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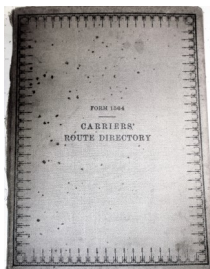
Pittsfield, New Hampshire – The Gem of the Suncook Valley
Liz Dimmick & Bill Provencal, co-editors

Accessions

Although the cold winter months may keep us indoors, generous Pittsfield citizens have thought of the Historical Society with some donations: Many thanks to the following people for their generosity.

Carrier's Route Directory

We recently acquired a US Postal Service Carrier's Route Directory that was used by Howard A. Thorpe, Sr., one of the first Pittsfield mail carriers, as well as by Edward J. Cameron.



The directory lists all of the Pittsfield residents on a given mail route based on house numbers. The directory was donated by **Mary Thorpe**.

Art Pease donated 5 antique postcards with scenes of Pittsfield.

Members of the Dorcas Guild of the Congregational Church donated a red yardstick with the Globe logo.

Scott Brown donated a collection of glass negatives of scenes of Pittsfield. Thanks also to **Marty Cornelissen** of Alton who digitally recorded them for us.

New Computers! Thank you AMENICO!

Although we are an historic society, our computers shouldn't be. Unfortunately, our computers were very temperamental and, once, one decided not to function. Luckily, we recovered the data, thanks to Clayton Wood's expertise, but that almost disaster was a warning.

Thanks to AMENICO's recent donation, facilitated by David Ossoff, we will have newer computers with more robust software. The three computers will be linked and similar to one another so a person will be able to work on any computer available. These computers will make the Tuesday Morning Crew's work easier without the worry of losing data. Thank you, AMENICO!

Update on the New Museum

Plans for the new museum are finalized and ground breaking will take place this spring! The two-level structure will house an office/archive room, 24 galleries, a meeting room for presentations, and a small gift shop. Additionally, the outside will have a grassy area with gardens and landscaping designed by our local Beautification Committee, a brick walkway and patio, and a parking area.

The 24 galleries will allow the many artifacts to be displayed in a more coherent order—for viewing and research. Some of the galleries include the following categories: Industry, Railroad, Fire Department, Agriculture, and Globe Manufacturing, to name a few. As a fundraising endeavor, interested organization or individuals can support a display area by donating \$500. A plaque will be placed at the entrance of each display area with the name of the individual or organizations and, if applicable, the name of a person honored printed below.

Engraved bricks which will be placed for the walkway and patio are also available for \$100. These bricks can be engraved and can be used as a memorial or honorarium.

If you would like to see the building plans or would like more detailed information, please stop by at the museum on a Tuesday morning between 9:00 a.m. and noon. If the flag is out, the doors are opened.



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2018 Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Report was recently completed, and you should receive it soon, if you haven't already. This Report, dedicated to Fred Nutter, captures many of the activities and accomplishments the Pittsfield Historical Society has completed during the past year. Our most complex endeavor is the ongoing task of establishing a new location that will provide a more suitable home for our artifacts and stories of our hometown.

We couldn't do any of this without your support and encouragement. We welcome your attendance at our programs and thank you for your purchase of our yearly raffle tickets, calendars, and various articles. But more importantly, we thank you for supporting the Society with your membership dues. Your dues fund our activities, pay the bills and maintain the Museum. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to mail in your dues. Thanks for all your support!

Board of Directors -- 2019

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As you can see from the 2019 list of Board Members, Cedric Dustin, Marilyn Thyng, and Sabra Welch have resigned. All are long-time members and we shall miss their involvement and expertise. We thank them for their continued support of the Historical Society.

We also welcome a new board member, Jaime Koladish. She and her husband moved here in 2012 after living in Fort Rucker, Alabama, for his flight training. He became a medivac pilot for the 238th in Concord so Pittsfield was a great fit with an easy commute. As Jaime stated, "The history of the town has interested me since we moved here so the Historical Society is a great way for getting involved. We are so happy here with our three children and see great potential for the future of this town."

Save These Dates!

The Historical Society has a variety of programs scheduled for 2019! Some are different from our familiar offerings, but all are extremely interesting. Please join us in enjoying these exciting programs!

Wednesday, May 8

A Walk Back in Time: The Secret of Cellar Holes

Adair Mulligan, our guest speaker, will explore the rich story to be discovered in what remains behind. She will describe how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues in the landscape. This program is available to us through New Hampshire Humanities.

Wednesday, June 9

Alice Brown's Tales of New England Life

This program presented by the Pontine Theater from Portsmouth highlights Alice Brown's regional stories of the idyllic New England life which were published from 1895 to 1910. Alice Brown, a native of Hampton Falls, wrote short stories that portray the simplicity and goodness of country life with an emphasis on small-town interests and regional dialects.

Wednesday, September 11

Cruising New Hampshire History

Michael Bruno, a native of New Hampshire, has published a book on the history of the roadside historical markers which dot the countryside. He will explore the history of the markers, some significant information on these markers, and some local marker information specific to our community.

Wednesday, October 9

New Hampshire on High: Historic and Unusual Weathervanes of the Granite State

This program offers a fun and engaging look at the historic and unusual weathervanes found on New Hampshire's churches, town halls, and other public buildings from earliest times to the present. Presented by Glenn Knoblock, this program will trace the history of weathervanes and their practical use and interesting symbolism. This program is available to us through New Hampshire Humanities.