

Madison Historical Society

Spring 2015



1st Program of the year - MAY 21 at the Historical
Society Museum - 7 pm

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EARLY BANDS - Michael Hathaway will talk about the history and development of Early American Bands. He will bring several examples of brass instruments from the 1800s. See the complete schedule inside.



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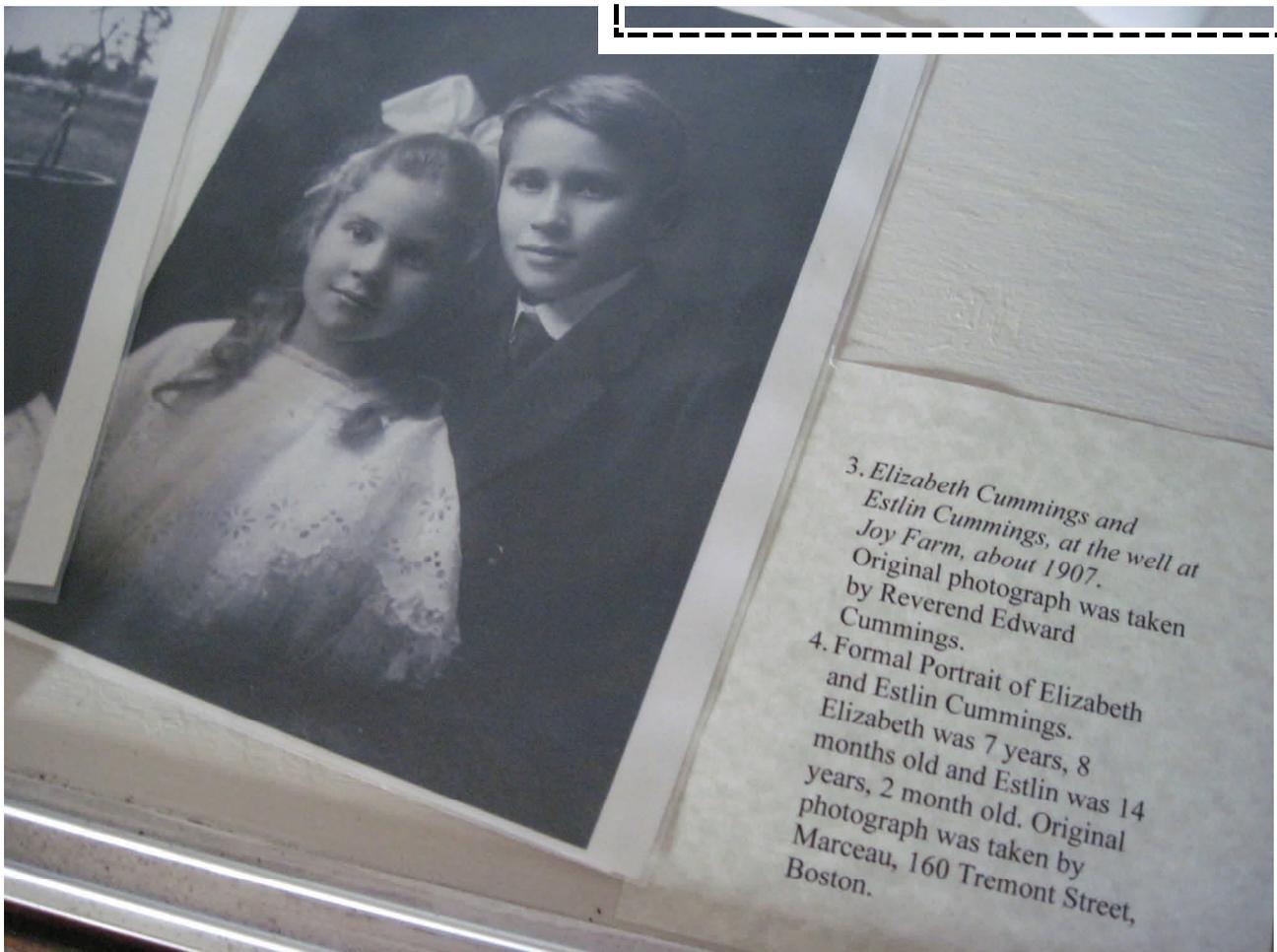
Here is a formal picture of Elizabeth and Estlin Cummings. We have many more artifacts from the family that are currently on exhibit through the summer.

Mark your calendars for July 10 & 11. The Friends of the Madison Library will be presenting a weekend of art, music, poetry and history exploring the relationship between the American poet and artist,

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and the people and town of Madison, New Hampshire. Friday night will feature a “non-lecture”, art show and Cummings’ poetry set to music. On Saturday view eight local sites, including the Cummings Family Collection at the Madison Historical Society and the poet’s beloved “Joy Farm”. Check out the new website and blog for more information about the people and places around Silver Lake which inspired Cummings’ poetry and paintings.

www.cummingsatsilverlake.com



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

To be held at the Historical Society Museum unless otherwise noted - 7 p.m. following a brief business meeting - refreshments, free

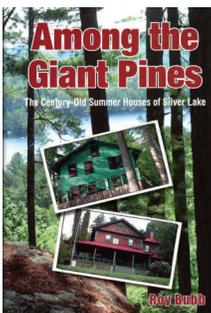
MAY 21 - EARLY BANDS - Michael Hathaway will talk about the history and development of Early American Bands. He will bring several examples of brass instruments from the 1800s.



JUNE 18 - BASIC BEAR BIOLOGY - Nancy Comeau, USDA Wildlife Services Nuisance Black Bear Specialist will talk about bears in the community and what to do about them.

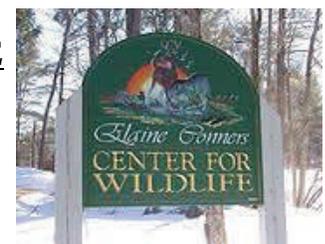
JULY 10 & 11 - a weekend of e e cummings - see page 2

JULY 16 - THE MOUNT CHOCORUA QUARTER - Bob Cottrell will give us the background of the first of the 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters



AUGUST 20 - AMONG THE GIANT PINES - co-sponsored with the Friends of the Library, to be held at the Chick Room in the Library - Guest will be Author Rob Bubb talking about the century-old summer houses of Silver Lake.

SEPTEMBER 17 - ELAINE CONNERS CENTER FOR WILDLIFE at the ECCW with Executive Director Cathy Gregg who will tell us how the Center provides professional and compassionate care to injured and orphaned native wildlife.



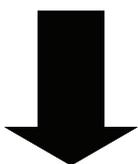
ALSO - The first weekend of Old Home Week in August (date?) we will have items for sale (including a newly reprinted History of Madison 1926) at the ballfield on Saturday and will have our blueberry festival on Sunday. **The museum will be open on Tuesdays from 2-4 starting June 2nd if we have enough volunteer docents.**



RECIPES WANTED!

Please send us your favorite recipes for a
NEW COOKBOOK

Madison Historical Society, PO Box 505, Madison, NH 03849



REMINDER



eBay Account - This winter we were able to make over \$1000 by selling posters, books and other items which were given to us for resale. If you have something that you would like to donate (smaller than a breadbox, please), you may call Penny Hathaway at 367-4530 or email her at penmike@roadrunner.com. If (when) we are able to sell them, we will give you a receipt for your tax records at the end of the year.

Paypal Giving Fund - This is tied into the eBay account and is an additional way that the Madison Historical Society can receive donations when you buy or sell something on eBay.

Docents Needed - We really need more volunteers to greet visitors at the museum which will be open soon on Tuesday afternoons. It is more crucial than ever with a basement to cover, as well as the tool shed.

Secretary Needed - to take notes at the meetings which are held from May to September and to attend general board meetings which are very informal.

SIGNS OF SPRING



1920 MUD SEASON, East Madison and Old Lead Mine Roads



We have lots of old signs at the Historical Society Museum.



POETRY CORNER

(a piece of nostalgia from The Madisonian 1935)

MY RADIO Ruth Tyler, '36

Every night about eight o'clock
Into the living room I walk,
Take a chair by the radio's side,
And off to music land I ride.

Now the dial I chance to switch,
And get the number seventy-six,
There I hear Bing Crosby's voice,
But father cries, "Shut off that noise!"

So I turn to number ninety-three,
And there is station WNAC
From there I hear some music fair
And know that Wayne King's on the air.

Then I hear Lady Esther's voice,
And amid a dreadful noise,
Calmly saying, "For a beautiful skin,
Lady Esther's powder keeps the shine in."

From my chair, at ten o'clock,
I rise, and from the room I walk
Convinced that never will I lend,
My radio - 'tis my best friend.

ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING - Madison High School Baseball Team 1947 - Please help us identify them.

from the Wilbur Meader family scrapbook





We are happy to report that our new basement stayed nice and dry over the winter for the most part. It required an amazing amount of drainage to accomplish this and we are very pleased. Not knowing what to expect, we haven't put much down there yet, but here is the old Clayton and Ward sign.



Do you remember that old shed off the kitchen in the museum that held odds and ends of lumber and stuff? It now has a new floor and we have made a rustic display in there which, for lack of a better term, we are calling our summer kitchen. On one side we have a variety of stoves, and on the other we have cleaning appliances.



Down the basement stairs.....

Please note that your mailing label will tell you when your dues will expire.

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_____ Family Membership - \$15.00 _____

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