

**Sunday, August 1, 2010**

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship - Bell Ringers

Invocation

Responsive Reading (unison) *God's Goodness*

Congregational Hymn *Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty*

Memorial Moment

Pastoral & Lord's Prayer (Debts)

Special Music *Sylvia Davis*

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Congregational Hymn *Higher Ground*

Scripture Reading *Psalm 84:5-12*

Sermon *Hearts Set On Pilgrimage*

Congregational Hymn *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

Benediction

Organ Postlude

Guest Minister.....Rev. Brian K. Blair  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Hollis, Maine

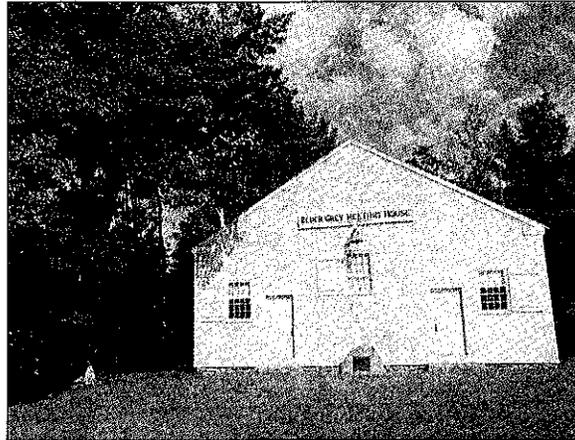
Organist.....Nancy Bean

Bell Ringers.....Caleb and Hailey Noble

Song Leader.....Sylvia Davis

Refreshments will be served following the service for  
an hour of sociability and renewal of old acquaintances.

## The Elder Grey Meeting House



1806

*Photo by Shawn Patrick Ouellette*

2010

Everyone is cordially invited  
to attend the eighty-fifth annual  
Pilgrimage Service at the  
Elder Grey Meeting House,  
Chadbourne's Ridge Road,  
North Waterborough, Maine

Sunday, August 1, 2010  
at 2:00 p.m.

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following the service  
for an hour of sociability  
and renewal of old acquaintances.

*A handrail will be installed  
at the Meeting House steps.*

**The Elder Grey Meeting House  
is entered upon the  
National Register of Historic Places.**

## 2009-2010 Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association Officers:

President.....Greg Jones

First Vice-President .....Jon Gale

Second Vice-President .....Margaret Downs

Secretary .....Deborah Downs

Treasurer/Clerk .....Linda Hanscom

Music Coordinator ..... Sylvia Davis

Trustees.....Rev. Brian Blair  
James Bauer  
Donald Clowes  
Becky Hutchinson Joyce  
Barbara McKenney

Authorized Agent and  
Custodian of the Cemetery.....Jon Gale

Assistant Custodian..... Willis A. Lord

The annual business meeting of the  
Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association  
will be held at the Meeting House  
following the service and refreshments.  
All interested persons are welcome  
and encouraged to stay and attend.

## Eligood Mills

### *A Mariner Lives in Waterborough*

Eligood Mills, an early settler of Waterborough and an adventurous mariner whose past experiences have become legendary, is buried in the Elder Grey Cemetery along with his two wives. His obituary states he settled near the Limerick line in 1776 next to the Little Ossipee River. According to the 1785 Proprietors' Plan of Waterborough, he owned Lot No. 91. Limerick town records show that on September 13, 1797, he purchased Pew No. 20 in the west end of the lower floor of the Congregational Meeting House in Limerick for \$19.33.

Eligood was born in Portsmouth in 1744, the son of Luke and Hannah (Lang) Mills, and lived and married twice in Biddeford before his arrival in Waterborough. His first wife, Mary Dyer of Biddeford, died in 1774 shortly after the birth of their second child. Eligood married Lucy McLucas that same year, and together they had six children.

Accounts of his service in the Revolutionary War vary. One of those stories comes from his obituary, which appeared in the *Kennebunk Gazette and Maine Palladium* January 14, 1832. "...Mr. Mills, in a privateer of 21 guns, was taken by a British man of war, of 60 guns. From this ship he and some of his companions escaped. While she lay anchored about a mile from the land near New London, in the night, with the connivance of a friendly sentinel on the forecastle, they silently let themselves down from the bows into the sea, and swam to the shore; where they were cordially received and clothed and returned home." Other accounts, including that on his gravestone, state that he was an officer on the Privateer Grand Turk and was held prisoner in Halifax for five years until after the close of the war.



Photo by Frank Allen

It appears the gravestone of Eligood Mills and his wives Mary and Lucy in the Elder Grey Cemetery

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## Guest Minister

Rev. Brian K. Blair has accepted the invitation for the third time to preach in the pulpit occupied in the distant past by his great, great, great grandfather Rev. Theodore Stevens and by his great grandfather, lay minister John Lord. He continues to feel a real connection to the historic meeting house - and especially to its pulpit!

Rev. Blair has served the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Hollis, Maine, for the past eight years. Being as adept with a hammer as he is at writing a sermon, he led the extensive renovation



*The Lord/Blair Family in 2007: Peggy & Bill Blair, Willis Lord, Pastor Brian Blair, Margery (Lord) Blair, Emily Hastings, Nancy Blair.*

and addition to his church in 2006. In 2009, Pastor Brian and Nancy went on a mission trip to Tanzania in East Africa as part of a sabbatical experience. The purpose of the mission trip was to teach and encourage local pastors in the Missungwi area and to connect with the children and staff of an orphanage there that the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church helps support.

### *Eligood Mills continued*

were erected after their remains were moved from a previous resting place. Fanny (Mills) McDaniel, a great granddaughter of Eligood and the first elected president of our association, included this story in her D.A.R. application in 1910: "My father James Mills remembered of going to the funeral of Lucy McLucas, his grandmother, and has told me of this incident. The body was buried in an open field by the side of her husband Eligood Mills and first wife Mary. The snow was very deep and when they rode past the open grave one sleigh tipped and someone came near falling into the open grave." This burial occurred after Lucy's death on January 28, 1832, and Eligood's death just twenty-two days prior to hers.

Scores of Eligood's living descendants are scattered widely in this 21st Century, but many have inquired about and/or visited the cemetery in search of information about his Waterborough roots and his colorful life.

**The Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association**  
265 Chadbourne's Ridge Road  
North Waterborough, Maine 04061

