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Welcome to our newsletter.

Welcome to our first edition of the Antrim Historical Society newsletter. We plan to publish three times a year, keeping you in touch and up to date on what is happening as we continue to preserve our town's history. This also is a vehicle for you to participate by sharing information about your families, your recollections of life in Antrim, or research you may have done or are doing related to anything Antrim. This year the newsletter will be mailed to every household in Antrim. Next year it will be available only to members of the Society or by subscription. I hope you will enjoy this issue and look forward to future issues.

Another big step we have taken to keep us connected and to inform is our new AHS website. Dave Dubois, a member of the AHS Board and businessman in Antrim, has graciously donated many hours in designing and developing this site. Information about our programs and events will be posted in a timely manner. New acquisitions and projects will also be posted and you will be able to communicate with us through an email link. Please visit our website often: www.AntrimHistoricalSociety.org.

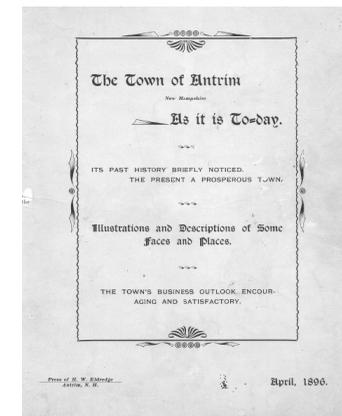
After many months of discussion, we have purchased a computer system. The use of this equipment will be available with a board member present. We hope in the future to have regular hours when the Historical Society room at Tuttle Library will be open and staffed by a volunteer, but for now, if copies of AHS documents are needed, an appointment will be necessary.

I look forward to working with the AHS Board as we continue to strengthen the Society, presenting programs, making acquisitions for and curating our collection, and seeking ways to make our archive more easily accessible to everyone. To aid us in expanding our work preserving Antrim's history, I invite you to join us. There are a number of ways you can help. Please give me or any one of our Board members a call and let us know how you'd like to contribute to our ongoing efforts.

Thelma Nichols, President

New acquisitions: What's new that's old

Pictured at right is a recent donation to our archives - a fascinating document, *The Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, As It Is Today, April, 1896, Its Past History Briefly Noticed, The Present A Prosperous Town. The Town's Outlook, Encouraging and Satisfactory*. It was generously donated by Alfred Kelly, who grew up on Clinton Road. Its thirty plus pages are filled with interesting facts and wonderful pictures of Antrim and its citizens long ago. We have had it digitized in order to make it available to all. It is accessible on the public computers at the Library. Our grateful thanks to Alfred Kelly for his donation.



Upcoming Programs & Events

The Fourth of July

Please come celebrate the birth of our country and join us for our 19th annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on Thursday, July 4th at the Bandstand in Memorial Park. As part of this annual tradition, coffee, and homemade sweet rolls and doughnuts will be served. There is no charge but donations are always welcome.

Thursday, July 4th
9 am - 10:30 am
At the Bandstand

The reading starts around 9:45.

Monadnock Treasures

We are participating in an exhibit, *Monadnock Treasures*, at The Monadnock Center for History and Culture at the Peterborough Historical Society, an eclectic look at the region's history through the objects that the historical societies in the region have amassed. Several of our many artifacts from our wonderful Goodell collection are on display to illustrate Antrim's industrial past as well as one of its more famous residents. The Center is graciously extending free admission to our society

members for the run of the show, from May 31 through November 23.

Monadnock Treasures

The Monadnock Center
for History & Culture
19 Grove Street
Peterborough, NH
May 31 - November 23



From the Antrim Reporter, June 24, 1943

The Historical Society, through the efforts of our good friend and honorary member, Lyman Gilmore, has had the Antrim Reporter digitized. It can be accessed on the public computers at Tuttle Library. An excerpt from 70 years ago this month:

Legion Letter, No. 6 to Antrim Boys and Girls in the Service

...Paul Prescott's father received official notice that Paul was missing in action. The Manchester Union stated that accompanying flyers saw several members of the bomber take to parachutes over enemy territory. It also stated that this was one of the last combat missions to be undertaken by the ship. Probably you Air Force men know what that means. Though it's our guess that after a plane has been shot up so many times, it has to be withdrawn from fighting service. Then too, a crew must have to have a long furlough every so often to unwind from the strain of air fighting. We hope that by the next letter we can report that Paul landed safely among Allied sympathizers.

Due to military secrecy we civilians back here know very little about what action you all see. So we have to guess at what has happened, and we'll pass that guessing on to you.

After Arthur Rockwell completed his primary Navy training, he came home on leave, and said he was going back to take additional gunnery training. The next letter his folks got, he said he was assigned to a tanker, and was running between Atlantic ports and Texas. Said they had to fire a few times, but it didn't amount to much...

Harry Rogers is in England. Say's it's just like this country, only they have to pay 50¢ a pack for cigarettes. Wants a bicycle as it seems that is the only way of getting anywhere ... John and Albert Nazar have arrived in Africa. This makes four of the family overseas, and George thought he was moving out until he ended up in desert maneuvers in Arizona ...Arthur Holt is in the Engineers at Ft. Belvoir...Helen Auger has joined the WACS and the Legion Auxiliary gave her a farewell party before she left ...

Main patriotic event recently was Memorial Day. The only 2nd World War veteran present was Staff Sgt. Robert Swett, who attended the church services with the Legion and carried the colors in the parade. And it seems there's a little missionary work you boys can do when you get home. Don't know whether the people here are ashamed to acknowledge the flag, or whether they are ignorant, or what it means, but you might as well have a piece of wet wash in front of them as the colors. If they are lying down, or sitting on the steps they stay there, and about one third along the line of march come to a salute and hold it, and act as if he was proud to do it. We could carry a large placard up front saying: "This is the American Flag, an honored emblem. Would you please stand, out of respect for what it signifies."...

Community Bus Line			
Operating between Gregg Lake and Peterborough, by way of White Birch Point, Clinton, Tenney Corner, Jameson Corner, Stearns Corner, Hancock, Ware Corner, Putnam Corner and Sargent Camp.			
	Daily Ex. Sun. A. M.	Daily Ex. Sun. P. M.	Sunday Only P. M.
Lv. Gregg Lake	8:15	5:30	5:15
	Daily Ex. Sun. A. M.	Daily P. M.	
Lv. Peterborough	11:45	9:45	
Ride by Bus Save Gas Buy War Bonds			

Membership

We appreciate your continued interest and support of our projects. New members are always welcome. Annual membership dues are \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family, or a lifetime membership is available for \$500. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31. If you would like to join the Society or renew your membership, please visit our website for a membership form or pick one up at the Historical Society Room on the second floor of Tuttle Library.

WANTED: Tomorrow's History

While we have been busy preserving the history of Antrim through materials that have been collected over the years, we have not been as diligent about keeping the more recent activities for the future. So we need your help. If you have any items "hanging around the house" that you don't really want to throw out, but don't know what to do with, items that will someday be a part of Antrim's history, please consider donating them to the Antrim Historical Society. This could be a compilation of Antrim's infamous wind project, the more recent "saving GBS", political records, uniforms or any other items of recent military personnel, history of Home & Harvest, updated history of organizations, churches, business endeavors, family histories, geographical histories, anything related to our schools. And the list goes on.

If you are not ready to donate your items, but would be willing to loan them or bequeath them, we have forms available on our website on the "Donate" page, or call any board member and we will be sure you receive whichever form you need.

The House Project

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, after David Hurlin sold the Goodell Company, he felt time hanging heavy on his hands. He decided to start a project of documenting the older houses in Antrim. This involved a great deal of research as he attempted to list houses from their beginning to the present, with as many owners down through the years as he could find. He also researched dates and included any old pictures he could find. In 1993, he presented his work to the Historical Society and it has been a valuable resource since then for folks looking into the history of their homes. The Historical Society decided we should add to David's record, so copies have been made and new notebooks are being put together with up-to-date house numbers and current pictures. The first notebook includes Main Street from the Bennington Town Line to Smith and Goodell Roads, Grove Street, Elm Street and Elm Street Extension. Nina Harding has worked (pretty much by herself) on updating David's work. She has decided to pass the project on to someone else, and Diane Chauncey has said she would attempt to continue Nina's thoughtful and careful research. Done by one person, the project will be difficult to update – that's where you come in. Watch for information in the next newsletter on a "new" committee to review the project and plan for its future.



Charles Butterfield, Ben Pratt & Nina Harding discuss the schools of Antrim at our June 23rd program.

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