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

We start each newsletter with our expression of thanks to all of those who have contributed to our campaign to raise the funds to open our Bartlett history museum. This newsletter is no exception – Thank You – for all of your support for this project. Our effort to save the St. Joseph Church building is an important community project. This building was once a place of worship for people from Bartlett and surrounding towns. As a museum, the building will once again be a gathering point for people to experience the history of Bartlett in a place that is, itself, a piece of Bartlett history.



A Former Church on its way to being a Museum: We've turned a corner in our quest to open our history museum with the Zoning Board of Adjustments giving their approval to use the former St. Joseph Church building as a museum. This was a major step in our mission to open our Bartlett history museum.

Saving the Character of the Church in the Museum: As we prepared for the onset of contractors in the building, we needed to remove several important religious artifacts from the former church. These artifacts will be cleaned for placement in the museum. The pieces we saved include the original altar, a beautiful cabinet from the sacristy, the original interior doors, and several smaller artifacts found in the basement. We have also protected the stained glass windows in the building.



General Contractor Engaged: To manage the overall renovation effort, we have engaged William C. Duggan Builder, Inc. as our General Contractor for the project. Bill Duggan is a very well respected Bartlett contractor who has over 30 years of experience in the building trades. Known for his attention to detail and high quality results, we are very pleased to have his expertise on this project.

Project Phases and Renovation Underway: We have divided the renovation project into two major phases – Phase 1: Save the Building; Phase 2: Complete the Renovation. Our property survey was completed by Burke York of York Land Services from Berlin, NH as a gift in kind. Our thanks to Burke for his generosity. Starting Phase 1, we have engaged Acadia Contractors from Turner, ME to remove all of the hazardous materials from the building. When their work is completed, we will start repairing and strengthening the building's frame. With winter approaching, we will not have time to replace the roof before snowfall. Temporary measures with roof tarping and the use of turnbuckle collar ties will be taken to get the building through the winter. In the spring, we will install a new roof, completing Phase 1 of the project. Continued work depends on our ability to raise the funding for Phase 2. If we can raise the Phase 2 funds, we will keep on working and set a 2020 target for opening the museum.

Campaign Fund Raising Status: Our fund raising efforts slowed some over the summer. We have raised about \$210,000 with roughly \$16,000 in expenses leaving us \$194,000 cash in hand. We are reenergizing our fund raising efforts by exploring grant opportunities as well as asking individuals and businesses to donate to our project. If you would like to talk more about our museum project or know of someone who is interested in supporting historic preservation projects, please have them contact Phil Franklin (Phil@BartlettHistory.org) or Norm Head (normiejo@gmail.com). We always enjoy talking about this important BHS and community project.

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President's Message:



Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of another autumn in the White Mountains. The leaves are changing color and the mountain sides are looking like a painter's pallet with splashes of color all about. It's a beautiful sight for all to behold.

Our past three months at BHS have been very exciting. Here's some museum highlights:

- In August, the Bartlett Zoning Board of Adjustment granted BHS permission to use the St. Joseph Church building as a "museum"
- The ZBA decision came on the heels of a decision by the Bartlett Planning Board approving the boundary lines for the museum property
- Burke York of York Land Services in Berlin, NH completed our property survey as a gift in kind
- We are very close to reaching an agreement with the Bartlett School Board on the purchase of the church building and property with an eye on an October closing
- We cleared all of the valuable artifacts from the church building in preparation for work to start on the removal of the hazardous materials from the premises
- Finally, we have engaged a contractor to remove all the hazardous materials from the building.

With the zoning decision behind us, we are now reenergizing our fund raising effort for the museum project. To restart this effort, in August, we held another successful Giant Yard Sale, raising about \$4,000 in one weekend. In September, we were the sponsored non-profit at a Flatbreads Restaurant Benefit Night. We have another great Dine-to-Donate evening at Joseph's Spaghetti Shed scheduled for November 18.

Adding to our museum campaign efforts, we are exploring grant opportunities and encouraging individuals and businesses to contribute to the effort as well. I can't emphasize enough the importance of completing this renovation project. By saving this important piece of Bartlett's history, we are reopening the building as a museum so everyone can experience Bartlett's history. If you would like to talk with us about how you can actively be a part of this exciting project, please contact me (phil@BartlettHistory.org). If you know of someone who is interested in supporting historic preservation efforts, please introduce me to them so we can talk about this project. Our donation form is at <http://bartlethistory.org/Museum%20Donor%20Form%20v3.pdf>

On the daily operations side of BHS, we have a couple of exciting efforts underway.

- We are restarting our Bartlett History Project with the 8th grade students at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School, this year as a full school year program
- We have opened a strong focus on railroad history in Bartlett. Scotty Mallett, a Bartlett native and railroad enthusiast, volunteered to lead this effort.

As we close the 2019 year, we are starting our 2020 BHS Membership Drive. Over the past few years, our membership has grown from about 75 to 196 in 2019. Last year alone 21 new members join BHS. We look forward to receiving your membership renewal. For those who are not yet members, please consider joining this historical society as we enter our 14th year as an organization focused on Bartlett's history.

Finally, I want to again thank everyone for their support of this organization. We are a growing organization and able to continue to do more for our community because we have the support of so many people near and far. When we say this is YOUR historical society, we mean it. Whether you live in town or out of town, your support helps us keep driving forward and your input is welcome. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

President, Bartlett Historical Society

**Bartlett Historical
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**Annual Meeting
Reminder**

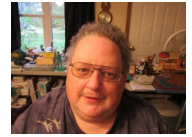
On *Thursday, October 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Elementary School Cafeteria, BHS will hold its Annual Meeting* prior to the last 2019 quarterly presentation. We will elect BHS Board of Director officers for the coming year, have a brief review of the past year's activities and a look forward to 2020. Please join us for this meeting and presentation.

Introducing the New BHS Railroad Committee



The introduction of the railroads in and through town in the 1860's really helped "put Bartlett on the map." Trains hauling freight and passenger to and through Bartlett were a regular part of daily activity. The grand era of rail travel in Bartlett came to an end in 1958 when the last passenger train rolled through town. Today, the tracks are used by the Conway Scenic Railroad.

Scotty Mallett, a long time railroad enthusiast and Bartlett resident, has volunteered his services as the BHS railroad historian. With a long family history in railroads and his own interest in railroading starting at age 10, Scotty brings some much needed expertise in this field to the historical society. He has worked for 14 seasons with the Conway Scenic Railroad. For several years, Scotty led the charge to restore the Bartlett roundhouse as the founder of the Roundhouse Society. Scotty's efforts are a welcome expansion BHS activities.



Scotty Mallett

If you would like to assist Scotty in his research or if you have documentation or artifacts on Bartlett railroading that you would like to donate or offer via copy, please contact Scotty. Also, if you or a member of your family have background in Bartlett railroading and would like to share your history in an interview, we would greatly appreciate your support. Oral histories often provide fascinating information. We will display information on our railroad history when our museum is opened. Scotty can be reached at scottymallett@gmail.com. We'll have more information on this exciting venture in future newsletters.

8th Grade Bartlett History Project and the "Bartlett History Award"

After a very successful first year working with the 8th grade teachers at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School, we are embarking on our second year of the Bartlett History Project. In the new school year, the faculty would like to expand the program to cover the full school year.



How can you help in this project? The faculty have asked BHS to provide some mentors for students who are working on their history assignments. The mentors will meet periodically with students and help them with their projects. The faculty also asked if we can provide more people to interview on topics of Bartlett history. Last year, students who were able to interview local historians did better in their assignments.

If you would be interested in mentoring a student or two and/or being someone to be interviewed on topics of which you are familiar, please contact Phil Franklin at phil@BartlettHistory.org or Hadley Champlin at champlinj7@gmail.com. We'll keep you up to date on this program as the school year progresses.

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Final 2019 Presentation

Thursday, 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.

This presentation will coincide with our Annual Bartlett Historical Society meeting.

Announcing our 2020 Quarterly Presentation Lineup!

Wednesday, January 15: “A History of the NH Presidential Primary” by John Gfoerer

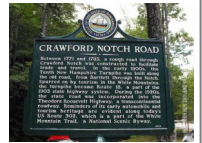
This program presents a brief history of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, from its origins during the Progressive era of the early twentieth century, through its evolution to the most important step toward being elected President of the United States. Just in time for our primary day!

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

Wednesday, April 15: “The Story of NH’s Road Markers” with Michael Bruno

Throughout our state, including right here in Bartlett, there are green markers with white lettering noting historic sites along our roadsides. John will give us the background on these markers and enlighten us with some of the more unusual ones.

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



Wednesday, June 17: “The Role of the US Forest Service in the White Mountains” with Clare Long

We are surrounded by national forest land and we see the US Forest Service vehicles and staff through out the area. Clare will talk about the role of the Forest Service in our community and national forest.

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

October 2020 (date TBD): “A Century of Railroading in Crawford Notch” with Ben English

From the 1860’s to the late 1950’s, the railroads played a major role in the growth and vitality of the area. Ben, a railroad historian and BHS member, will tell us about the rise and fall of the railroads in our area.

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

All of our programs are open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to help cover the costs of each presentation.


What are your ideas for presentations?

Every year, BHS sponsors four presentations on topics of local and regional history. We are very pleased with the attendance at these events as it ranges from 50—70 people on a regular basis. Our topic selection process is fairly simple. We look at the NH Humanities catalog to see if there are interesting programs there and we get ideas from our own travels across the area.



If you have a presentation topic that you’d like to see us sponsor, please let us know and we’ll see what we can arrange. Drop a note to BartlettHistoryNH.org or Phil Franklin at Phil@BartlettHistory.org.

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David Shedd

A Renaissance Man in the Community

by Phil Franklin

David Adolphus Shedd is one of Bartlett's most well respected, personable, quiet and resourceful residents. In a September 2, 2019 conversation with David, he related a story of his life but prefaced that story with the background of his ancestors. That ancestry includes people in the medical field, a world explorer, an engineer and farmers. David's story is one of a very hard working, intelligent person who feels the spirits of his ancestors within him and lives with a strong sense of community in his heart.

David was born on December 12, 1951 in Boulder, CO. This may surprise many who know David as a "Bartlett guy." His father was studying engineering in Boulder when David was born. Growing up, his family traveled back to the Mount Washington Valley area to visit with his grandparents so he was no stranger to the area. David attended grade school in Brookline, NH in a two-room school house. His junior high school years were spent in Nashua, NH. He attended high school in a town just outside of Seattle, WA where his formal education ended. After some post high school travels and working in the western forests, at the age of 22 years old, David came to Bartlett and has called Bartlett home for the past 46 years.

Family Heritage

As we mentioned at the outset of this story, David is very proud of his family ancestry. He opened our conversation with a description of some key figures in his family tree. These are people who most influenced David in his life.

Dr. George Horsley Shedd: Dr. George Horsley Shedd is David's great grandfather. This Dr. Shedd (there are more to come) received his medical degree in June 1879 from the Medical School of Maine. According to an article on the Bartlett Historical Society website, Dr. Shedd did post-graduate studies in New York and Philadelphia. Dr. Shedd along with his brother, Dr. John Z. Shedd, first conceived of the idea for a medical clinic for the growing greater Conway community. Hearing of this, Mrs. Helen Bigelow Merriman, the original and main benefactor for the Memorial Hospital in North Conway, in 1904, asked Dr. George Shedd to travel through Europe on a fact finding mission to see how hospitals were run. In Europe, he attended at many different hospitals across the continent. He brought back a wealth of information for the new hospital. Dr. Shedd, according to a November 3, 2011 article in the Conway Daily Sun, purchased a house on Kearsarge Street (more recently known as the former Wooden Soldier store) to open their medical clinic. This house would become known as the "Yellow House" simply because of its color and would remain in the Shedd family for years. Through Mrs. Merriman's intervention, the clinic at the Yellow House was not opened but in 1911, the Memorial Hospital, with guidance from Dr. George Shedd was opened. Dr. Shedd died in 1918 likely from influenza that was epidemic at the time.

Dr. George Harold Shedd: Dr. George Harold Shedd, or more well known as "Dr. Harold" or Dr. Harold Shedd, David's grandfather, was born in Bartlett in 1882 in a house known as the Meade House, directly across from the Bartlett Elementary School (that house eventually burned but was replaced by another). After attending Harvard University in 1910, he spent several years practicing medicine in Boston and New York before returning to the North Country to practice medicine with his father, Dr. George Horsley Shedd. Dr. Harold Shedd was a very accomplished physician becoming the Chief of Staff at Memorial Hospital. He became the foremost expert in the treatment of ski and woodsmen injuries. With his patients being mostly of agricultural and forest industry backgrounds, Dr. Shedd was always looking to put his patients at ease. He did little things such as using a rope tied in a square knot for a belt on his pants, the same as many of his patients. David also said that Dr. Shedd always kept close to his own agricultural roots by raising cows. The cows were housed in a barn by the Yellow House in North Conway village until 1963. They were grazed on land by the Saco River and herded up to a wooded area across from the hospital that is known today as "Shedd Woods." In 1924, Dr. Shedd married Gertrude Greely, the daughter of Adolphus Greely, the

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famous arctic explorer. Dr. and Mrs. Shedd had one son, David's father. Dr. Shedd died in 1964 at the age of 82 in the home of a patient on Kearsarge Street in North Conway after climbing over a snow bank to reach the house for a sick call. While it's been 55 years since he died, many of the older people in town still speak fondly of Dr. Shedd. They remark that Dr. Shedd was the doctor who attended to their birth or that he took care of them when they were injured or seriously ill. David recalled that his grandfather played an important role in his life even though he died when David was only 13 years old.



Dr. Harold Shedd

Gertrude Greely Shedd: Gertrude Shedd was David's grandmother. She was born in 1891. David said that she was raised in Washington, D.C and even attended kindergarten at the White House. While married to Dr. Shedd, she lived in the Yellow House in North Conway. David expressed great affection for his grandmother. She is the reason that he came back to the area from his life on the west coast of the United States.

Adolphus Washington Greely: Adolphus Greely was another of David's great grandfathers. Greely is famed for leading an expedition into the Arctic as a part of the International Polar Year in 1881 where many countries launched coordinated efforts to explore the northern Polar Regions. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1935 for his service to the nation. Greely was also the grandson of Bartlett's Samuel Cobb whose farm was on Cobb Farm Road in town. Greely spent time living on the Cobb farm as a youth. David proudly pointed out that his middle name is in honor of his great grandfather, Adolphus Greely.



Adolphus Greely, 1884

After High School and Returning to the White Mountains

After completing high school in Washington State, David secured a job in the forestry industry. He started as a Tally Man for a logging operation. He, along with a forester, would hike into the woods and map all of the tree species in one mile square areas that were to be cut for timber. His job was to record not only the species but the expected amount of timber that that square mile would yield when cut.

Following this experience, David left home and started heading for Texas but never quite made it. His travels would eventually find him hitchhiking in Minnesota where a man stopped to offer him a ride. That person was headed to Alaska. David agreed to help with the driving and three days later, he was in Fort Greely, AK. Ironically, a town that was named after his great grandfather, Adolphus Greely. There, David found a rundown 10' x 12' abandoned cabin on an embankment overlooking a river. He repaired the cabin, devised a method to get food and water from the river as well as fire wood from its banks and lived a life of solitude for a while. After leaving his Alaskan cabin, he returned to the Olympic peninsula of Washington State.

Back in Washington, David build a small house on a cliff overlooking the ocean just south of the Makah

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Indian Reservation (the northwestern most point in the continental United States). David said he would stay at this house for two to three weeks at a time. The longest time he went without seeing a person was 21 days.

At the age of 22 years old, David said he “felt” the calling of his grandmother, Gertrude, in North Conway. His connection to her was strong. Deciding it was time to move on from Washington, David took an illegal ride on a freight train from Seattle to Chicago. He said that he climbed into an empty coal carrier train car, nestled himself into the bottom of the car where no one could see him and then rode the rails eastward. He commented that while riding in the empty coal car, he hoped that the large steel gate on which he was riding didn’t open accidentally. This was not the first time David boarded a freight train without a ticket!

Back in North Conway, David again got involved in the forest industry, cutting trees for a logging company in Tamworth. He also reconnected with his grandmother, Gertrude. He recalled going out to dinner with her and her friends. At these occasions, he said he saw his grandmother, then in her 80’s, as other people saw her, a kind and gentle person. Initially David lived in the Yellow House with his grandmother but soon an opportunity arose for David to own his great grandfather’s house on the East Branch River in Bartlett. This house, built in 1860 by the Pittman family was acquired by Dr. George Horsley Shedd. He renovated the house but died before moving into it. The house ended up in the ownership of David’s father. It had been unoccupied since 1918 when Dr. George Shedd died. His father was preparing to sell the house and property in the early 1970’s. Just before his father sold the house, David asked his father if he could purchase the house. His father agreed and David obtained financing with the help of the late Chet Lucy. David enjoyed living in his house overlooking the East Branch River as he could hear the sound of the river and see the geology of the land as it was revealed in the layers of the earth banks. He was able to get a sense of what it was like hundreds of year ago as he looked out at the surrounding untouched forest.

Over the years, David has become known for his skill when working with his hands. As a timber cutter, he bought a 2,000 pound work horse to help pull logs from the woods to a landing area. David remarked that he liked to work in the forest in the winter because it was easier on the horse and him as the logs slid over the snow with little effort needed.

After the horse died, David acquired two oxen. He used them in his tree cutting work and in a more unusual way. As moose hunting season opened, David would let the hunters in the area know that he would be camping with his oxen at a certain trail head. When a hunter shot a moose, they had the very difficult task of field dressing the moose and carrying hundreds of pounds of meat out of the forest or they could hire David and his oxen to drag the moose from where it lay out to the hunter. He did this for about 10 years.

David worked for many years at Notchland Inn in Hart’s Location. He worked for the owners, Pat and John Bernardin, who reopened the inn in 1985. From about 1990 to 2000, he rebuilt the wooden dormers on this historic granite building, rebuilt the inn’s School House converting it into guest rooms and built their Carriage House. He sawed much of the wood he needed for the Notchland projects from his own wood lot. David also lined the pond behind the inn with a ring of granite stone. This was done to prevent the pond sides from collapsing inward. David even entertained inn guests, including, ironically my wife and I, as we discovered in our conversation, driving a sleigh pulled by the Barnardin’s two Belgian draft horses, Barney and Dolly.

David really enjoys rebuilding old barns. Working on several barns in the area, he said that, at times, he thought he liked the barns he was rebuilding more than the owners liked them. David recalled that his “best” project was working at Tin Mountain Conservation Center. In 2010, he stated working there rebuilding their barn. As this project was completed, he was approached with the offer to have him build their nature center. Knowing this project was well beyond his capabilities, he teamed up with 10 – 12 other craftsmen and figured out how to build the new center by using the best of each of their skills.

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Once again, David was cutting the trees to make the large beams for the 30+ foot span of the building. David also built the Nature Center's giant granite fireplace. To obtain the granite, David picked through piles of discarded granite rocks from over 100 years ago when local stone cutters were making cobble stones pavers for city streets. He picked over about 60,000 pounds of granite to find the stone needed for the fireplace.



Tin Mountain
Conservation Center—
Nature Center

David paused in our conversation to reflect and said that he has learned by doing all of his life. He enjoys working with wood. He said he has a feeling for the trees that he harvests and actually leans on them before cutting them to get a sense of their direction for falling. He has learned other trades by “doing” them but he said he is not comfortable with electrical work. He added if you make a mistake in plumbing, you can see the leak but you can't see electricity so he shies away from it.

David was a driving force in the Bartlett Historical Society's effort to rebuild the snow roller that is now our symbol and displayed in the water precinct park on the corner of Route 302 and Albany Avenue. David cut all of the oak boards from wood that he harvested. Working with a crew from the historical society, he helped determine how to rebuild the roller, a task not easily accomplished as there were no blueprints. His common sense techniques put us going on the right path to reconstruct the roller. David also built the gazebo in the town park on the corner of Route 302 and River Street, opposite the site of the snow roller.

These days, David lives in a small house farther up the East Branch River that was built for his mother. He still carries his water daily but the house does have electricity. He said that he is working with his brother to build a large addition to the house. He hopes that with the additional room and floors, they will be creating space to bring the family back together where today, they are scattered about. For this project, he is harvesting logs that are from trees that were dragged down the East Branch River by storm waters. As the logs accumulate on an island by his house, he winches them to shore and mills them – recycling and respecting the trees provided by nature.

Civic Life

David has always felt a need and desire to be an active part of the Bartlett community. Beginning in the 1980's, David first engaged in civic affairs on the town's Conservation Commission. He served two terms on that commission. Looking back on that experience, he noted that the highlight of his engagement was when a community effort was held to renovate an old house on town owned property on the south side of the Rocky Branch River. Working together with David L. Patch (now a member of the Bartlett Planning Board and a Commissioner of the NH Fish and Game Department), they had about 100 people from the community join in a weekend of work to restore the building and property.

David played a couple of roles in our town's 1990 bicentennial celebration. He gave a demonstration of how to build a timber frame house. He dressed as Enoch Emery, the first resident of Bartlett in the 1770's, in the celebration's parade. David has a tremendous sense of history and knowledge of the town's past.

Following his work with the Conservation Commission, David served as a member of the Bartlett School Board in the early 1990's. He would eventually leave this position because his (then) wife took a faculty position at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School. He said that being on the board with his wife working as a teacher created a conflict of interest. He resolved that conflict by resigning from the school board.

In 2002, a serious accident involving a falling tree brought David to volunteering to join the Bartlett Board of Selectmen. David was working in the forest in Snowville cutting trees as he normally did for his living. On this one occasion, a very large tree that he cut was starting to fall but was heading for a grove of birch trees that he wanted to protect. Thinking he could change the course of the falling tree, he stayed at the base of the trunk and cut the “hinge” completely off allowing the tree to be in a complete free fall (a “hinge” is a small section of the tree trunk that is normally left attached between the trunk and stump). His effort to redirect the falling tree failed and the trunk apparently landed on the birch trees and sprung backward

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hitting him with the full force and weight of the tree. David said when he awoke, his chainsaw was next to him still running and the tree was on top of him. He added that he doesn't really remember much of what happened when he was hit by the tree but he knew he was in serious trouble. At the hospital, he learned that the tree crushed his pelvis and broke several of his ribs but he was alive!

The next thing that happened as a result of this accident demonstrated to David the true spirit of Bartlett's people. David had no insurance to cover the hospital bill or to cover his living expenses. Two of his friends, Curtis Milton and Donnie Ryder, opened a bank account in David's name. They then passed out deposit slips for the account to local folks. David said with a deep sense of sincerity that the people of the town deposited enough money, anonymously, in his account that he was able to cover his medical bills and living expenses for an additional six months while he recovered. Since he had no way of knowing who donated money to his account, he had no way of thanking the people involved. He added, though, that from that point on, he looked at the world quite differently.

Sometime later, one of the selectmen, Richard Patch died. At his funeral service, David talked with Doug Garland, one of the two remaining members of the Board of Selectmen and told Doug that he would like to serve the remaining two years of Richard's term. David felt that by serving his town in a leadership position, he could give thanks to the many people who quietly supported him after his accident. Two months later, he was appointed as a town selectmen. After completing this term, people urged him to run for another term. Rather than run as an official candidate (there were two other people running), David decided to run as a write-in candidate. When the election results were tallied, he had won the election. He felt that by running as a write-in, people would need to consciously select him as their candidate rather than just checking a box on a ballot. As a town selectmen, he missed only one meeting in five years. After fulfilling this three year term, David decided to move on from the role of selectmen and pursue other things. As he left this position, David was asked to be the secretary of the Bartlett Planning Board. He was also asked to witness the digging of septic test pits for the town (which he still does today). David agreed to take on these responsibilities. Gene Chandler, one of our selectmen, said of David "he brought different perspectives to the table, thought things through and did what he thought was right in making a decision." Gene added that he was sorry to see David leave the Board of Selectmen.

Today, David is a long standing, well-respected member of the Bartlett Planning Board. Together with his friend, David L. Patch, they are the two senior members (longevity-wise) on the Planning Board.

At one point, David performed a rather interesting service for the town. He perambulated the town's boundary lines with selectmen of Bartlett's bordering communities. Perambulating the borders involves actually walking the town boundary line with a selectmen (or representative) from the neighboring town to agree on and remark the boundary line. This ensures that the boundary between the towns remains in accordance with the town limits as defined in the charters of the two towns. This practice dates back to colonial times and goes further back to Great Britain. By NH law, we are supposed to perambulate our town borders every seven years. David noted that he hasn't been asked to do this in a while, however.

Final Thoughts ...

David Shedd is one of the most interesting people you will meet. He is quiet and unassuming, clever and talented when working with tools, very analytical and able to dissect complicated issues, and very sensitive to the environment that surrounds all of us. In any of his civic positions, David has been well-respected for his commitment to Bartlett and concern for the future of this small rural New England town. Gene Chandler also referenced David's craftsmanship citing different projects on which he has worked in the town. Another person referred to David in one word — "genuine." David makes every effort to treat people fairly, to respect the opinions and positions of others, to add humor in stressful situations when appropriate, and to take care of the environment by reusing what nature has provided for us.

I would like to thank David for taking the time to meet with me and having a casual a conversation while sharing so much of his private life with us. There is a lot we can learn from him.

100 or so Year Ago ...

1916-17

- ◇ \$1.60 was spent on a lock for the Town Hall
- ◇ The Glen School House was remodeled to include “a small warmed lunch room in which the little ones may play in cold and stormy weather”

1917-18

- ◇ \$28.00 was paid out to 3 town officials for time spent enrolling men for the draft
- ◇ A total of \$29.80 was paid in bounties on wild animals
- ◇ Town librarian salary was \$15.00 for the year
- ◇ A total of \$1328.40 was paid in teacher salaries for the school year
- ◇ Fall and winter term school attendance was considered far from satisfactory due to “sickness but mostly due to indifference on the part of pupils and parents.”

1919-20

- ◇ \$8.11 was spent to purchase a new record book for the town clerk
- ◇ EF Eastman was paid a bounty of \$5.00 for 1 wildcat

1920-21

- ◇ A total \$18.40 was received in dog tax
- ◇ \$9.00 was spent to maintain watering troughs

1921-1922

- ◇ A total of \$785.82 was received by the town in auto taxes
- ◇ From the school board report “some provision should be made for water at the Glen school, as the neighbors have objected to the children obtaining water on their premises”

1922-23

- ◇ Fire department salaries totaled \$50
- ◇ The school board purchased new Victrola records so that “pupils and teachers are taking regular exercises by music and the result is very noticeable in the improved physical condition of both pupils and teachers”

Something to Think About ...

“Every day, we write a new page in the history of our lives so let’s make each day special as we write the stories future generations will read.” Anonymous



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


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2020 Bartlett Historical Membership Drive

As we approach the end of 2019, our 2020 membership drive for the year calendar year January 1, 2020—December 31, 2020 is up and running. 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 12% increase in membership from 2018 to 2019 bringing us to 196 members. This is a very positive statement that people are making about their concern for and interest in the history of Bartlett. Still, BHS is a relatively small society when compared to our neighbors in Conway and Jackson but you have to start somewhere and we are growing each year. Thank you to all who have taken a membership with us. In his President’s Message, Phil Franklin, points out that this is YOUR historical society. Your support keeps us growing and energized!

For 2020, 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
- ⇒ Obtain “Bartlett artifacts” that appear online bringing them “home”, and
- ⇒ 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 this town plus providing educational opportunities for people to learn more about Bartlett. When our museum finally opens, we will display Bartlett’s history for all to enjoy. We also plan to expanding our educational offerings.

To those who are our current members, please consider renewing your membership now for the 2020 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 2020 Membership Form is enclosed in this newsletter.

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

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A few leaf silhouettes for our fall season