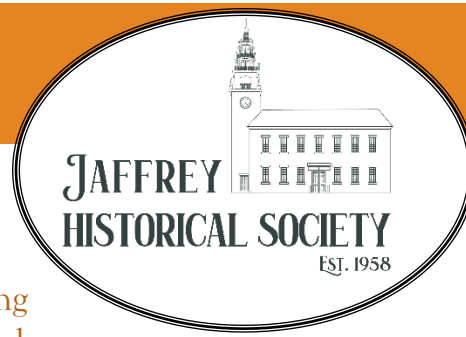




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"...To study, interpret, protect, and promote the history of Jaffrey, New Hampshire."

Jaffrey History Center Grand Opening on November 7

By Peter Lambert

After more than a year of hard work, the Jaffrey History Center – the new home of the Jaffrey Historical Society – will open its doors on November 7, 2026!

This summer the new building was a beehive of activity. The inside was repainted by Dennis Wright in early July, who very generously donated all of the paint. The very next week, workers installed new carpeting and baseboard throughout the first floor. Linoleum was also installed in our new kitchen.

The benches we acquired from the Masonic Lodge, formerly used by the Jaffrey Baptist Church, were repaired by Andy Webber of Jaffrey, and he also reworked the former town office conference table to a more manageable size.



Brave volunteers cleaning the historic benches in our Meeting Room

Joel Proulx took parts of that table, and parts of the former tax collector/ town clerk's counter, and built a new work table for the Archives. Charlie Turcotte built custom shelves for our archival boxes and supervised the plumbing and electrical work. Our "style committee" of Vicki Arceci, Lyn Lambert, and Cathy Proulx, having picked out paint and carpeting, chose new kitchen cabinetry, curtains, valances – everything including the kitchen sink!

While this work was happening our Archives crew, led by Bruce Hill, took the lead in packing up our collection at the Civic Center. Thanks to Randy Cournoyer, Marilyn



The gondola shelving from the old Archives is reassembled in the new Archives. The operation was well supervised!

Simons, Marty Harris, Weltha Barker, Charlie Turcotte, Diane Given, and Meg Gourley for pitching in on this enormous task. Professional movers moved all the heavy objects and furniture in September.

Fundraising efforts brought in over \$34,000 by mid-September, allowing us to purchase four new display cases for the Warfield Collection. We also purchased a new projector, screen, LaserJet printer, and looked into a new desktop computer. We also ordered two new signs. The first, to be located near the building, will have an enclosed bulletin board for Society announcements. The second, handmade by Walt Hautanen, will hang along Goodnow Street.

Finally, "Big Move Day" – the day all of our holdings will be moved to our new facility – will be September 26. If you get this newsletter in time, we're looking for helpers!

To celebrate this momentous occasion for our Society, our **Grand Opening Ceremony and Celebration will occur on Saturday, November 7**. Please come and celebrate with us as we cut the ribbon and unveil all our hard work to the public. More details will be sent out later. And please invite your friends and fellow townspeople – we want to share our facility with everyone!

REMINDER: Please send changes of address, current email, etc. to Marcie at: mcm603532@gmail.com

JHS Annual Fall Outing

This Year IT'S CHESTERFIELD

Saturday October 17, 2026

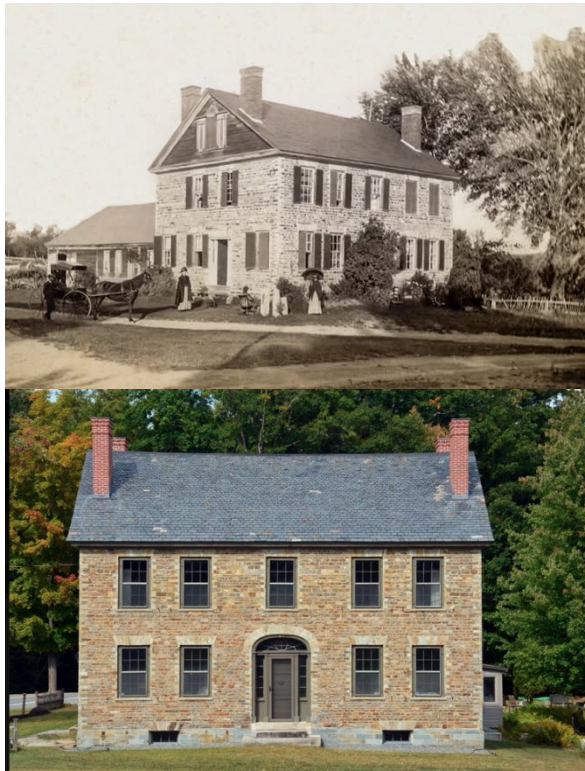


By Vicki Arceci

On Saturday, October 17, our Society will be visiting the Chesterfield Historical Society's Stone House Tavern Museum.

There is quite a history behind this museum, as well as an impressive history behind the fundraising, renovation, and construction to bring the former Tavern into being as an amazing museum. Chesterfield Society hosts are also quite excited to continue their Antique Fabric and Costume Exhibit on the upper floors for our tour. This exhibit includes mid-1800s to 1930s garments, handcrafted local quilts, and historical fashion items.

It is approximately 45 minutes from Jaffrey to the museum. For those who wish to carpool, we will meet at the new JHS at 10 Goodnow Street at 11:45 and arrive in Chesterfield for the 1 pm tour. We also have dinner reservations for Tempesta's Restaurant in Keene at 4 pm!



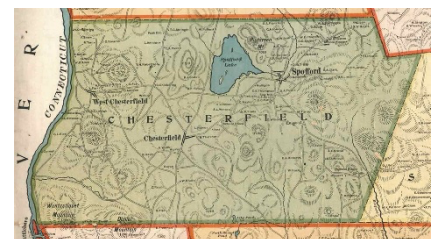
TO GET TO THE STONE TAVERN MUSEUM:

Take Route 124 to Marlborough, turn left on Route 101 and follow it through Keene. Go straight through the Keene roundabouts on to Route 9 west towards Vermont. The Stone House Tavern museum is approximately 10 minutes past Keene, on the right at the Intersection of Routes 9 and 63. Please be aware that traffic on Route 9 in Chesterfield can be dangerous, so caution is advised.

TO GET TEMPESTA'S:

Tempesta's is located in the same building as the Best Western Hotel in Keene. Take Route 9 back into Keene. At the roundabout, take the first right on to Route 10 South/Winchester Street. Take Kit street, the first turn on the right, then immediately turn right into the driveway. There is a large parking lot.

**Please email or phone
Vicki Arceci at
arcecifamily@myfairpoint.net
or 603-532-6821 to
RSVP for this trip by
October 5**



Hello from Jaffrey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center!

Richard (Dick) Boutwell has been living here since June 2023. Richard has been a member of the Jaffrey Historical Society since the 1960s. He has probably more volunteer hours there than any other member. He has been a huge go-to resource when there have been questions about town history, artifacts or the location of any item in the archives.



He enjoys his days by walking the hallways, visiting with residents, listening to the radio and continues to write articles for the JHS. When the weather is nice, he goes outside for a walk to enjoy the fresh air, warm or chilly. He particularly enjoys visits and conversation with old friends. If you would like to chat with Richard, call him at 603-532-4229. The phone goes directly to his room; he would be delighted.

If you would like to visit him, call him the day before so he can be ready for your visit. The best visiting times are between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm. A note is also welcomed. He loves to hear about what everyone is up to. Postcards from your travels are a favorite of his.

Richard Boutwell
20 Plantation Drive Room 19
Jaffrey Rehab and Nursing Center
Jaffrey, NH 03452

- IMPORTANT NOTE -

Every year in the fall we print up a card listing the new officers, directors, committee heads, and other important information about the JHS. This year, in an effort to keep down printing costs, we are including the card in the newsletter (at right). Please clip this two-sided card out of the newsletter and keep it. It is important to know who at the JHS to contact if you have questions or needs. Thanks to Rob Stephenson for creating the card again this year. If you wish to join a committee or volunteer, please contact us!

2026-2027 Officers and Directors

President: Peter Lambert

Vice Presidents: Vicki Arceci & Sean Driscoll

Recording Secretary: Meg Gourley

Corresponding Secretary: Lyn Lambert

Treasurer: Peter Maki

Directors 2024-2027

Judith Goff • Bob Schaumann
Betty Shea • Jan Weekes

Directors 2025-2028

Weltha Barker • Dawn Cournoyer
Jackie Johnson • Susan Peterson

Directors 2026-2029

Randy Cournoyer • Tim Gordon
Anne Griffin • Cathy Proulx

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Bruce Hill

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Lyn Lambert

Displays

Meg Gourley

Membership

Marcie Manning

Genealogy

Carolyn Garretson

Little Red Schoolhouse

Cathy Proulx

Education

Dawn Cournoyer

Monadnock 4

Dave Kemp

Facilities

Charles Turcotte

Publications &

Webmaster

Sean Driscoll

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2024-2027 2025-2028 2026-2029

Jaffrey Historical Society

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND The Jaffrey Historical Society was founded in 1958 by a group of citizens concerned about the loss of some of the town's historic buildings and the lack of an appropriate depository for documents and artifacts associated with the founding and development of Jaffrey.

FACILITIES The Society has space for storage and display of its collections at its headquarters at 10 Goodnow Street. Most meetings and programs are held in the Meeting Room at the same location. Among the collections are a variety of tools & implements, shop & tavern signs, furniture, costumes, paintings, family papers, journal & account books, letters & other manuscript material, books & reports, maps, numerous photographs, stereo views & postcards, and—most recently—The Warfield Birds collection.

The **LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE** stands on the Common close to the Meetinghouse. Restored, maintained and managed by the Society, it was built as Schoolhouse No. 11 around 1822. It is open regularly free-of-charge on summer weekends. Learn more at <http://www.jaffreyhistory.org/09publications/LittleRedSchoolhouse/LRSHbrochure.pdf>

The **OLD FIRE STATION**, 'Monadnock 4,' on Main Street in Jaffrey Center is owned and maintained by the Society and contains a collection of historic firefighting apparatus and artifacts. Learn more at <http://www.jaffreyhistory.org/09publications/Monadnock4/Monadnock4.pdf>

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES The Society presents a series of public programs throughout the year.

PUBLICATIONS AND GIFTS The Society has various publications and keepsakes for sale at the History Center and the Little Red Schoolhouse.

COLLECTING POLICIES The Society welcomes donations of material that has a relevance to Jaffrey history. The Society is a not-for-profit, 501c3 tax-exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

MEMBERSHIP Membership in the Society is open to all.

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Little Red Schoolhouse News

By Cathy Proulx

The 2026 season of the Little Red Schoolhouse opened its doors to hundreds of visitors from the Monadnock Region and beyond. We were very happy to host the fourth grade and their teachers from the Jaffrey Grade School for their annual visit to Jaffrey Center to see and learn about our town's early days. Our busiest days were the 4th of July, our country's 250th birthday and the day of the Jaffrey Center Fair in August. We had over twenty volunteers, who helped host the school house throughout the summer and share Jaffrey history.

This past year we planted 100 daffodil bulbs in front of the school house. They graced the front door throughout the Spring. We also moved the schoolmaster desk from the Jaffrey Civic Center, up to the Little Red Schoolhouse. The desk was on display at the JCC for many years and now will reside in the schoolhouse. It was given to the Jaffrey Historical Society by Lawrence Wetherell many years ago.

We invite you all to visit us next summer!



Welcome new members!

Fiona Bennie & Christopher Underwood	
Lisa Giragosian	Cheryl Hackett
Sara Hamlen	MaryBeth & Jacob Halbrooks
Richard Jank	Andrew Johnson
Scott Kemp	Andrew & Martha Miser
Edith A. Page	Gene & Margaret Pokorny
Ken & Marilyn Smith	Sue & Paul Sturges
James & Dina Traniello	Andy Webber

Jaffrey Time Capsule - Warning Out -

By Meg Gourley

Warning out was the system in place in the 18th-century to rid the town of undesirables. Basically, newcomers to a town would be issued a welcome by the Constable "to depart out of the town, forthwith." Typically, the selectmen of a given town took a vote and ordered the constable to serve you a notice to leave. Some people moved on, and some did not. Some people were forcibly removed and relocated to the town in which the town fathers thought they came from. Sometimes the receiving town paid the bearers of the individual even more money to take them back.



Early Jaffrey was not as welcoming to newcomers as we are today. Photo Credit: File

In Jaffrey, warning out was practiced against all newcomers. The town record shows that December 23, 1763, a warning was issued and served by Constable James Templeton, in his Majesty's name, to remove one Jean Culberson from the town. Jean Culberson moved along without any issue. Antrim, Alstead, Walpole, Henniker and Peterborough also warned out everybody as a general practice.

The practice of warning out replaced an earlier practice in which admission to a town as an inhabitant, or purchase of property within a town, required a vote of the present inhabitants.

As townships grew, and it became difficult to enforce the requirement of approval prior to residency, municipalities began to make a distinction between residency and inhabitancy: those residents who were not admitted to inhabitancy could be "warned out", and thereby the town would be spared liability for the resident in case of poverty. Sometimes, there was a time limit by which, if a resident had not been warned, they would become an inhabitant by

default. Early colonial villages in New England used this law for the purpose of keeping out persons whose religious or political opinions were unsatisfactory to the towns, or any other reason. But the reason for the existence of this right was that inhabitancy, always imposed upon the inhabitants of the place, responsibility for the good conduct and support of the other inhabitants.

Around the time of the revolution, it became standard in a lot of towns to do all of the warning-out once a year and serve everybody at once. Many times, people who became substantial and honorable citizens were warned out as children. In Jaffrey, in 1778 the constable warned out Lucy Geary, who later came back burdened with a child, John Geary. She evaded removal and soon married Hugh Gragg, a Bunker Hill war hero. A few years later she did in fact become a town charge and remained so until her death in 1828.

Hannah Davis, of hatbox fame, was warned out of Fitchburg as a child and returned to Jaffrey with her family. When John Fitch, founder of Fitchburg, came to town as an old man, to live with his son, he was promptly warned out in 1781, and left. Amos Fortune, who came to town with his wife and adopted child, was also warned out as well in 1781. In 1784 a "European coming from Peterborough" was warned out.

By 1816 warning out laws were largely dropped off the books in New England. The opening up and settlement of the Ohio valley suggests that the issue may have been more about getting people to stay in towns as opposed to forcing them out.

If you are interested in researching and writing about a Jaffrey-related topic for Jaffrey Time Capsule, please email Peter at prlambert76@yahoo.com. Submissions are welcome!

UPCOMING DATES



October 1:	Executive Team, 4 pm
October 17:	Outing to Chesterfield & Tempesta's
November 5:	Executive Team, 4 pm
November 7:	Grand opening of new JHS
November 12:	Board of Directors, 4 pm
Nov-Jan:	Christmas Village Display
December 3:	Executive Team, 4 pm
December 10:	Holiday Party, 5 pm, Civic Center
December 12:	Currier and Ives Cookie Tour, 10 to 4
January 7:	Executive Team, 4 pm
January 14:	Board of Directors, 4 pm

Holiday Happenings



The JHS will participate in the **Downtown Trick-or-Treating** event on Friday, October 30th from 4-6 pm. Feel free to come down, in costume or not, and help distribute candy to Jaffrey's little ghouls and goblins!



Peter Lambert's **annual JHS Christmas Village** will be on display starting the week of Monday, November 16th through the first week of January. This year it will be even bigger than last year! See the village of Piscaquoddymoggin getting ready for the holiday season, complete with Christmas parade, Holiday Fair, ski area, seaport, and the Polar Express to the North Pole! New this year: all twelve days of Christmas are hidden in the village! It will be open to the public any time the History Center is open, and extended hours certain evenings and weekends. Watch for details!

On December 10 we will once again join with our friends at the Civic Center to have our **annual Holiday Party**. The festivities will begin at 5 pm at the Civic Center. The Civic Center will provide the beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), and the JHS will provide food. If you are able, please bring an appetizer, finger food, dessert, and any other appropriate goodies.

This year we are proud to sell our first **JHS Commemorative**

Christmas Ornament. Designed by Hampshire Pewter, the ornament features the Meetinghouse, with the words "Jaffrey Historical Society, 1958-2026" at the top, and



Artist rendition

"Jaffrey Meetinghouse - 1775" at the bottom. It will have an attractive red ribbon for hanging. We hope to feature a new Jaffrey landmark each year. These will be available via mail order or in our new shop at the new Jaffrey History Center.

We will also be participating in the **Currier and Ives Cookie Tour** on Saturday, December 12 from 10 am - 4 pm. We'll be joining over a dozen business and organizations from Swanzey to Mason, welcoming people from around New England with a cookie, a cup of JHS punch, and a tour of our facility. We'll be looking for volunteer bakers, greeters, and servers. Please contact Peter at prlambert76@yahoo.com for more information, or to volunteer!



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