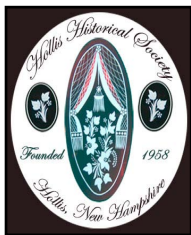


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"...There is no strength without challenge, adversity, resistance and often pain. The problems that make you want to throw up your hands and holler 'MERCY!' will build your tenacity, courage, discipline and determination."

Author Unknown

Dear Members,

GOOD GRIEF what a winter!! There were many times when I wanted to throw up my hands and yell 'MERCY!' but, here we are SPRING, beautiful SPRING ... at long last!

It has been a fairly quiet winter at the Wheeler House, with all of us carrying forth as usual.

On a sad note, **Joan Tinklepaugh**, who has been our historian for 25 years, and a fabulous one, has turned in her resignation and has handed the reins over to **Sharon Howe**, who has been acting as co-historian for the past couple of years. Joan's wonderful work and incredible memory will be sorely missed. Joan and her husband, Bob, have contributed so much to the Hollis Historical Society over the years. We owe them both a huge THANK YOU. Fortunately for all of us, Joan and Bob will still be members of the Hollis Historical Society, so we will still get to see them.

We have some exciting things in store for you this year! They include:

- **ATTIC TREASURES YARD SALE** in the ice house behind the Wheeler House. The sales will take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of the month, June thru October. The first Attic Treasures sale will take place June 6th from 9AM to 1PM. Soooooo, if you have any vintage attic treasures, old or maybe not so old, including: small furniture, paintings, prints, baskets, dishes, knick-knacks, jewelry, mirrors, etc., please consider donating them to us. You may drop them off at the Wheeler House, Monday and Wednesday afternoons, between 1pm and 4pm, plus the first and third Sundays of the month, 1pm to 4pm, June through October. Or drop items off during shop hours. You may also call us to make other arrangements for drop-off. All proceeds will benefit the Hollis Historical Society, a non-profit organization.



Ice House

ALSO, if you would like to help display, price, and sell our Attic Treasures, please let us know. We'd love to have you join our merry band of shopkeepers. Of course, if you'd prefer to be a customer.... we wouldn't mind that at all. So please, spread the word throughout the land about our new ATTIC TREASURES YARD SALE.

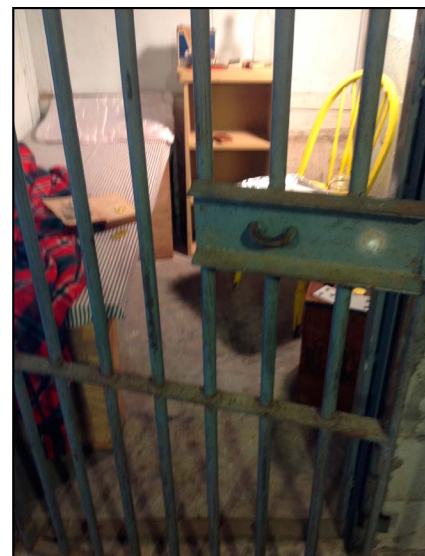
- The **ALWAYS READY ENGINE HOUSE** will be open for the season again in June. Remember, we're open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, from 1pm to 4pm, June through October. On the upper level, there will be a display of **FARMING IN HOLLIS**, featuring, photos, miniature farming equipment,



Ayrshire Cows

a small barn, tools, and more. Plus our permanent **VETERANS WALL** display. On the main floor, see the beautifully restored Hollis Horse Drawn Hearse, old fire equipment, tools, a Grange corner, photos depicting the history of the Always Ready Engine House, as well as book, note paper, and post card sales.

On the lower level, in the spooky basement, it's THE JAIL!! THE CELL! THE LOCK-UP! You never know who you might see in there. Try it on for size! You'll also see one of the huge old Hollis Town Safes, photos of past Police Chiefs, old Communications Center material, and lots of other interesting 'stuff'!



Jail Cell

- When Winnie Crouse spoke to us on THE ART OF SPINNING, she didn't mention that she also sells handspun wool yarns, angora yarns, plus hand knit goods. In addition, she also teaches spinning. So if you have an interest in any of these items or services, please call Winnie at 603-465-7438, or e-mail her at: wrousenh@aol.com. We had a great turn-out of interested people for this program. Everyone enjoyed your presentation, Winnie, thank you so much!!

- Approximately 75 folks attended **The Other Side of the Midnight Ride: A Visit with Rachel Revere.**



Joan Gattorna

Joan Gattorna of the New Hampshire Humanities Council was the presenter of this living history program. It was fascinating!

• Marilyn Wehrle, with some helpers, has been providing wonderful goodies for our programs, for which we thank them all very much. And the decorated table always looks beautiful, Marilyn. There

were even lanterns (as in "one if by land and two if by sea" fame...) as table décor for the Paul Revere program.

- The Wheeler House and beautiful Lucie Beebe Garden are also open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 1pm to 4pm, June through October. There's always something new and interesting to see. Of course, the Wheeler House is open, year round, every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, from 1pm to 4pm, except on holidays. Arrangements for group tours on other days may also be made by calling 603-465-3935.

- Sharon Howe will open her Pine Hill School House on Ranger Road again this year, the first Sunday of the month, from 1pm to 4pm, June thru October.

- The Freedom's Way National Heritage Area is sponsoring **HIDDEN TREASURES** the weekend of May 16th and 17th



Nevins Stone

from 11am to 3pm in the Town Hall Community Room and Monument Square. Join the Hollis Heritage Commission for: **"...AND THEY'RE KILLING OUR MEN!"** – The Story of the Nevins Stone and the Call to Arms of the Hollis Militia. Learn the story of Hollis' s own "Paul Revere," Deacon John Boynton, as he rode through town calling the men of Hollis to arms and their March to Lexington on April 19th, 1775. Sharon Howe and I will be helping out as docents, and some of the Historical Society's Revolutionary War era artifacts will be on display in the Community Room during this fascinating weekend created by the Hollis Heritage Commission.

- **HOUSE TOUR.** Yup! We're having another one on September 12, 2015. The Gould-Emerson House at 28 Main Street will open up ten rooms for a fascinating tour of a 'lived in museum.' The house, c.1806-1808, was the location of Hollis's first post office, plus it housed a store, the owner had a tavern license, and there was a meeting room/dance hall on the third floor, plus rooms that the family lived in.



28 Main Street

You'll see all kinds of antiques, equestrian décor in some rooms, Revolutionary War era items, plus a lot of just plain interesting stuff upstairs and down. Afterwards, feel free to stroll through the yard and gardens, visit the fairy houses, then make your way to the big tent for wine, cider, savories, sweets, and music. The hours have not been firmed up yet....but we'll be sure to let you know. We're going to need lots of help from our members for this event. We need docents for each room (room and artifact descriptions will be provided), people to cook sweets and savories, folks to work in the tent serving beverages, people to sell tickets in advance and the day of the event, etc. So if you can help us, in any capacity, please call Freddi at 603-465-2884. This is a fund raiser for the Hollis Historical Society, a non-profit organization, to help us with operating costs and artifact preservation.

Historical Tidbits

Road-Rage and Other Offences in 1746....AND Their Consequences!

- OFFENCE: Insolence or Violence to Women on the Highway.

PUNISHMENT: "For the first offence, whipping not exceeding ten stripes. For the second offence, to be burnt in the hand."

(Does this mean you could be violent to a woman in her dooryard or in her home or other places.....just not on the street?)

- OFFENCE: Profane Cursing and Swearing.

PUNISHMENT: "For the first offence a fine of one shilling. If not paid the culprit to be set in the stocks two hours – For more than one profane Oath at the same time – a fine of two shillings and to be set in the stocks not more than three hours."

- OFFENCE: Drunkenness.

PUNISHMENT: "For the first offence a fine of one shilling – if not able to pay, the convict to be set in the stocks not more than three hours."

- OFFENCE: Defamation.

PUNISHMENT: "If found guilty the offender to be fined 20 shillings. If not paid, to be set in the stocks not more than three hours."

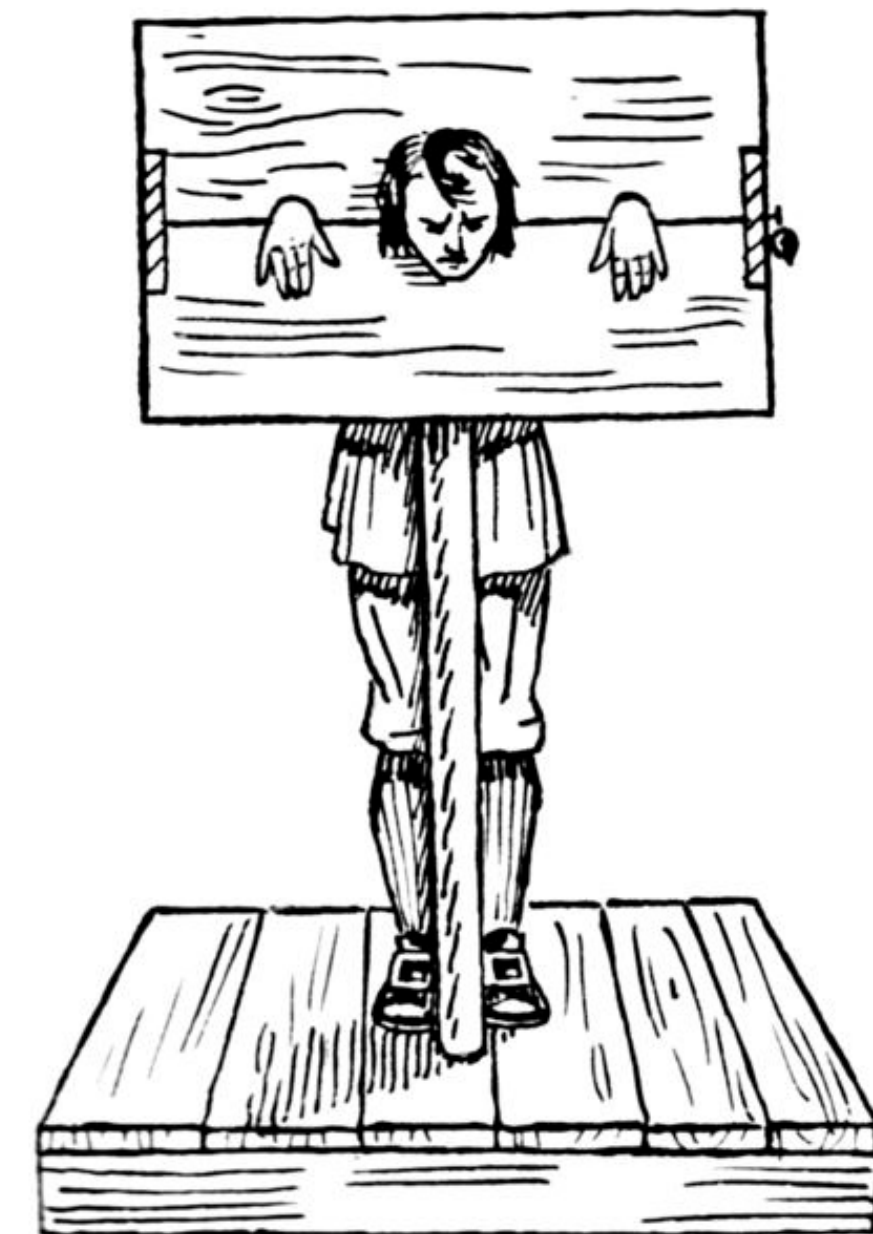
- OFFENCE: Robbing Gardens and Orchards.

PUNISHMENT: "If the prisoner was not able to pay his fine to be set in the stocks or whipped at the discretion of the Justice."

- OFFENCE: Petit Larceny.

PUNISHMENT: "The offender to forfeit treble the value of the property stolen, and to be fined not exceeding 5 pounds, or whipped not more than twenty stripes. If not paid, the CULPRIT TO BE SOLD for a term of time to be fixed at the discretion of the court."

"THE STOCKS AND WHIPPING POST. The punishment of malefactors. 'by making fast their feet of the offender fast in the stocks,' is as ancient as the days of Job." "Sustained alike by abundant Biblical precedent as well as by the laws of the province, our order loving ancestors were not slow in providing their town with both of these terrors of evil-doers. In a special town meeting in June 1746, about two months after the town was incorporated 'Voted the Selectmen provide stocks;' and at a town meeting in the month of January next after, 'voted to accept the account of Josiah Conant for making the stocks.' (Josiah Conant lived at 38 Main Street, which used to be called High Street). The town whipping post, the fitting companion of the stocks, held its place near the front of the meeting-house, not far from the west end of the common. It was in use within the memory of persons still living" (in 1879).



The above information of Offences and Punishments from THE HISTORY OF HOLLIS 1730-1879 by S.T. Worcester.

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER

Thursday, May 21, 2015
Lawrence Barn

Dinner at 7:00PM
Program at 8:00PM

STEVE TAYLOR

of the NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENTS.....

“NEW HAMPSHIRE’S GRANGE MOVEMENT: ITS RISE, TRIUMPHS, and DECLINE”

Much of rural New Hampshire in the late 19th century was locked in a downward spiral of population decline, abandonment of farms, reversion of cleared land to forest, and widespread feelings of melancholy and loss. The development of the Grange movement in the 1880’s and 1890’s was aided greatly by hunger for social interaction, entertainment, and mutual support. As membership surged, it became a major force in policy-making in Concord, and its agenda aligned closely with the Progressive politics that swept the state in early 20th century.

Steve Taylor analyzes the rapid social and economic changes that would eventually force the steep decline of the once-powerful movement.

Please call Dotty Hackett at (603) 465-2231 by Monday, May 18 (if possible), and let her know if you are bringing either a salad, side, or main dish. Dessert will be provided by the Board of Directors.



In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that all of our programs are free and open to the public, so please feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, relative..... the more the merrier. Steve Taylor of the New Hampshire Humanities Council will present "New Hampshire's Grange Movement: Its Rise, Triumphs and Decline" at our May meeting (see the details above). He has been a presenter of other programs for us....and he's great! So get ready to be thoroughly entertained.

We look forward to seeing you at this always delicious, fun, informative and entertaining evening!

And, please, visit your Historical Society Museums this summer, we'd love to see you. Wishing you a happy, fun-filled and safe summer season! If you haven't been for a while, you'll enjoy some of the new exhibits.

Oh, yes, and remember, ".....a land without memories is a land without history." (by Abram Joseph Ryan) We need to keep our memories alive.....for the generations to come!

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