

Lisbon Area Historical Society



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2016 WAS ANOTHER VERY GOOD YEAR.....

The Lisbon Area Historical Society enjoyed another busy and productive year as we continued to pursue our mission to preserve and promote the heritage of Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff, New Hampshire.

- *At our Annual Meeting on January 20th, Andrea Fitzgerald presented her program "Do You Know What's In Our Museum," a detailed account of the Society's collection of items which provides a very clear picture of Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff from the late 1700s through today relating to our towns' businesses, churches, schools, houses, farms, buildings, people, the railroad, wars, town government and utilities, festivals and other events, organizations, cemeteries, and more. Please come check it out. You will definitely find some surprises.*
- *From May through October, our museum was open every Friday afternoon. Throughout the year, the museum is also open "by chance" (we are working there frequently) and by appointment. Volunteers are continuing to digitize our collection, making great progress over the last several years. Rarely a week goes by without a genealogy or history query from someone around the United States, and every effort is made to assist those who ask. The Society welcomed many visitors this year. Among them were the great-granddaughter of Fred Parker (who built the Parker Block which houses our museum) and two great-granddaughters of Landaff native and philanthropist Harry Chandler (who went on to fame and fortune in Los Angeles and remembered his home by financing the building of the Lisbon Public Library in 1926 and subsequent remodeling in 1964).*
- *In March, Andrea was invited to speak at the annual Lisbon Main Street, Inc. volunteer recognition dinner at the Lisbon Town Hall. She presented her program "Business Leaders of Lisbon – 100 Years Ago!"*
- *In May, the Society hosted a Museum Open House during Lilac Time.*
- *In June, Andrea was invited to speak at the Littleton Library's Summer Author Series at which she gave a program based on her book Celebrating 250 Years, a Pictorial History of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff, N.H. Also in June, the Society hosted a free public program "Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook," presented by Bob Cottrell. The program was made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.*
- *In September, the Society hosted a free public program presented by Joe Nyberg based on his book Happy Trails, The Story of Two Hikers and Their Path to the New Hampshire 4,000 Footers, and Beyond.*

CONTINUING TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The dedication and support of the Society's members and friends is crucial to our future success. On that note, the Society was recently saddened to lose its longtime friend and member, past President and Trustee, Lauraette (Hastings) Clark who passed away October 21, 2016. Lauraette's devotion and generous support in every capacity and her knowledge of local history will be greatly missed.

Our Trustees are still hopeful that the Society will have a permanent home in the near future, and the Facilities Committee continues to investigate options and is open to any and all suggestions.

DONATIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Society is extremely grateful for the financial support that has been provided by many residents of our three towns and other friends. This past year's fundraising campaign yielded \$7,930, and it remains essential for the Society to continue to have such support to meet its mission to preserve and share the histories of Lisbon, Lyman and Landaff. We are again pleased to express our appreciation to the following donors who have responded to our annual appeal (since November 7, 2015):

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*In memory of Marion Young Viasner

**In memory of Barbara Berkeley Bishop White

DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR OUR GROWING COLLECTION

The Society is also extremely grateful for the donations of items of historical importance for its collection. In the past year, the following have contributed items:

Tony Boutin
Fairbanks Museum
Andrea Fitzgerald
Janet Garrett
Brad Goodine
Jan Guyette

Doreen Kaspszak
Diane Lafond
Littleton Historical Society
Becky McGovern
Roland & Barbara Jesseman
Terry & Jane O'Brien

Dick Patten
H. Curtis Pickwick
Evelyn Poore
John O. Poss
Roger Robar
Richard Sagar
Sharon Titus

We made a considerable effort to see that both donor lists are accurate and apologize for any errors. Please let us know of any needed corrections.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ITEMS RECENTLY DONATED

THAT DR. PICKWICK MILLION DOLLAR SMILE

There's a young M.D. at the Bangor G.
With a million dollar smile.
Who sternly records our aches and ills
And then he smiles awhile.

If you have seen him, then you know
The Pickwick smile that cheers us so;
If you have not, I wish you could,
Because that smile does so much good.

At first he seems a "regular guy"
With noiseless step and roguish eye;
But soon, when he comes thru the door,
You know he's that, and something more.

His purpose is to find the thorns
That pierce us 'til we're sore-
And pass us on to older hands
That pluck them out for sure.

Then as we lie convulsed with pain
Thru days of sunshine or of rain
We learn to hope each little while
For Dr. Pickwick's sunny smile.

God grant that after years have flown,
And he has wise and skillful grown
He'll still consider it worth while
To give that million dollar smile.



The poem above was authored by a patient of Dr. Harold C. Pickwick when he practiced at Bangor General Hospital before moving to Lisbon where he practiced medicine from 1923-1972. His wife, Hazel (Ash) Pickwick was a descendant of some of the earliest settlers of Lisbon and Lyman. Dr. and Mrs. Pickwick (pictured at left) were instrumental in the founding of the Lisbon Area

Historical Society and its early success, donating many artifacts and photographs and compiling cemetery and genealogical records. The original poem was donated by the Pickwicks' son, H. Curtis Pickwick.



c. very late 1800s to early 1900s, 6" apothecary bottle from F. N. Kincaid, Dispensing Chemist, Lisbon, N.H. - donated by Terry and Jane O'Brien. Frank Nelson Kincaid was born in 1856 in North Cornville, Maine and was a distant relative of Frances Folsom, wife of President Cleveland. Kincaid graduated from Bates College and in 1888 married Lora A. Brummer of Lisbon, and they had four children. Their son George was the first man in Lisbon to enlist in WWI. Kincaid is listed as a druggist in the 1900 Lisbon census, as a musician in the 1910 Lisbon census, and as a pharmacist in the 1920 Lisbon census. He played in the Brummer Family Orchestra. The Kincaids lived on Bacon Hill off Landaff Road in Lisbon. Kincaid died in California in 1941.



c. 1800s, 2-foot-long distaff, attributed to the Stanley family of Lyman - donated by Fairbanks Museum. Made from one tree branch, this implement was used in the process of spinning flax. The fibers were wound around the distaff to keep them untangled before spinning.

To see more highlights from 2016, please go to www.lisbonareahistory.org to read our previous newsletters and stories, and watch for updates including the Society's upcoming Annual Meeting on January 18, 2017 at 6:30pm (venue to be determined). All are welcome. After the business meeting, a free public program will be presented by Dori Hamilton, owner of Tranquil Vewe Croft in Lisbon. She will focus on the process of raising her sheep, using their raw wool and spinning it to make the yarn for the many beautiful wool items she knits.