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*In this edition of The Historical Herald, we have two stories that are front page news!*

## Changes on the BHS Board of Directors for 2019

At the October 17, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Bartlett Historical Society, Director Hadley Champlin presented a slate of officers for the coming year. The most notable highlights were that Phil Franklin was nominated as our next BHS President and Norm Head (our long time President) was nominated to Phil's former role of BHS Secretary. This slate was unanimously accepted by the members present at the meeting. This is the BHS Board of Directors for 2019.

<u>President</u>	Phil Franklin	<u>Vice President</u>	Hannah Chandler
<u>Secretary</u>	Norm Head	<u>Treasurer</u>	Sue Franklin
<u>Curator</u>	Kathy Howard	<u>Director</u>	Hadley Champlin



Norm Head (left) congratulates Phil Franklin as the new President of BHS

The change in the President of the organization is something that the BHS Board has discussed over the past year. Norm felt that Phil has been working very effectively leading key objectives for BHS. Norm's closing comment at the annual meeting was, "you'll be in good hands with Phil as President." Phil is excited about taking on this new role and says that he has some pretty big shoes to fill following Norm's leadership.

The other notable change is that Sue Franklin, our Assistant Treasurer for the capital campaign, has accepted the position of BHS Treasurer. In her new role, she will be managing the BHS capital campaign and general operating accounts.

Other BHS Board members are Hannah Chandler who remains as our Vice President. Hannah will be helping with fund raising events for BHS. Kathy Howard remains as our Curator and is the BHS membership director. Hadley Champlin, is a BHS Director. She will also been assisting with fund raising.

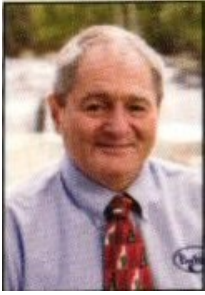
BHS has a very well rounded board of directors and we wish each of them all the best in their new roles..

## The Campaign Continues...Thank you for your Continued Support

We have a lot of campaign news for you but first, we need to extend our thanks to all of the people who continue to give to our capital campaign to renovate the St. Joseph Church building. With your generous support, we have now received \$189,600 in contributions toward our goal. One of our board members aptly summed up this campaign as being "the little engine that could" - one step at a time, steadily moving forward. Please look for more important project news on page 4. [Donors from 09/16/2018—12/31/2018](#)

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## A Message from our former BHS President



As many of you already know, the Board of Directors of the BHS has recently gone through a change in leadership roles of the society. I have served as your president for a number of years and it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the board, at its annual meeting in October nominated and the members at the annual meeting unanimously voted to elect Phil Franklin as your next president.

The BHS board has been discussing this change in leadership for a year or so and we all thought the timing was right for Phil to step into this position. Phil and his wife Sue adopted Bartlett as their “retirement” community and in the short 4+ years they have been here, Phil has immersed himself in becoming involved in various capacities in town, not the least of which is the historical society.

While his technological expertise has been a tremendous benefit to us, his love of history and his research capabilities only add to the contribution he has made to the society and we all owe him and Sue a debt of gratitude. When we were discussing a possible change in leadership, there was no question that Phil was the right person for the job and thankfully he agreed to step into the role of President.

I would like to thank the board of directors and the members for allowing me to serve as your president for these last few years and be assured I am still a member of the board and will continue to play an active role.

Now, it’s onward and upward as we continue to grow and hopefully prosper. You have a strong board working on your behalf but remember, it is YOUR society and any help you can provide would be much appreciated.

*Norm Head, President*

President BHS



### Winter Scenes

Wing plow clears the tracks of snow approaching Roger’s Crossing (left) (at Route 302 west of Attitash)

Snow roller at work in Livermore (1921) (right)



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## President's Message:



In my first letter as president of this small, growing historical society, I thought I'd tell you a bit about me. Some of you know my background but, to most, I am just a name who appears in the newsletter and who seems to do a lot for the organization.

My wife, Sue, and I have been married for 40 years. We have two grown children, both have wonderful spouses. Our son and his wife just had a daughter, Amelia, born in October 2018 and our daughter and her husband are expecting their first child in February. So we will have two beautiful grandchildren to visit us here in Bartlett with their parents.

When my wife and I moved to Bartlett from Cromwell, CT in 2014, we agreed that we wanted to "get involved" in the community. Just prior to moving here, we were introduced to Norm Head. I asked him if he wanted any help in the effort to determine the future of the St. Joseph Church building. Without hesitation, he said "Yes!, call me when you move into town." Shortly after moving in, Norm and I met and talked, we toured the church and I joined the effort to save the building and joined the Bartlett Historical Society. It was also the beginning of a strong friendship between Norm and myself. We "got involved."

Fast forward four years, today, aside from being the new President of BHS, I have been the chairman of the Bartlett Planning Board for the past three years. I am a director on the homeowners association board of the Stilling Grant Association. I've been a ballot clerk and vote counter for the elections. Finally, I've been a contributing author for the Mt. Washington Valley Vibe magazine. With all of this activity, the historical society is nearest to my heart.

In my CT life, I dedicated 30 years of volunteer time to my high school alma mater, Xavier High School, in Middletown, CT. At Xavier, among other things, I served as the president of the alumni association in two terms, completed a three year term on the school's board of directors and was a special assistant to the headmaster of the school for a number of years. I also served on the foundation board of directors for the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, CT for two years prior to moving to Bartlett.

After graduating from Providence College in 1977, I worked on the administrative staff of a small hospital in CT. Switching careers, I became a computer programmer, working for Aetna Life & Casualty for 10 years. After Aetna, I accepted a position at The Hartford in Hartford, CT where I was a Program Director. After 17 years at The Hartford, I retired in 2013. For 30 years prior to moving here, my wife and I had vacationed here in the mountains with our family and had long before decided to move here someday. We were drawn here by the beauty of the mountains. In 2014, we made Bartlett our new home town.

As I step into the role of President of BHS, I see several challenges before the organization. Foremost is the effort to save and reopen the St. Joseph Church building. Other challenges include looking for ways to engage younger people in the organization and creating more opportunities for people to volunteer for BHS. Our website needs to be brought to current website standards. We need to explore ways to expand our community based fund raising activities through new and creative events. Finally, I believe it is important that we stay connected with all of our members and non-member donors who are spread across the country. Your support is what keeps our organization going and is what we need to be successful.

I am very happy to be your new president. I extend a sincere "thank you" to Norm Head for his leadership of BHS and the mentoring he has provided me to grow into this role. Before accepting the nomination for the presidency, I asked Norm about his future with the organization. His response was simple. He said "Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere. I'll be here to support BHS." And so with that said, we turn a new page in the organization. If you have any questions or comments for me, please feel free so drop me a note at [phil@BartlettHistory.org](mailto:phil@BartlettHistory.org). I look forward to meeting all of you over time at BHS events or through discussing *your* ideas to continue to make *your* historical society the best in the country.

Sincerely,

*Phil Franklin*

President, Bartlett Historical Society

## **Capital Campaign / Museum Renovation News**

(continued from page 1)

Over the last quarter of 2018, a great deal of capital campaign and museum renovation planning occurred. We broken this update down by three main topics being, the museum building, the capital campaign and the renovation plans.

St. Joseph Church Building: BHS is making a bid to purchase the St. Joseph Church building from the Bartlett School District. While our 25 year lease on the building is still valid, we feel it will be advantageous for us own the building outright. In December and again in January, Phil Franklin presented a proposal to the Bartlett School Board to have BHS purchase the church building for a sale price of \$1.00. After two spirited discussions, the majority of the school board agreed to forward this proposal to the citizens of Bartlett at the Annual Meeting of the Bartlett School District on March 5<sup>th</sup>. A “Yes” vote from the voters will allow the historical society and school board to enter into discussions on the sale of the property to BHS.

In a separate discussion on the building, our contractor informed Phil that building material prices are going up sharply. As a result, we are relooking at our overall campaign goal and seeing it rise to \$525,000. We are not alone in feeling the impact of rising prices. Another major non-profit organization in Conway has seen their project impacted by the rising costs and has had to scale back their planned renovations for a building. While we can draw no comfort from having company in this inflation, we need to recognize that these impacts are real. The BHS Board will do everything in our power to reduce or manage costs as we get into the renovation phase of the project.

Capital Campaign: In our past two newsletters, we have made note of our filing applications for grants with different foundations. In our previous notes, we noted that foundations are under extreme pressure for grant support and that we will be in competition with many other organizations for limited funds.

With that said, we are pleased to report that the Robert and Dorothy Goldberg Charitable Foundation granted the BHS Museum Fund \$5,000 out of a request for \$10,000.

Unfortunately, our application to the Ham Foundation was rejected. We were requesting \$225,000 from this foundation. We are in the process of trying to get a reason for the rejection from the foundation.

Through our application to the state funded LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) we were offered an award of \$31,519 (out of an application for \$225,000). This award was designed to cover one half of the work to the roof. This award, however, came with a requirement that BHS sign a legally binding five year LCHIP oversight agreement. In this oversight, LCHIP officials would review all of our plans and accept or reject any proposals for building renovations based on their alignment to federal standards for historic preservation set forth by the Secretary of the Interior. Given that we are at the start of our project, accepting this award would essentially mean that LCHIP would control our project from start to finish. After a very focused discussion, the BHS Board made a tough decision to reject the LCHIP offer. Prior to making this decision, Phil Franklin consulted with people who are key to the project or advisors to the BHS Board and their feeling concurred with the decision developed by the BHS Board. It is important to note that if the LCHIP award had been more in line with our request, we were prepared to accept the award and sign the oversight agreement.

Outside of the grants, we are very pleased that members and non-member donors have continued to show their support for the project. As of December 31, 2018, individual donations have reached \$189,600. One of our board members aptly summed up this campaign as being “the little engine that could.” One step at a time, we are moving toward our campaign goal.

Renovation Plans: While reviewing our project cost estimates, we decided to break the project into phases. The phases are 1. Hazardous Materials Removal (i.e. asbestos, lead paint, mold); 2. Building Stabilization and Making the Building Weather-tight; 3. Rough Installation of all Mechanical Systems (e.g. electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.); 4. Finish Work (e.g. completion of mechanical system installations, painting, etc.) With each phase we have project costs. We feel that we can better control our costs with this approach.



## More Trivia of Bartlett's History

1873

The Bartlett Land and Lumber Company began purchasing land on Bear Mountain and Mount Tremont. By 1874, they owned 40,000 acres and during the following winter harvested 7,000,000 feet of lumber. Today, those same slopes are covered with trees.<sup>1</sup>

1901—1903 (from town reports)

\$55.19 was spent to maintain the public library.

The librarian received a salary of \$15.00.

\$32.34 was spent on books bringing the total number of volumes in the library to 531

1908—1909 (from town reports)

Jesse Nute was reimbursed \$8.00 for sheep killed by dogs.

Insurance on the Town Hall was \$13.00 for the year.

1927

The first snow plow demonstrated in Bartlett was attached to the front of a tractor. The town eventually bought a crawler tractor with a plow to clear the roads of snow. This marked the beginning of the end of the use of snow rollers in Bartlett to pack the snow on the roads for sleighs.<sup>2</sup>

1937 (from town reports)

The Intervale School was built and opened for classes. It closed in 1956 and was deeded to the town in 1963. The town still uses the building for the Town Hall.<sup>3</sup>

1,2,3—Information from Bartlett, New Hampshire ... in the valley of the Saco, Aileen M. Carroll, 1990



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### St. Joseph Church—Our Future Bartlett Historical Society Museum

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We'd enjoy talking with them.

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## Breakfast with Santa



Santa arrives in a Bartlett Fire Truck

This year, we again co-sponsored the Breakfast with Santa event on December 8<sup>th</sup> with our friends from the Bartlett Recreation Department. We had an excited group of youngsters on hand with their parents and grandparents to welcome Santa to the elementary school cafeteria. Santa arrived on a Bartlett Fire Department truck with lights flashing and the siren blaring. As he did last year, he landed his sleigh and reindeer in the snow on the top of Bear Notch. Every child had their picture taken with Santa and received a small gift from Santa. Breakfast was served by a willing group of volunteer elves. We extend a sincere thank you to the many people who helped with this event including the JBES kitchen staff, the volunteers from Bartlett Rec and BHS, Bartlett Fire Chief Pat Roberts and, of course, Santa. Proceeds from donations to the event will be split between Bartlett Rec and BHS for their BHS Museum Fund.



Santa chats with our friend Ben Howard



## Great Glen Charity Day



### Help Support BHS While Having a Fun Day in the Snow

The Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center is holding its third annual Charity Day on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Great Glen Center in Pinkham Notch (across from the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road). Here's an opportunity to enjoy the recreational facilities of the Great Glen Center and contribute to BHS. This is how it works:

Participants who donate \$25 per person or more are welcome to go snow tubing, skiing, snowshoeing, and fatbiking for free on our trails, as well as enjoy a catered lunch from the Glen View Café. Those who donate \$50 per person or more are welcome to take a ride on Snow Coach up the Mt. Washington Auto Road to 4200' (limited to the first 32 who register). When you register for the event, all you need to do is designate **Bartlett Historical Society** as your non-profit charity and BHS received 100% of the money you donate.

We had a table at their 2018 event, met a number of interesting people and received some donations from the event. Please see the Great Glen Trails Center flier that we've inserted into this newsletter. We hope you take advantage of this special offer and have some fun in the snow while supporting BHS.

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## 2018 Presentation Recap

### **Ghosts and Haunted Houses**

On August 17, 2018, Kelly Rogers of Luna Paranormal Investigations gave us an interesting look into the world of ghosts and paranormal happenings. Kelly brought several instruments that she uses in her paranormal investigation work and played some rather spooky audio tapes of ghosts that she has encountered. So how does this relate to the history of Bartlett? We have several buildings in the area with resident ghosts (we checked St. Joseph Church—all clear!). It was very interesting to hear how these ghosts are detected and, in fact, engaged in communication. Thank you to Kelly for enlightening us just before Halloween.



Kelly Rogers (left) with her assistant demonstrating some of their instruments.

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## Our First Presentation of 2019

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 The History of Railroading in the Mount Washington Valley with Dwight Smith**



Dwight was the founder of the Conway Scenic Railroad and has an extensive background in railroad operations here in the White Mountains. He will talk about railroading, its heydays and its decline. It's likely we'll also hear about the Conway Scenic Railroad. Please join us for this interesting presentation.

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## 2019 Presentation Line-up

### **We're sorry but we've CANCELLED "Recollections of Bartlett Volume III"**

Unfortunately, we could not assemble a panel of our local historians so we've cancelled this event for 2019. Instead, we are having an evening of railroad history with Dwight Smith on January 16.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*

### **April 10: "Discovering New England Stone Walls" with Kevin Gardner**

Kevin is a noted NH stone wall builder and author ("The Granite Kiss"). He will enlighten us in the art of building dry stone walls while he actually works on a small scale wall right in the presentation.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*

### **June 12: "Broadcasting from Atop the Rock Pile" with Marty Engstrom**

Marty was a local broadcaster who entertained audiences from the top of Mount Washington. Listen to his stories of broadcasting from the highest point in the northeast with the worst weather in the world.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*


### **October 10: "An Updated Look at the History of the CCC Camps" with Dave Govatski**

Dave has presented to our BHS audience before on the topic of CCC camps in the area but he has a newly updated program on the topic. Join us to learn what's new on the topic of the CCC camps.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*

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## **George Howard – A Man Dedicated to his Hometown and Country**

By Phil Franklin

George Howard grew up on his family's farm in the Glen section of Bartlett but has traveled the world in service to our country as a member of the United States Air Force. Today, he makes his home on family property in Jackson but his roots are still back in Glen. George was born on July 30, 1935. His father was George Linus Howard, Jr and his mother was Donalda Howard. Norm Head and I sat with George in the living room of his Jackson home that he shares with his partner Elois Sullivan.

We started our conversation with George telling us of his days as a young boy, palling around with his "best buds" Freddie Taylor (Paul Taylor's brother) and George Abbott. Freddie lived across the George family farm field on Route 302 and George lived in the Goodrich Falls section of town so to meet they traversed through the woods over what is now the Glen Ledge area in town. George told us that he enjoyed working on the family farm adding that there was always something to do. He also let us know that even though he did his share of work around the farm, his parents never forced him to work on the farm. This speaks to the solid work ethic that George developed as he grew up and carries with him today. When not working on the farm, he was off with his friends exploring the surrounding area. He said with a smile that they were "outstanding citizens." He told one story where, one winter day, he and a couple of friends knew where there were bee hives and were interested in getting some honey. They made their way to the hives through the snow and got their honey. So as not to get caught, they walked backwards in their same snow footprints thinking that would cover up their trail. Unfortunately for them, their footprint scheme didn't work and they were caught. When I suggested that there was a bit of mischief in him, he laughed and we moved on.

George reflected on growing up in Glen saying that there was a sense of "community" in that area that is, in many ways, lost today. Referencing comments made by one of our panelists in our Recollections of Bartlett presentation event in 2017, he said that growing up in Glen was a great experience. Everyone knew each other, everyone watched out for each other and it was a safe place for kids to go off and play without worry about bad things happening. As we talked about this community, he mentioned that his uncle lived in a house that was located where the parking lot of the Glen Junction Restaurant is now located; he mentioned the Illsley family who lived adjacent to George's family up the hill on the main road (because their children were all girls) and a couple of other friends and neighbors, Bucky Roberts and Eddie Grant. George also added that they kept within their Glen community and, with one exception, never traveled up to Bartlett Village until they were enrolled in high school.

Talking about the family farm, George told us that it was a large farm with two ponies on both sides of a section of what is now Route 302 just west of Patch's Market. He said the family added to their farm when they bought the Stillings lot located in the same area. The Howard farm had beef cattle, some milking cows, pigs and fields for growing hay and silage. They worked their hay fields with Earl and Harry Rogers. The family sold beef using a freezer plant in North Conway to store the meat. There were chickens on the farm at one time but because of allergy problems with a family member, the chicken coops and chicks were removed. It was on the farm that George, like most young boys with families owning farms, learned how to drive a tractor and car before he was 16 years old. George said the tractor was an old crank-to-start Allis-Chalmers machine. Today, George and his sister, Diana, still own portions of the farm land on both sides of Route 302. A 50 acre parcel, known as the Pasture Lot, is included in their land holdings.

We asked George about his most memorable event that occurred in Glen while he was growing up. Taking a minute to think about it, he said that there was a large sawmill across the tracks and near the Glen railroad station (the Red Parka Pub would be a good landmark today for the start of the road heading to the mill). The mill was owned by a man known as Mr. Harmon. He sourced logs for his mill from local loggers. George said that one night, the mill caught on fire and burned to the ground. While the cause of the fire is not known, we know that the mill was not rebuilt.

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George Howard interview continued ...

We talked about George's life. His nickname was "Brud." He thought that the nickname came about because his sister could not say "brother" when she was young, so, he became "Brud" and that name stuck for years and is still used today by his friends. He first attended school at the Intervale School (currently the Bartlett Town Hall) and his first teacher was Flossie Giles. It was a two room school house with four grades taught in each room. Other high school teachers that George mentioned were Bertha James and Ray Walker but he added that he didn't have a favorite teacher. During grade school in Intervale, at recess or at lunch, the kids played baseball in the back of the school (where the town garage is located today) or they wandered into the woods behind the school.

George's father was a local school bus driver so he sometimes got up early to ride the bus with his dad. The first run was to pick up the high school students going to Bartlett High School (as a point of information, Bartlett High School closed in 1958 and from then on, Bartlett high school students have gone to Kennett High School in North Conway). Traveling to the high school on the school bus was the only time he would venture to Bartlett Village before going to high school there himself.

George attended Bartlett High School, graduating in 1953 with a graduating class of seven students. In high school, he played baseball and basketball for the school team. George was also on the ski team and had fond memories of skiing at the Intervale Ski Area in the Intervale section of Bartlett and of its owner, Dick Stimpson. That ski area has been closed and reforested for several years now but the old ski lodge is now the home of Dick's son, Rich, and his wife, Pam. George said that he went through high school with his good friends Bob Sullivan and George Carroll. Along the way, he made friends with the other kids from the Village in his high school years.

George was attending school during the 1940's and early 1950's as our nation was involved in WWII and the Korean War. Asking George about what it was like for him during those war years, he said he remembered two things, rationing and air raid drills. Being on the farm and with his father driving the school bus, gasoline was limited but gas rationing was not as big of an impact on the Howard family as it was for others. Still, other things were rationed to support the effort in WWII such as food and, especially coffee. In the WWII timeframe, air raid drills were routine as were evening black out (no lights on) requirements. George didn't recall the procedure to be followed in school for the air raid drills.

George said that one of his uncles, Ray King, (his mother's brother) was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 but he was unharmed in the Japanese attack. His uncle would go on to fight in the war and returned home to live a long life. His mother spent time writing letters to two local boys who enlisted in WWII. They were Buddy Garland and Norman Joyce.

Following graduation from high school, George went on to the University of New Hampshire to study Agricultural Engineering. He told us that his father and a teacher, John Gagnon, influenced his decision to go to UNH. Initially, he wasn't sure of the direction of study he wanted to follow but then became interested in the engineering field. The Agricultural Engineering field of study included classes in mechanical, civil and electrical engineering. While at UNH, he was required to enroll in the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corp)

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George Howard Interview continued ...

program for the first two years of college and stayed with the program for four years, being paid for his service in the last two years of ROTC. It was there that he was introduced to flying airplanes in the Flight Indoctrination Program. His first solo flight was in a Piper Cub airplane. He told us that on one of his flights, he took off from a grass field in Rochester, NH. He landed at the White Mountain Conway Airport (it is now the Settler's Green shopping plaza). His log book was signed by Wylie Apte, the owners of the airport and fellow pilot and he was then back on his way to Rochester. George enjoyed flying and would soon continue flying post-college for the Air Force.

While in college, George was married to his wife, Tish Greenwood. They were married at St. Joseph Church in Bartlett in 1955. They lived in a one room apartment / house on the UNH campus until graduation.

Following college, George took an engineering position with the Allis-Chalmers company in Milwaukee, WI. He was in their training program that had him working in every department of the company to give him a full working knowledge of the manufacturing operation. While going through this training program, he was activated as a reserve to complete his military commitment that started with the ROTC program. In 1958, George left Allis-Chalmers and went into the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. Reporting to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, he completed his basic training and began his five year hitch in the military. He admitted that ROTC had been a help because it gave him a grounding in taking and carrying out orders as well as military discipline. George said that he came into the Air Force already knowing how to "work" because he had developed a strong work ethic as a basic value growing up on his family farm. Following his time in Lackland, George was stationed in Bainbridge, GA. There he trained to become an aviator starting with T-34 propeller driven planes and moving up to the T-33 jets. After his five year commitment was completed, George was integrated into the regular Air Force and so began his career as an Air Force officer and fighter pilot.

George's military career took him and his family all over the world. He flew missions in the Viet Nam War; he was stationed in Germany and flew along the dividing line between the western countries and the Soviet bloc countries. He said he used visual navigation on low level flights to stay on the western side of the Iron Curtain. He was stationed in several bases in the states but his favorite base was in Idaho because of the beautiful country along with the fishing and skiing. While overseas, he once met Bert George on a stopover in Okinawa – a completely chance meeting of two Bartlett men. (Bert was a career Air Force officer who retired as a Lieutenant Colonel who settled back in Bartlett with his wife, Greta). George (Howard) retired from the Air Force in 1988 after 30 years of service at the rank of Colonel.

While in the Air Force, the Howard's raised a family of five children. They are Lori, now living in Florida; Steve, who also lives in Florida; Jim, who unfortunately died from ALS in 2006; Mike, who now lives in Las Vegas; and Carol, who also makes her home in Florida. The Howard children traveled to bases all over the world, went to school in Bartlett when George was based in England and were taught at Department of Defense Dependent Schools in several other base locations.

After leaving the Air Force, George returned home with a new appreciation for Glen and the family farm. George became the Chairman of the 1990 Bartlett Bicentennial Celebration with Norman Head as the Vice-Chair. Being in this interview with both of them, they commented that the multi-day event was great for the whole town. In organizing the event, George decided that meetings would be held at different locations in town to get everyone involved in the planning. He said that the late Richard Jones was a tremendous help with the event. During the bicentennial parade, somehow, there was a low level fly-by of Air Force jets (George denies any part in the arrangements for that happening and Norm told him that the statute of limitations had expired so he was safe). The Conway Scenic Railroad brought a train up to Bartlett for the event and special commemorative license plates were auctioned off at a town meeting to remember the event (the first 100 were numbered plates). To this day, people around town who were a part of that celebration still talk about it.

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In 2008, George built a new home on a plot of land in Jackson that belonged to his grandfather. This tract is part of a larger parcel that was split in half and noted on an 1831 map as “Lot 8” in Jackson. George’s father was born on this land, in a house that no longer exists. The land was originally bought in 1890 so there is a lot of history on this property for George’s family.

As our conversation came to an end, George talked fondly about his days palling around with his friends in Glen, hunting for deer, rabbits and partridges. He enjoyed fishing the most, however. Casting a line into the local rivers and brooks was a favorite past time. We asked him what he missed the most of his days as a youth. He simply said he misses the village and community atmosphere of his neighborhood, the respect for elders that has been lost today, and the basics of the family structure. Strong community and the family unit were things that George mentioned often as we talked. Another thing that we saw in George was his strong sense of history and respect for the past. Finally, George brought out a brief case and pulled from it a worn folder nearly 2” thick that he told us that the folder contained the flight reports for all of his flights from the first to the last – recording 30 years of flying and 6,000 hours of flight time. His sense of and respect for his country and the military is summed up by a sticker on the outside of the case – “*Jet Noise – The Sound of Freedom.*”

This was another great conversation with a person from Bartlett who shared their life story with us. We extend our most sincere thanks to George for spending a couple of fast moving hours with Norm and me. As we left his house, George shook our hands with his strong grip and waved good-bye from his front porch.

## Remembering a Lost Hotel—from 30 Years Ago

On March 7, 1989, the Bartlett Hotel was destroyed by a fire. The 30th anniversary of this fire coming on March 7, 2019. This hotel was located on the corner of River Street and Route 302. The Bartlett Hotel was the third hotel to be built on this site. The Bartlett Hotel was previously known as The Howard (built by G. K. Howard in 1910). The Howard was built on the site of the Cave Mountain House which burned on May 1, 1905. Today, this location is a town park where summer concerts are held every Wednesday evening in August (sponsored by Bartlett Rec) and a large piece of Sawyer Rock is displayed.



The Howard (undated image)

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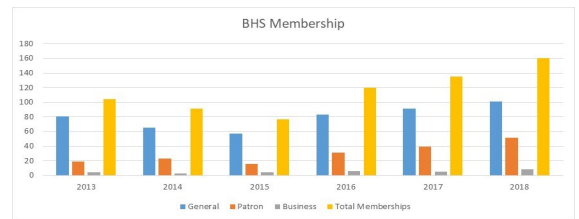
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## 2019 Bartlett Historical Membership Drive

Welcome to 2019! Our Bartlett Historical Society 2019 membership drive is well underway for the year calendar year January 1, 2019—December 31, 2019. Looking back at the past few years, the number of members of the Bartlett Historical Society has been on the rise with our most recent numbers showing a 18% increase in membership from 2017 to 2018. So far, in the 2019 membership drive, 71 people have renewed their memberships and 22 people have joined BHS with new memberships. This is a very positive statement that people are making about their concern for and interest in the history of Bartlett. Thank you to all who have taken a membership with us.

If you have not renewed your membership or are considering becoming a BHS member, please take a moment to complete and sent us your membership form and dues. For 2019, we have maintained the same membership dues as we have for the past few years. They are:

- ◇ Individual Members \$20.00
- ◇ Patron Members \$50.00
- ◇ Business Members \$100.00



Your membership helps us:

- 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
- Allows us to obtain “Bartlett artifacts” that appear online bringing them “home”, and
- Helps us cover our society’s operating expenses (e.g. insurance, association fees, office supplies, etc.).

Your membership should also give you the satisfaction of being a part of a non-profit organization that is focused on preserving and protecting the history of Bartlett, NH plus providing educational opportunities for people to learn more about Bartlett. When we get into our museum, we plan to be able to display the history for all to enjoy and expand our educational offerings.

To those who are our current members, please consider renewing your membership now for the 2019 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.

Membership form and information can be found at :<http://bartletthistory.org/bartletthistory/join.html>.

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