

Autumn
2019

Jaffrey Historical Society

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Annual Autumn Outing

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Millipore Sigma

(... and Squantum, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge Meetinghouse & Cemetery)

AUTUMN is just around the corner and soon we'll be headed off on our **ANNUAL AUTUMN OUTING**. This year we won't be straying far from home. Our first stop will be right in Jaffrey—a visit to **Millipore Sigma**, our largest employer. It has an interesting history in Jaffrey which we'll learn about as we tour its modern facilities on Turnpike Road. We'll then drive south along Prescott Road to **Squantum**, one of Jaffrey's earliest settlements, where we'll stop for a few minutes to learn about its past and present as a mill village. We'll then cross into Rindge and drop in at the **Cathedral of the Pines** where we'll hear about its past and future. **Bruce Hill** will be our host. Our final stop will be Rindge Center where we'll visit the 1792 Meetinghouse and, weather permitting, walk through the adjacent cemetery. Our host will be **Burt Goodrich** who chairs the Meetinghouse Oversight Committee and the Cemetery Trustees. Around 5 pm those who are interested will end up for a special dinner at **Sunflowers** (see insert page.)

For more about Millipore Sigma go to its website at <http://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en>. More on Squantum may be found at <http://www.rs4l.org/squantum.htm>. And the Cathedral of the Pines at <https://www.cathedralofthepines>.

COME to the **Jaffrey Civic Center** where we'll congregate, arrange some carpooling, and head on our way at **1:15 pm** sharp to Millipore Sigma. Or you can go directly there to arrive by 1:30pm. ☺

News of your Society

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT,

OUR ANNUAL MEETING on August 8th, was held at the beautiful Grand View Estate at the invitation of **Pam Royce**, *General Manager*, and Jaffrey Historical Society member. We held a business meeting that concluded with an election of officers and directors, shared the history of the property from Milliken's Tavern to the present operation, toured the main house, and enjoyed bounteous refreshments. It was an enjoyable evening thanks to planning by **Charlie Turcotte**, **Jackie Johnson**, **Henry Hammond**, **Vicki Arceci**, and **Diane Schaumann**. **Rob Stephenson** provided visual projection for the program, **Gary Arceci** served as bartender, and special guest **David Despres** brought Georgina Yeatman's airplane propeller and first-hand knowledge of the Yeatman farm operation. We are grateful to owner **Paula Geraghty** and Manager **Pam Royce** for their warm hospitality and delicious desserts. It's enlightening to visit important historical landmarks in Jaffrey and we hope to do more in the coming years.

Our executive team of officers and our chairs of special activities continue to work diligently, making our organization active and alive. We attract new members, receive multiple inquiries, create exhibits, share media, lead tours, and plan interesting programs. Thank you to all who give of their time and effort to preserve and share the history of Jaffrey.

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Archives

Dick Boutwell, *Chair*

WAINO NISKALA's World War II Navy uniform was recently donated by his widow **Gwen**. *ALSO:* Some black & white photo negatives of Jaffrey houses from the **Coburn Kidd** estate; **Homer Belletete's** straw boater that he wore at several Jaffrey celebrations; various papers and items related to the Bean Fiber Glass Company donated by **Bill Coleman** and **Joe Manning**; and a topographic model of Mt. Monadnock which **Rob Stephenson** picked up for \$1 at the Giant Driscoll Yard Sale. ☺

Membership

Marcie Manning, *Chair*

WE ARE SORRY to report the deaths of long-time members **Arthur Hamilton** and **Mark Bean**. Mark served as President, Treasurer and as a Trustee of the Trust Fund. He was also very involved with the Society's recent Dean Murder Centenary and the planning of a Match Industry Museum.

We welcome to membership **Michael Batinski & Virginia Holman**, **Andy & Kelly Bergeron**, **Bancroft & Sue Greene**, **Bill Lawrence**, **Mary Jo Marvin** and **Susan Shriver**. ☺

Little Red Schoolhouse

Jackie Johnson, *Chair*

THANKS to all of those who served as docents this past season at the Little Red Schoolhouse: **Vicki Arceci**, **Richard Boutwell**, **Bill Driscoll**, **Pam Hill**, **Jacqueline Johnson**, **Marcie & Joe Manning**, **Emily Preston**, **Cathy Proulx**, **Karl Putnam**, **Betty & Kent Royce**, **Diane Schaumann**, **Betty Shea**, **Debbie Stewart** and **Peggy Ueda**.

The Donation Box yielded \$166. ☺

Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Bruce Hill • *Vice Presidents:* Charles Turcotte & Henry Hammond • *Treasurer:* Karl Putnam
Corresponding & Recording Secretary: Vicki Arceci • *Archives:* Dick Boutwell
Exhibits: Karen Ayers & Dick Boutwell • *Hospitality:* Cathy Proulx & Diane Schaumann
Little Red Schoolhouse: Jackie Johnson • *Membership:* Marcie Manning
Monadnock No. 4: Bill Driscoll & Dave Kemp • *Publications:* Rob Stephenson • *Webmaster:* Sean Driscoll

Directors

<u>2017-2020</u>	<u>2018-2021</u>	<u>2019-2022</u>
Gary Arceci	Karen Ayers	Jackie Johnson
Cathy Proulx	Emily Preston	Peter Lambert
Pete Sawyer	Dan Shattuck	Susan Leach
Diane Schaumann	Betty Shea	Fran McBride

Director Emeritus

Joe Manning

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Dick Boutwell • Helen Coll • Bill Driscoll • Owen Houghton • Dave Kemp
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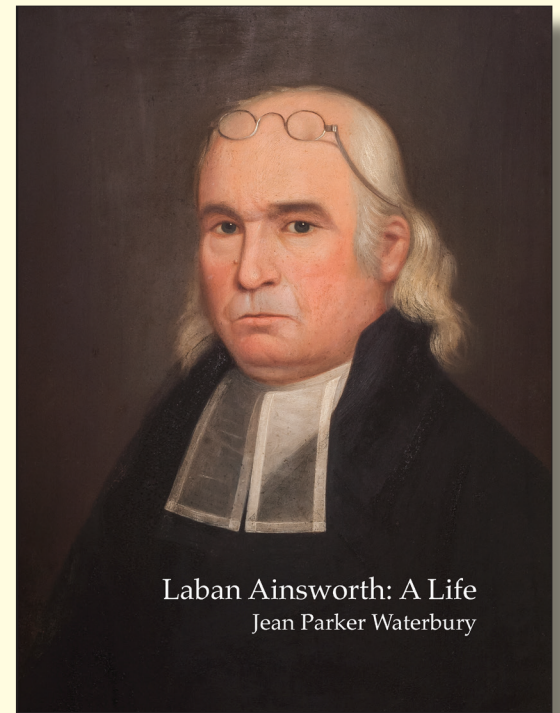
Trustees of the Trust Fund

Betty Royce • Harvey Sawyer

Laban Ainsworth Book Launch

THE Society's newest publication—*Laban Ainsworth: A Life*—was launched at the Meetinghouse on July 27th. This biography of Jaffrey's first settled minister was written by Jean Parker Waterbury and was never published in its entirety until now. The book appears as two-volumes-in-one, the second volume being all new material including many photographs, maps, documents, many never seen before. Speaking at the launch were **Bancroft Greene** and **David Torrey** (Ainsworth descendants), **Holly Manley** (the author's daughter), **Mary Jo Marvin** and **Rob Stephenson**. The book is available at the Civic Center in hardbound and softbound versions.

See <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/laband2.htm> for more information.



Laban Ainsworth: A Life
Jean Parker Waterbury

The Annual Meeting



ONE of the historical highlights of the very well-attended Annual Meeting was **David Despres'** recollections of life at Chislehurst Farm (present-day Grand View Estate). Attendees enjoyed tours of the premises and fine food & drink.

The Jaffrey Historical Society On-Line

<http://www.jaffreyhistory.org>

<https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/JHS>

<http://www.facebook.com/JaffreyHS>

Woodbound Inn

THE 4th of September saw the first of two buffet gatherings at the **Woodbound Inn** to benefit both the Society and the Jaffrey Civic Center. The Inn kindly donates \$3 per diner. The second evening is set for **Wednesday, September 25th**, from 5:00 to 8:30pm. Reservations are suggested for this popular buffet (532-9505). The buffet cost is \$14.



Looking ahead — Upcoming Programs & Events

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6: *Annual Autumn Outing* • **THURSDAY DECEMBER 12:** *Annual Christmas Party* with the Jaffrey Civic Center 5:30-7pm • **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020:** *Annual Potluck* 5:30pm • **THURSDAY APRIL 16:** *Program TBD*
SUNDAY JUNE 14: *Cutter Cemetery tour* • **THURSDAY AUGUST 20:** *Annual Meeting* • **SUNDAY OCTOBER 18:** *Annual Autumn Outing*, Amherst • **THURSDAY DECEMBER 10:** *Annual Christmas Party* with the Jaffrey Civic Center 5:30-7pm 🍷

Schoolhouse No. 1

Years later—Who would have thought?

IN THE nineteenth century Jaffrey had 13 school districts each served by a one-room schoolhouse. Of these, five survive today as residences, and one—The Little Red Schoolhouse (No. 11)—stands on the Common beside the Meetinghouse (1775), moved there and restored in 1960 to its original schoolhouse appearance by the Jaffrey Historical Society.

Schoolhouse No. 1, on Route 124 (the old Third New Hampshire Turnpike) at the corner of Prescott Road, was built in 1816 by Oliver Prescott to replace the original 1790 structure that had burned two years before.

From the exterior there's nothing remarkable about this particular building; and there's nothing remarkable about old schoolhouses still being around and converted to other uses. One can probably find a handful in just about any New Hampshire town. But Schoolhouse No. 1 has a remarkable connection to the world beyond little Jaffrey, a connection that could never be guessed at.

Across the street from the former schoolhouse stands The Benjamin Prescott Inn. This was once owned by **Dr. Vannevar Bush** (1890-1974). Bush, a distinguished engineer and scientist, was a seasonal Jaffrey resident from around 1937 until the early 1960s. He is probably most famous as the initiator and administrator of the Manhattan Project, the secret World War II effort to develop the first atomic bomb. (He oversaw an astonishing 130,000 employees!) Dr. Bush had a long and close association with M.I.T., as a student, faculty member and administrator (Dean of the School of Engineering and Vice President of the Institute). He was one of the founders of what became the Raytheon Corporation; and was an early advocate for the

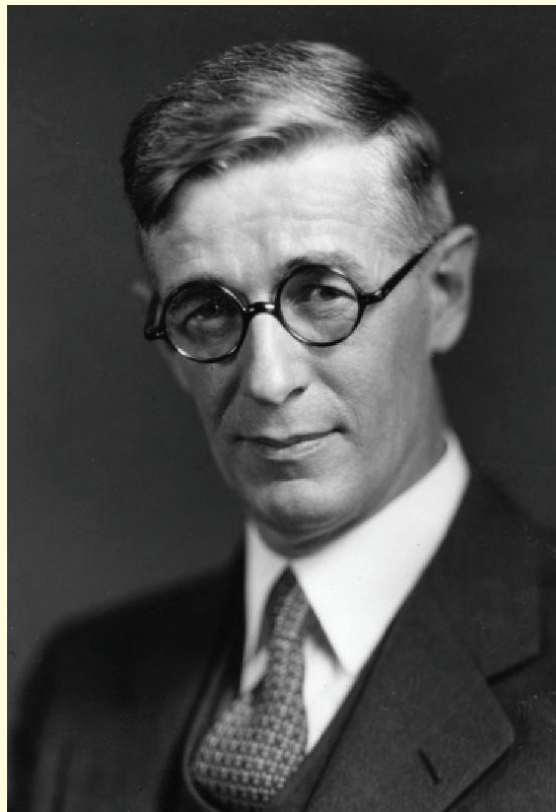
creation of the National Science Foundation. He was president of the Carnegie Institution, chairman of Merck & Co. and sat on numerous corporate boards including AT&T, and served on many scientific and engineering committees. Probably no more acclaimed personage ever spent time in Jaffrey.

So it's easy to imagine that when Vannevar Bush—Pete Sawyer remembers that he always said “call me Van”—was in Jaffrey, away from the stress and commitments of Cambridge, Washington and the world, he might cross the road to the old

Schoolhouse No. 1—which he had fitted up as a laboratory and study—and ponder such things as atom bombs, analog computers and precursors of the World Wide Web. In the doorway he might have paused and looked to the east over the pasture land he then owned. If he were to do so today he would see a major industrial complex: **Millipore Corporation**, founded by his son, John, in 1954.

Remarkable connections, indeed!

—Prepared by Rob Stephenson.
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September 18, 2012.



Some of the Sights/Sites on our Outing



Millipore Sigma

In 1954, a modest filtration company with just a handful of employees, opened for business. The company pioneered the use of membrane technology in hundreds of applications. Later changing its name to Millipore Corporation to reflect its growing range of products and expanded core capabilities, the company would expand to a global, billion-dollar life science corporation. Today, it is Jaffrey's largest employer.



Cathedral of the Pines

Situated on a hilltop with a panoramic view of the Grand Monadnock, the Cathedral of the Pines is a breathtaking open-air cathedral and meeting space on 236 acres.



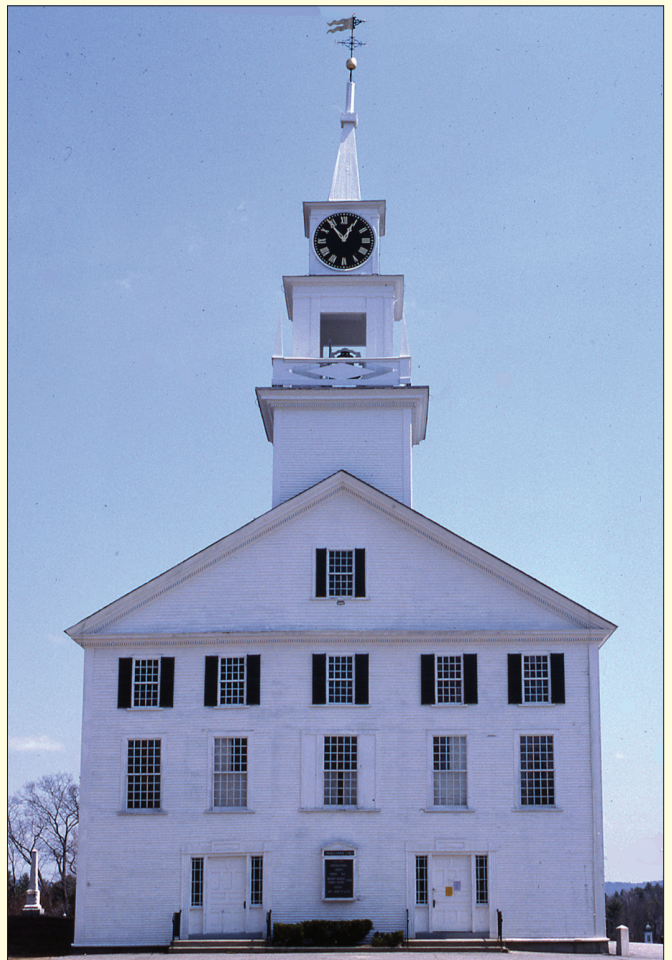
Schoolhouse No. 1

Now a private residence, this early schoolhouse was once Vannevar Bush's laboratory and get-away. He lived across the road in what is now the Benjamin Prescott Inn.



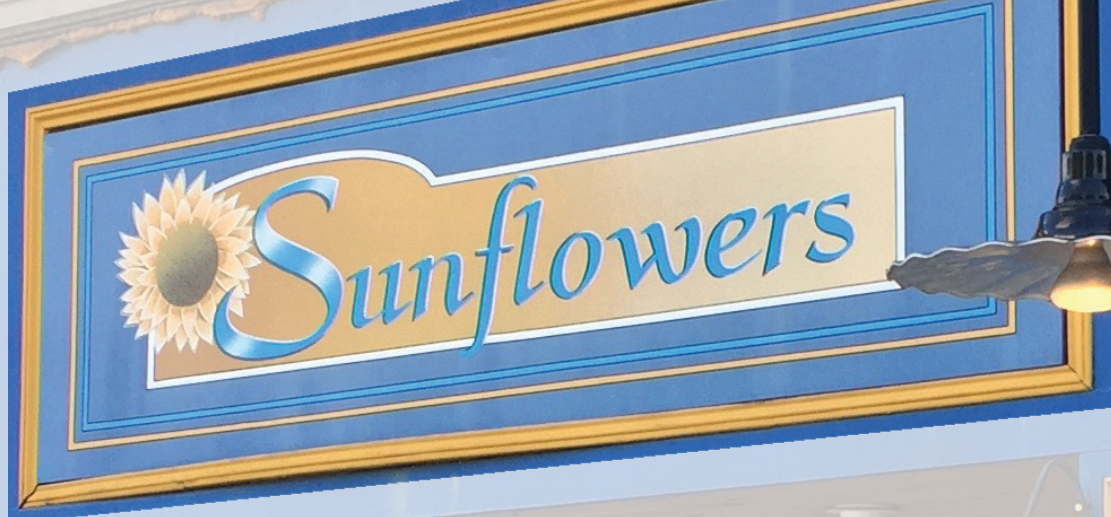
Squantum

The Annett Homestead across the common in Squantum—once Prescottville—in the southeast corner of Jaffrey. It's been a site of mills and industry since the earliest days of the town.



The Second Rindge Meetinghouse (1796)

This structure replaced the town's first meetinghouse on the same site. It combines both civic and religious functions. The adjoining cemetery dates to 1764 and is the resting place of many of Rindge's early settlers.



Optional after-outing dinner at Sunflowers

TO TOP OFF our Autumn Outing those who wish are invited to congregate around 5pm at **SUNFLOWERS** right in the heart of downtown Jaffrey.

This will be a fixed-price meal: **\$25 per person** which includes tax and tip. There will be a three-entree buffet—Apple Jack Chicken, Beef Bourguignon &/or Baked Haddock—mashed potatoes & vegetables, rolls & butter, salad and Apple Crisp with Ice Cream, Coffee/Tea. Cash bar.

We will need your reservation by **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**. You can either send in the form below with a check (JHS, 40 Main Street) or pay by check or cash on the day of the Outing. If the latter, call Charlie Turcotte (**593-5355**) to reserve or better yet send him an e-mail at **cturcotte0600@gmail.com**.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Total amount at \$25 each: _____ Make checks payable to 'JHS'

PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2