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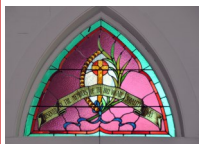
Historical Society

The Campaign Continues...Thank You For Your Continued Support

As we continue to move forward with our renovation project for our future Bartlett History Museum, we also continue to express our thanks and appreciation for the many donations we have received in support of this project. Our members and non-member donors who have generously contributed to this project have provided us the resources to make great strides toward the renovation of the building and opening of the museum.



Comments on July 4th Open House: We held a renovation open house in our future museum on the rainy July 4th holiday. A number of people stopped by to see what we've accomplished. The one word said most often by guests entering the building was "Wow!" That one word spoke volumes. Our guests had an opportunity to see the framing from the 1890 construction. They were impressed with the new roof structure, the framing of the interior walls, the new front walk and new granite front steps, the "floating" choir loft and our plans for the display of the original stained glass windows. We had a steady flow of guests, some local folks and others from away who stopped in to see the building. Members of the BHS Board of Directors were on hand to greet everyone, talk about the work completed and plans for the completion of the renovation.



2nd Renovation Open House: Because of the response to our July open house, we are hosting a second renovation open house over Columbus Day weekend, Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., rain or shine. If you'd like to see the building and help us celebrate the 15th anniversary of BHS, please stop by. We'll have some seasonal refreshments on hand. The building may have some sawdust on the floor but that just shows this is a work in progress.

Renovation Next Steps: We are in the process of finishing the heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) rough-in work in the building. We've completed arrangements with White Mountain Oil & Propane to install our propane tanks. We are doing the site work for the ADA ramp. The next step is to rough-in of the electrical. Our original electrician let us know that he was not going to be able to accommodate our job with all of his other work. This means we needed to connect with a second electrician and we are now on his work list with no scheduled date for our project. Once the rough electrical is in, we turn our attention to insulation, exterior windows and sheetrock. We are moving forward as quickly as we have funding and contractors available.

Campaign Progress: To date, with the generous donations of 397 people, grants and businesses, many having made multiple donations, we have raised \$315,242 out of a \$585,000 campaign goal! Our expenditures for capital improvements, building maintenance and administrative costs are about \$234,349. We are estimating that we need to raise \$269,758 to complete Phase 2 and open the museum. *How can you help get us to this goal?* First, any donation you can make to the project is greatly appreciated. Second, if you know of anyone who is interested in adding their name to our growing list of donors, please contact Phil Franklin, at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you.

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President's Message

Of the four seasons, actually maybe five or six if you count “Mud Season” and “Black Fly Season”, fall has to be my favorite. With the mountainsides turning into the patchwork of colors and the return of the cool, dry air, there’s something refreshing about this season. From my desk, I can see the slopes of Mount Parker and Mount Langdon turning yellow with hints of red. “Leaf Season” is upon us. I guess that makes seven seasons. Regardless, it’s great being here in the mountains as we continue to work on a number of BHS projects.

As we have been working through our future museum renovation project, we’ve also been thinking about how we will be operating our museum when it is opened. Our Curator, Kathy Howard, and I have talked about several research projects we’d like to tackle. These are all on topics where we have little or no information in our files or on our BHS website. We’ve also been receiving donations of various historic documents and materials covering many different topics and time periods in Bartlett and Hart’s Location history. We need to sort through these items, catalog them and decide how we are going to display them for everyone to enjoy. When we get the museum open, we’ll have a lot more to tell you about both in the area of research projects and how you can donate items of historic value to the historical society so we can be the stewards of these items.

Speaking of the museum renovation, I, along with our board of directors, look forward to meeting everyone who attends our renovation open house on Saturday, October 9, 2021, during Columbus Day weekend. Everyone is invited.

Looking ahead, we have a new lineup of speakers for our 2022 quarterly presentation series. The topics include the history of a local company and local family. We will also hear from speakers on the topics of one-room schools (of which Bartlett had several) and those green highway markers that highlight historic sites along our country roads. We hope you can find the time to come to these interesting, free, open to the public, presentations. Donations at the door are always appreciated.

It’s time to open our 2022 BHS Membership Drive. Our official “membership year” runs from January 1 to December 31. While we accept new and renewal memberships at any time of the year, we like to designate a period when we have our “official” membership drive. When you are joining BHS with a new membership or renewing existing membership, please consider adding a contribution to our museum project fund. The museum renovation fund is our greatest need right now. Membership dues go into our General account for our normal operating expenses; 100% of our museum donations go to our renovation fund for the Bartlett History Museum. The sooner we can finish this project, the sooner we can open the museum for all to enjoy and offer an even better Bartlett history experience. Your support through your membership helps us tell others that BHS is an organization worthy of their support as well.

In our summer newsletter, I mentioned the 231st anniversary of the founding of Bartlett. In this edition, we are highlighting the 125th anniversary of the founding of our Bartlett Public Library. We hope you enjoy this short retrospective on the library.

Finally, as always, we thank you, our members and donors, for all of your support in making BHS a great small, but growing historical society. As I meet with the leaders of other historical societies in the area, they all compliment us on the work we are doing to preserve our local history and give opportunities for people to learn about it. Your support through memberships and donations allows us to drive forward with the museum project and, most importantly, be the stewards for our local history. Thank you. We look forward to your continued support. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that can help us make BHS a better organization, please drop a note to our email, BartlettHistoryNH@gmail.com, or send me a note directly to my email, Phil@BartlettHistory.org. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

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Bartlett History Museum

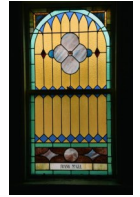
Renovation Open House &

BHS 15th Anniversary Celebration



Saturday, October 9, 2021—10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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As a follow up to our well attended July 4th Renovation Open House, we are again inviting BHS members, donors and the general public to an open house in the midst of our renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building. We'd like to show everyone the work that donations from nearly 400 people, businesses and foundations have allowed us to accomplish. Yes, there's going to be some dust on the floor and we still have work to accomplish before we declare victory with the opening of the museum. However, this will be a great chance to see how we've worked to save this historic former church and a perfect time to learn about the next steps in the project.



Also, join us to celebrate the 15th anniversary of BHS!



Members of the BHS Board of Directors will be on hand to talk with you about the museum project, answer your questions and explain our next steps to completion.

We'll have seasonal refreshments available while you walk about the building.

On display, we'll have:

- ◆ *Several artifacts from the former church that we found in the building as we cleaned it out before and during the roof renovation*
- ◆ *Many photos of the before and after condition of the building plus the exciting roof replacement project*
- ◆ *Plus, we'll tell you about how we plan to preserve the original stained glass windows as well as the original altar and other original artifacts.*

*We've seen many attempts in the region to save and restore historic buildings. Most have fallen on tough times and not succeeded. Our project is different—**WE ARE GOING TO SUCCEED!***

Please stop by during this Columbus Day weekend—rain or shine—to see the path to the opening of the Bartlett History Museum—A multi-function, cultural center here in Bartlett.

This is a great way to also celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Bartlett Historical Society. Please join us—Stop by and Please Introduce Yourself

Please note that the building is unfortunately not handicapped accessible at this time.

Patriotic Quilt Raffle—Museum Project Fundraiser

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make a great Christmas Gift!*



To help raise funds for our museum renovation project, Sue Franklin, our BHS Treasurer and a very experienced quilter, has made and quilted a bright, beautiful red, white and blue quilt that we are raffling. The quilt measures 63" x 76". Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 5 tickets is \$20. We are selling tickets through October 20, 2021, and will have the drawing at our last BHS Quarterly Presentation event for 2021 on that date. We have 400 tickets available for this raffle.

To purchase tickets, send Sue a note at PO Box 514, Bartlett, NH 03812, stating the number of tickets you'd like to purchase with a check for the tickets. We'll also be selling tickets at BHS events prior to October 20th and on the 20th. All raffle funds will go directly to our museum renovation project.

THE QUILT WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT OUR OCTOBER 9TH RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE AT OUR FUTURE MUSEUM BUILDING. TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE WILL BE SOLD THEN ALSO!

Railroad Committee Update

Scotty Mallet, our BHS Railroad Committee chair, has completed his work on the biographies of brothers Samuel and John Anderson, the railroad pioneers in Bartlett. They'll be on our BHS Website soon. A volunteer who is helping Scotty, Dave Atchason, took a walk into the land on "Company Hill" (today known as Albany Avenue or to others Bear Notch Road) to the site of the one time Bartlett Land & Lumber Company to see what remains of the one-time thriving mill. There's not much left at this mill site as it is well overgrown. Trains carried the logs to the mill and lumber away from the mill. If you have any information on the history of this lumber company and mill, please let us know as we are trying to assemble that part of Bartlett history. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or if you have any regional railroad information, please contact Scotty. Scotty is willing to do a Zoom meeting or can be contacted at 603-383-3040, by USPS at PO Box 35, Glen, NH 03838 or email at Scottymallett@gmail.com.

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Upcoming BHS Events

As we get back into the swing of things with events sponsored by BHS, we are assembling a calendar of events that we plan for our members and friends.

In the near term, here's what we have lined up:

- ⇒ October 9, 2021: Future Bartlett History Museum Renovation Open House & 15th Anniversary of BHS Celebration – 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the former St. Joseph Church building, our future museum; 13 School Street, Bartlett. All are welcome; event will be held rain or shine
- ⇒ October 20, 2021: Our fall BHS presentation, “A Century of Railroading in Crawford Notch,” with local railroad historian, Ben English; 7:00 p.m.; Union Congregational Church
- ⇒ October 20, 2021: BHS Quilt Raffle Drawing—Just prior to Ben's presentation, we'll draw the winning ticket for our BHS Quilt Raffle. Tickets are still available.
- ⇒ December 2, 2021: Black Cap Grille Dining Benefit (our first dining event since March 2020, ironically this was also at Black Cap Grille) - 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Black Cap Grille will donate 10% of the evenings meal receipts to BHS; Don't miss our BHS raffle at the event also.

We hope to see you at these events. We'll have more on 2022 events in our next newsletter.

A little advance 2022 event information – It looks like we're going to host another BHS Golf Tournament in 2022 so please keep an eye out for information on that great event. We had our first golf tournament in 2019 and it was a great success. The pandemic clobbered the plans for the 2020 tournament and we erred on the side of caution in 2021 so we didn't schedule it this year either but we're talking about getting it back on our schedule. Please stay tuned!



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Final Quarterly Presentation for 2021

Wednesday, October 20, 2021: “A Century of Railroading in Crawford Notch” with Ben English

From the 1860s to the late 1950s, the railroads played a major role in the growth and vitality of the area. Ben, a railroad historian and BHS member, will focus his talk on the history of the railroading specifically in Crawford Notch.



Union Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

2022 BHS Quarterly Presentation Lineup!

We have a great lineup of presentation for 2022 with a mix of local history and regional topics. Again this year, we will be holding our presentation events at the Union Congregational Church, corner of Route 302 and Albany Avenue in Bartlett. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the leadership of the Congregational Church for making their church available to BHS for our presentations.

Sunday, January 9, 2022—”The History of Peter Limmer & Son’s Hiking Boots” with Peter Limmer



Limmer hiking boots are known through out the world-wide hiking community for their quality, durability and comfort. Peter will tell us the story of this family run company starting in Germany and their trek to America, eventually landing in the White Mountains, a very interesting story.

Union Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 2:00 p.m.—Preceded by the BHS Annual Meeting & review of the 2020 Annual Report

Wednesday, April 20, 2022: “The History of the Hodgkins Family” with Ray Hodgkins

Ray is a retired US Army Colonel with his roots here in Bartlett. After a long, successful career in the US Army, serving in many different posts, Ray is back in Bartlett. He’ll talk about his family history in Bartlett and their history in service to America in the military.

Union Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday, June 15, 2022: “Cruising New Hampshire History” with Michael Bruno



We’ve all seen those signs along the highways and byways of NH, green with white letters, telling the story of the historic site at that location. Michael Bruno will tell us about the history behind these signs and point out some of the more interesting sites.

Union Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022: New Hampshire’s One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and The Reality with Steve Taylor (NH Humanities speaker)

In the 1700s, 1800s and even early 1900s, one-room school houses dotted the countryside. Bartlett had six schools across different town villages. Today, most are gone but a couple are still here, in disguise and used for other things. Steve will talk about the “lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today.”



Union Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

NH Fish & Game Presentation Recap: On June 16, 2021, we were entertained by Conservation Officer Sargent Alex Lopashanski with his talk on the history of the NH Fish & Game Department. To wrap up his presentation, Sargent Lopashanski fielded several questions from the audience on topics ranging from sightings of mountain lions in NH to the Northwoods Law TV program.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. We gratefully accept donations at the door. All donations are directed to our Bartlett History Museum project for the renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building. Please join us for these interesting presentations.

Bartlett Public Library – 125 Years Strong

By Phil Franklin

Recently, Richard Chrenko, one of our BHS members, sent a very nice, informative letter calling to our attention the 125th anniversary of the Bartlett Public Library. He suggested that we include an article in this newsletter to let people know the history of the library. So, in this edition of *The Historical Herald*, we are writing about our Bartlett Public Library and arguably its most well-known librarian, the late Jean Garland. Thank you to Richard for remembering this occasion in Bartlett history.

Through out the 1800s, as the country and our region became more populated, Americans, including people locally, were looking to broaden their intellectual horizons. Lectures on various topics were becoming popular and traveling presenters enlighten audiences on subjects in areas such as art, history and science. According to Aileen Carroll in her book, *Bartlett, New Hampshire ... in the valley of the Saco*, the Chautauqua movement brought speakers to North Conway. Chautauqua was an adult education and social movement in rural America that existed from the early 1800s through the mid-1920s bringing speakers on a variety of topics to small towns. Carroll also points out that lectures were also sponsored in Bartlett, on occasion, by local organizations, one being the Mount Langdon Women's Club. Continuing into the early 1900s small groups convened in literary meetings to discuss or debate specific topics. One such group was the Bartlett Young Men's Guild. These groups can be considered the forerunners of our current book clubs.

All of this yearning to "learn" inevitably brought about the formation of local libraries. In 1802, according to Carroll, the Conway and Bartlett Social Library was formed. This small organization provided a more formalized location for people to assemble, read about and discuss the merits of different topics of the times. Carroll reports that by 1820, this library "owned one hundred seventy-five volumes."

The decade of the 1890s was a period of formation for the Bartlett library. In a 2010 presentation on the history of the library, Jean Garland provided a timeline of events that covered this decade. We start in 1892 when the first library trustees were named. In 1893, the town obtained books from the state of New Hampshire with a total worth of \$100. In return, the Upper Bartlett section of town contributed \$25 back to the state as a donation for these books. Bartlett initially formed its library as the Meeting Room Association possibly in 1895 under the guidance of Mr. J. R. Horne, Jr. Horne was the first pastor of the new Union Congregational Church in Bartlett in 1895. This public meeting room was located in the Union Congregational Church. According to Jean, anyone of good character and who was at least 15 years old could be a member of this association. In 1896, the Bartlett Free Public Library was officially established and located in the basement room of the Union Congregational Church. The first librarian was Benjamin C. Smith according to an April 26, 2012 article by Rachael Brown in *The Mountain Ear* newspaper. In 1899, the Meeting Room Association was merged into the Bartlett Free Public Library. This library, open on Wednesday and Saturday, remained in the church basement. There were about 1,000 volumes in the library by this time.



Union Congregational Church

The first mention of the library in town reports is in the 1928/1929 report. Here, we learn that the library was originally supported by the Bartlett Village Fire Precinct. In 1933, again from the Annual Report, there is a notation that both the town and fire precinct were now providing support for the library, each contributing \$75 to the operation. In 1939, this increased to \$100 each from the town and precinct; a jump to \$125 each in 1957 and finally a doubling of the level of support to \$250 each in 1958. In the 1963 Annual Report, the town support for the library is up to \$1,300 and there is no longer a mention of the fire precinct as a financial supporting organization.

While little is known about the names of the early librarians, one name that appears in the Bartlett Annual Reports is Hazel Amadon. She appears to have been the librarian from the 1920s through 1953.

In 1946, while still in high school, Jean Garland first stepped into the role of a fill-in librarian for Mrs. Amadon when she was unable to be at the library. In 1953, Jean assumed the role of town librarian after taking over for Mrs. Amadon. She would be our town librarian for the next fifty-five years. She held the position of librarian for the public library and for many years served as the librarian for both the public and school libraries. In 1969, Jean was hired as a school aide at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School (JBES) and devoted most of her time to the school portion of the library.

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Jean Garland – A Brief Biography



Jean Garland Portrait

Before diving into the more recent history of the Bartlett Public Library, we need to spend a little time with a brief biography of Jean Lois (Ludgate) Garland as her name was synonymous with the Bartlett Public Library.

Jean was born in Chicago, Illinois in December 9, 1930. Her parents were Henry and Hulda Ludgate. Jean was one of seven children in the Ludgate family. Her family moved to Bartlett shortly after Jean was born. Her father was originally from Bartlett where he grew up on the family farm. Living in Bartlett after returning from Chicago, Henry again worked on the farm, was an electrician and was the custodian at JBES.

It was here in Bartlett that Jean grew up, attending JBES and Bartlett High School, graduating in 1948. Following high school, Jean enrolled in the Deaconess Nursing School in Boston but stopped attending when she married Clifton Garland in 1949 and moved back to Bartlett. In 1970, she began her journey to officially become a librarian, though she had been doing the job for many years. During the 1970's she completed a nine-course program with the University of New Hampshire to obtain a certificate in Public Library Techniques. In 1985, she completed her continuing education, earning a Bachelor's degree in Library Management from the School for Lifelong Learning. She also became a certified School Library Generalist.

Over the years, she engineered several moves of the library. This journey would see the public library moved from the basement of the Congregational Church to the basement of the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School to its present location on the ground floor of the school. As the librarian, she fought to increase the size of the library in terms of volumes available to the public and school as well as in the floor space of the library. Jean retired from her librarian position in 2008. When she became librarian in 1953, the library had 2,312 volumes; when she retired that number had grown to 22,289 volumes when combining the school and town libraries. Additionally, the library added several school computers plus three computers for adult use. She pushed for improvements in not only the volumes of books available but for better financial support from the town.

Her work and dedication to the Bartlett Public Library was recognized throughout the state. In October 2008, she was named the Librarian of the Year. This award was presented to her by Jean Abbott, the then-president of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association. In 2009, Bartlett recognized her for her service to the town with a charcoal pastel framed portrait of herself by JBES art teacher, June McLeavey. The portrait was presented to Jean at the 2009 town Annual Meeting by the school librarian at the time, Janice Mudgett.

On the personal side of her life, Jean and her husband Clifton R. Garland, Jr. had five children, Cynthia, Clifton III, Douglas, John and Lois Jean. Doug and John both live in Bartlett. Doug was a town selectman for several years; Doug and John own the Bear Notch Ski Touring Center in Bartlett. Jean and Clifton were married for 53 years before Clifton died in July 2002.

Jean was always interested in Bartlett and New Hampshire history. She made it a point of collecting historical information and having it available in the library. In an October 8, 2010 Conway Daily Sun article by Tom

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Eastman, she said that “her dream would be to have a separate room (in the library) for New Hampshire history.” She also worked with the leadership of the Bartlett Historical Society in their endeavor to promote historical preservation and education.

In 1959, Jean was elected to the Bartlett School board and served on that board for many years.

While Jean told Tom Eastman that “books have always been her friend”, she also enjoyed hobbies such as photography, gardening, sewing, knitting, storytelling and puzzles. She worked with many JBES students teaching them about how to use the library. She guided students in the field of photography helping them learn to take photographs as well as develop them. Of course, her other passion was spending time with her family. Aside from her five children, she also had five grandchildren.

After a long and successful life of giving to others, Jean passed away on June 25, 2015 at her home in Bartlett. She was 84 years old. In a recent conversation with Jean’s daughter, Cynthia, she said that her mother always had a positive outlook, seemed to know everyone in town and had a rather dry sense of humor. She also said that Jean planned a rather simple funeral for herself and thought that no one outside her family would attend. Jean would have been surprised to know that her funeral service was attended by more people than could fit into the Union Congregational Church. This was a testament to her impact on the people of Bartlett.

Bartlett Public Library on the Move

In 2009, Jean Garland wrote a short narrative titled “Bartlett Public Library on the Move.” In this document, she chronicles the movement of the library over a thirty-one year period beginning in 1959. Much of what we know of the history of the library comes from this document.



Bartlett Public Library at
JBES

In 1959, the Bartlett Public Library began a series of moves that would eventually get it to its current location. The first move was out of the Congregational Church basement to the basement of the JBES. Flora Jones, Bartlett School Board member and JBES teacher suggested this as the new library location. The church was installing a new concrete floor and heating system so the library space needed to be cleared. The area in JBES where the library was to be located was originally the school woodworking shop. This area needed to be cleaned as it was full of shop dust and accumulated dirt. The first step was to get the 2,213 books out of the church basement. Since the new library space wasn’t ready yet, the books were moved with the help of the local Boy Scout troop to the steeple area of the church. When the JBES space was finally cleaned and painted, the shelves built and a heating blower installed, the books were moved again to their new location. The cost of the move and new location was covered by town appropriation, donations from organizations such as the Emblem Club, VFW Auxiliary and Melrose Hickory Hawks plus other fundraising events.

While in their new home in the school basement, the confines of this space were tested quickly forcing additional basement space to be added for the growing numbers of books in the collection. Jean’s desk was piled with books as was a shopping cart she acquired from Grant’s store. Another problem in this basement space was the heating wasn’t working well so in the winter, the temperature was routinely in the 50s and 60s. Analyzing the issue, it was discovered that the heater was wired incorrectly. Rewiring corrected the problem but not before many cold days in the library.

In 1980, the library was on the move again. The school was having a new addition added to the building plus remodeling the old portion of the school building. A plan was approved to move the library to the ground level but later the school board changed the plan and the library was back in the basement. With this 1980 move, all of the books needed to be removed (now 8,148 volumes), placed in temporary storage, reset in a temporary location on the ground floor and then moved again to the basement location after the building remodeling was completed.

Part of the remodeling of the building was to improve handicapped access to the library. continued on next page

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Bartlett Library continued ...

This new access was far from ideal, though. Getting to the library after the remodeling, required a five-step process of ramps and corridors that eventually brought you to the library doors ... in the basement.

The newly remodeled library sported an orange carpet, green doors and one purple wall (remember, this is the 1980s when shag rugs and disco balls were the rage). People were less than happy about the décor. A local artist was hired to paint a mural on a wall in the children's section of the facility. This helped improve the surroundings.

Jean complained about flooding issues in the basement because of the high-water table in Bartlett Village. While architects told her they could fix the problem, mother-nature had other plans and flooding continued at different points in time. Sometime after being reestablished in the school basement, the library was completely flooded after a huge rain storm. Attempts to dry out the facility became a disaster. The school officials attempted to "dry" the basement without moving any of the library fixtures including the books. The water was pumped out, a dehumidifier was installed, the heat was pushed up to 90 degrees and the doors were closed. The result was the humidifier iced up and stopped working and a moldy smell developed in the facility. This smell eventually infiltrated the entire school building. The only solution was to remove all the books and fixtures, remove the "beautiful" orange carpet and start all over. With the library space remodeled yet again, everything was brought back the library was restocked with the furniture and books. A couple of years later, the children's section flooded again. So, the process got underway again – remove all of the books from that section, fix the carpeting and replace the books.

In the latter years of the 1980s, the town launched another school building project. Again, the library needed to be moved, and again, the temporary space was at ground level. Now, the collection of books numbered over 10,000. In 1990, a decision was made to put the library in a new ground level space! The library was located in the front and center of the new building – exactly where it is located today. Now, there was easy school and public access, handicapped access was easy and the library was out of the flood zone.

The library has continued to grow in both the school and public collections of books and learning materials. From 2019 through 2021, the library was working through a remodeling plan that added floor space by taking over an unused classroom adjacent to the library, book shelf units were replaced and repositioned, and the facility was thoroughly cleaned and painted.

Awards and Active Reading Encouragement

In 1961, the town Annual Report notes that the books were officially cataloged. In 1964, the library was honored with the Outstanding New Hampshire Library for 1964 award. In addition to the award, a new World Book Encyclopedia was given to the library, replacing the 1889 version.

In her years as librarian, Jean was very engaged with the students at JBES. She taught student how to use the library. She also developed creative ways to encourage students to read books and enjoy other forms of learning. For example, in 1968, in an effort to encourage summer reading, the library started the "Four-Thousand-Footer Reading Club." Members received credit of 1,000 feet climbed with each book read. At the end of the summer, club members went on a hike with the library staff. Two of the most ambitious hikes were to the top of Mount Eisenhower (4,760 feet) and Mount Jackson (4,052 feet). This club lasted for fourteen years. Also in 1968, the library started a weekly film program for the ten weeks of summer vacation.

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Combined School/Public Library Model

During her career as librarian, Jean had advocated for the town to build a separate public library facility as a part of a broader focused community center. This did not occur, however. During the 1960s, the Bartlett Public Library also served as the JBES library. While not officially designated as a combined library, the model was adopted. This is a unique model that is in place in only a few locations across the country. With this combined school/public library model in place, Jean decided to explore how this model worked through the experiences of other similar libraries across the country. She sent inquiries to one hundred libraries throughout the United States asking for their experiential feedback on this model. From the sixty-four responses received, she was able to learn what worked and what didn't work in this type of library format. This helped her apply the good things and avoid the not so good things.

In 1985, the Bartlett Public Library and JBES entered into a formal agreement to be a combined facility. While combined as one facility, separate budgets for the school and public libraries were still maintained. Also, separate hours for school and public use were established. This model continues to this day. The school has a librarian for the school portion of the library while the public library area is managed by the town librarian.

Friends and Trustees of the Library

The Bartlett Public Library has two groups who help promote and manage the library—the Friends of the Bartlett Public Library and the Trustees of the Bartlett Public Library. Both groups perform unique roles for the library.

The Friends of the Bartlett Public Library is made up of local residents who volunteer their time to support the library. This formal organization holds different fundraising events for the library, conducts book review sessions and looks for ways to increase library usage while expanding educational offerings to the public.

The Trustees of the library work to support the objectives of the library. Trustees are elected town officials. The librarian meets with this board monthly to discuss any problems or concerns with the management and operation of the library as well as the future direction of the facility. Trustees who were a great support for Jean Garland included Flora Jones, Hilda Howard and Eva Grant.

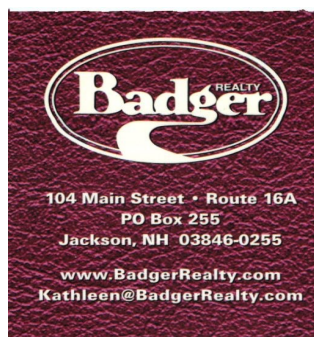
In Closing ...

After 125 years and even longer, looking back to 1802 when the idea of a social learning organization began, the Bartlett Public Library has faithfully served our community. While small in comparison to a big city library, it is a very welcoming facility for the school students and the public. In keeping with its origins as a social location for learning, the library offers many presentations by authors as well as book discussion groups. The number of volumes available has greatly increased. The remodeling over the summer of 2021 has brightened the space and made it easier to access a favorite volume. The library's continued association with the state bookmobile system means that books that are not immediately available can be accessed through the broader system. Our current librarian, Kathy Van Dursen along with her assistant, Elizabeth Kelsea, do a great job keeping the library current. Karen Arndt, the school librarian, does an equally wonderful job working with the students. The Friends of the Library and Library Trustees provide a great deal of support for this cultural asset in Bartlett. The Bartlett Public Library can be found on the internet at <https://www.bartlettpubliclibrary.org/>. With many more years of service to the town to come, we say ***Happy Anniversary*** to the Bartlett Public Library.



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2022 BHS Membership Drive

As we approach the end of 2021, our 2022 membership drive for the year calendar year January 1, 2022—December 31, 2022 is up and running. In the past six years, we have seen our membership numbers increase steadily from 70 members in 2016 to 226 as we ended the 2021 membership drive. We have enjoyed seeing many people continue to renew their memberships year after year and welcomed many new members. Along with our Individual and Patron members, we have also seen a strong level of support from our Business members. This is all great news for BHS because you, our members, help keep BHS energized and focused on our mission to be the stewards of Bartlett, Hart’s Location and Mount Washington Valley history. We thank you for your support and encourage you to continue that support.

For 2022, we have maintained the same membership dues as we have for the past few years. They are:

- ⇒ Individual/General Members \$20.00
- ⇒ Patron Members \$50.00
- ⇒ Business Members \$100.00

Your membership helps us:

- ◆ Keep our member informed and up to date on BHS activities, plans, accomplishments and ideas
- ◆ Demonstrate to foundations and other donors (with real numbers) that ours is a viable historical society worthy of their support
- ◆ Generate this newsletter four times a year
- ◆ Bring in interesting guest speakers for our quarterly presentation on historic topics
- ◆ Obtain “Bartlett artifacts” that appear online bringing them “home”, and
- ◆ Cover our society’s operating expenses (e.g. insurance, association fees, office supplies, etc.).

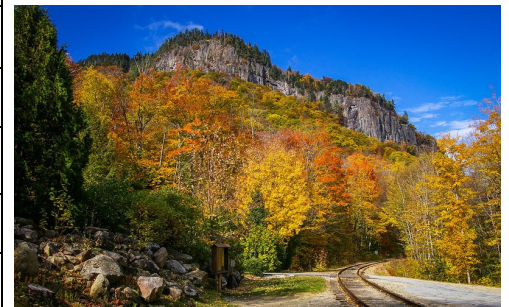
We hope that you will continue to be a part of, or join those who already are a part of this growing historical society. To those who are our current members, please consider renewing your membership now for the 2022 calendar year. For those who are receiving this newsletter and are not members, please consider joining and becoming a member of the Bartlett Historical Society. As always, we *Thank You* for your support. A 2022 Membership Form is enclosed in this newsletter. Membership form and information can also be found at: <http://bartlethistory.org/bartlethistory/join.html>.

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Frankenstein Cliff above the fall colors (Hart’s Location)