

February

Jaffrey Historical Society

Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452

2015



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noun

used in reference to a situation in which one must take a chance that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable : he could take potluck in a town not noted for its hotels.

- a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish : [as adj.] a potluck supper.

Everything "...available will prove to be good or acceptable..." at the Society's Annual Potluck Supper on



Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Civic Center. Gather at 6 p.m. for socializing. Supper at 6:30. Program at 7:30

For the Potluck Supper please bring your choice of *hors d'oeuvres*, bread, salad, main dish, sides or dessert. The Society will provide coffee, tea, wine, etc.

IMPORTANT! Contact **Marcie Manning** at 532-7452 or mcm9210@gmail.com to say you're coming and what you'll bring. Please do so by **February 9th**.

Quiz Night

HOW GOOD IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF JAFFREY HISTORY? Find out at Quiz Night! Once we've enjoyed our Potluck, those at each table will collaborate on a quiz. Valuable prizes will go to those at the winning table. And there'll be one artifact on each table to puzzle over, too. As well as some images flashed on the screen. And a video of old-time Jaffrey. Perhaps more. 🍷🍷🍷

News of your Society

GREETINGS TO ALL,

I HOPE we will see you at the Society's February 12th **Potluck Supper** described on the other side. Enjoy some good food and drink and then be transported back in time to an earlier Jaffrey.

A good showing of members went off to Milford for the Society's **Annual Autumn Outing**. We visited our sister society in Milford, enjoyed Dick Boutwell's organ music in the church, toured the NH Antiques Cooperative and learned its history from the Hacklers, and—for some—gathered for a hearty meal at THE MILE AWAY RESTAURANT. You can see a video of the outing at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/Milford2014.mov>.

The Society is having a busy winter: Work in the **Archives** (see photo) continues with two work sessions a week, Monday and Thursday mornings. Items of all sorts keep coming in: Among them, a fine photograph of Joel Poole from the Rindge Historical Society; Duncan and Coolidge family photographs from the Hancock Historical Society; a WWII uniform jacket from Tammy Devlin; miscellaneous papers and photographs from Helen & Archie Coll and Betty Coll Royce.

The Society hosted an informational session at the Civic Center on Sunday afternoon, January 25th, to present its plans for building a replica of the original **Hearse House** to accommodate our two historic hearses. A good turnout was present. The project will be considered by the Historic District Commission at its meeting on February 5th.

There has been steady progress on our **Dean Murder** project. Hundreds of document scans have been added to the Society's website (see below). A work session to include several authors and researchers who have long studied this unsolved crime is being planned for later in February. They'll discuss new information that's come to light and identify some of the avenues that need further research.

The Society now has its own website which includes the original **JaffreyHistory.org**. It's been renamed but all the old information is still there along with much new Jaffrey history. The address is: <http://www.jaffreyhistory.org>. Have a look.

We are sorry to lose our long-time member, **Charlie Royce**. No one knew Jaffrey history better! Our condolences to Ann and family.

We welcome as new Society Members: **Bernard Hampsey, Martha & Bill Raymond** and **Kate Weiss-Gordon & Tim Gordon**.

And a reminder. The annual dues envelope is enclosed. Please help the Society by paying promptly.

Rob Stephenson, *President*

Upcoming Programs

THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2015: Bill Coleman and Joe Manning, *Bean Fiberglass* • **THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2015:** TBA • **THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2015:** Annual Meeting. Mark Cournoyer *Centennial of Cournoyer Funeral Home* • **SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015:** Annual Autumn Outing (several destinations are being considered). **THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2015:** Annual Christmas Party with the Civic Center. 🍷



Ruth Johnson, the Queen of the 1924 Winter Carnival, on her palaquin. The first Carnival was held two years before on Lincoln's Birthday. It was organized by E.S. Mayo and M.E. Willard, drew 1,500 people and was deemed a great success. A mammoth ice palace was built on the East Jaffrey Common and horses raced on the ice of Contoocook Lake.



Our crack team of archivists in the Society's workroom in the basement of the Civic Center. They congregate there most Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to noon. Drop by sometime! (L to R) Marcie Manning, Dick Boutwell, Ken Duquette and Jackie Johnson.