
 of the premises with the Assent and Consent of the said Caleb Eddy his
 heirs and Assigns to his heirs and Assigns forever and by him
 Major Thomas Morey and some others specified against them King and Assigns
 and many of them shall witness and for ever signed by these
 presents in writing witnessed by the said Eleazer Eddy both of
 his hand and seals this twenty fourth day of May 1740
 Signed Sealed and Delivered Eleazer Eddy
 In presence of us
 Thomas Morey
 Jonathan Lawrence
 Justice of Peace

**Deed of transfer of property from Eleazer Eddy Jr.
 to his brother Caleb Eddy in May 1740**

Photos of the deed above were recently submitted to the EFA by a gentleman who has acquired the original deed, which is dated May 24, 1740.

The deed is signed by Eleazer Eddy (with his mark), Samuel Williams (Justice of Peace), Major Thomas Morey, Capt. Jonathan Lawrence.

Eleazer Eddy Sr. (1681-1739) of Norton died on December 8, 1739. His son Eleazer Eddy Jr. (born abt. 1709) inherited a portion of his father's estate and transferred the property via this deed to his brother Caleb Eddy (born abt. 1702- d. 1778). Col. Jonathan Eddy (born abt. 1726- d. 1804) was the half-brother of Caleb & Eleazer Jr. and the son of Eleazer Eddy Sr. (1681-1739).



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