

MEMOIR

OF

COL. JONATHAN EDDY,

OF

EDDINGTON, ME.:

WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF

THE EDDY FAMILY,

AND OF

THE EARLY SETTLERS ON PENOBSCOT RIVER.

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JONATHAN EDDY, born in 1726, was the son of Eleazer and Elizabeth (Cobb) Eddy of that part of the town of Norton, now Mansfield, Mass. His father dying while he was under twenty-one years of age, Jonathan Lincoln and John Andrews were appointed Nov. 7, 1739, guardians of Jonathan and of Obadiah and Oliver, his brothers, and to "bind them out as apprentices until they come of age." June 11, 1748, the guardians' account was rendered, and the estate of their father was settled. From this time to 1755 Jonathan appears to have been in Norton. At that time he was an officer in Col. Winslow's Regiment at Nova Scotia. I have a fragment of an order book in his own hand-writing, the first date in which is June 22, 1755, and then to July 12, 1755, Camp at Fort Cumberland, N. S. I have, thus far, searched in vain in the Mass. Archives for muster rolls of his company.

In 1758, he enlisted a company of troops for the War in Canada, under the following commission :

"Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

By His Excellency the Governor :

I do hereby authorize and empower Captain Jonathan Eddy to beat his Drums any where within this Province, for inlisting volunteers for His Majesty's service, in a Regiment of Foot, to be forthwith raised and put under the command of Officers belonging to this Province for a General Invasion of Canada in conjunction with the King's *British* Troops and under the supreme command of His Majesty's Commander in Chief in *America*.

And the Colonels, with the other officers of Regiments, within this Province, are hereby commanded not to give the

































































































**144** Selwin<sup>s</sup> of Edwin,<sup>s</sup> born March 25, 1847; married Cornelius C. Hall Sept. 21, 1869. Children :

Clara F., b. Feb. 14, 1873.

Ella M., April 18, 1875.

**145** Charles A.<sup>s</sup> of Edwin,<sup>s</sup> born March 15, 1849; married Harriet L. Lane Dec. 26, 1871. Children :

Lottie C., b. March 4, 1873.

Flora E., Nov. 18, 1874.













































I give a copy of a letter now before me :

"Hampden, Dec. 2d, 1796.

Sir: Yours of the 30th ultimo was delivered to me by Mr. David Read; in answer to the contents would observe, that my letter to Capt. Read was founded on the direct and full assertion of Joshua Eayres, the father, and corroborated by his son, and coloring of support from another person. Mr. Eayres asserted positively that when he settled and paid for the cattle it was done by Mr. Read's giving the fullest encouragement that the warrant would be quashed and all further proceedings therein stopped, asserting that he was the prosecutor, but should not nor would not appear to support the complaint; and that you said if they settled it and paid for the hay you would warrant nothing more would be done about the warrant. If this had been a true state of the case, I conceive it would have been extorting money in the fullest degree with aggravated circumstances—as I have been misinformed nothing further need be added on that head. Eayres pressed to know if nothing could be done to save his children from punishment. I told him no, the only thing to be done was for them to come forward and give security for their appearance at S. J. Ct; when there throw themselves on the mercy of the Court, and (as you observe) the having made satisfaction for the injury; would no doubt go in mitigation of the punishment. There requires examples of rigor, that the people in that quarter may see that the laws must be observed, and that if they will not quietly submit to them they must do it by compulsion, and with the addition of fines, imprisonment, whipping, &c., &c.

I am Sir, your Humble Servant, G. JOHONNOT.  
Timo. Langdon, Esq."

This letter is written in a fair, even hand, and directed to "Timothy Langdon, Esquire, Stillwater."

Col. Johonnot died in Hampden, Oct. 20, 1820—72. His will Oct. 5, 1820, proved March 6, 1821, was witnessed by John Abbot, John Godfrey and Sarah Crosby.













## ERRATA.

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- Page 30. For James Budge read James Bridge.
- “ 33. Caleb Eddy was a Deacon—*not* married, &c.
- “ 39. Read Charles G. Richardson, *not* Charles S.
- “ 42. Widow Sylvester Eddy married Ezra Richardson April 11, 1831, *not*  
April 30, 1860.
- “ 46. Read Charles G. Richardson instead of Charles S.
- “ 55. To “This bill was negatived,” add “in the Senate.”
- “ 57. Two lives from bottom, read Wm. Costigan to Rebecca Eayres.
- “ 58. Read Jeremiah Colburn was Clerk, &c.

