

Autumn  
2018

# Jaffrey Historical Society

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## Annual Autumn Outing

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**Troy, New Hampshire**

(see inside for more information)

**A**UTUMN is fast approaching and soon we'll be headed off on our **ANNUAL AUTUMN OUTING**, our near neighbor, Troy! Our host will be the **Troy Historical Society** which calls **Kimball Hall** its home. A few steps away is the beautifully restored **Troy Depot**. We'll visit both.

The Troy Historical Society was formed in 1993. Among its collections at Kimball Hall are "displays of household furnishings, a barbershop, a toolshed, firefighters' gear, military artifacts, a general store." There is an informative exhibit on Troy Mills, which turned out the town's most famous export, the fitted horse blanket.

Our first stop will be at the Troy Mills (*host*: Kent Royce), followed by the Troy School (*host*: Linda Jakubowicz), Town Hall (*host*: Janet McCullough) and finishing up at Kimball Hall (*host*: Kathy Marrotte & others) and the Depot (*host*: Bob Harkins). We may make a swing through the Village Cemetery as we enter the town.

For more about the Society visit its webpage at [www.troy-nh.us/index.asp?SEC=B05151C1-1EB5-436A-8D0F-FA9DBB6532C0&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.troy-nh.us/index.asp?SEC=B05151C1-1EB5-436A-8D0F-FA9DBB6532C0&Type=B_BASIC) 🐾

**C**OME to the **Jaffrey Civic Center** where we'll congregate, arrange some carpooling, and head on our way at **1pm** sharp to Troy via a bit of Marlborough. Those in 'convoy' will visit some interesting sites/sights along the way. Or go on your own, arriving at the small Troy Mills parking lot on Monadnock Street, at around 1:45 pm. 🐾

# News of your Society

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT,

IN CONCLUDING my first year as President I think of the programs, meetings, tours, research, cataloging, displaying, decision-making, and the Dean play that we worked on so successfully. It was a team effort by the officers and by several directors. Some people just naturally assume their role and others step up to help when requested. Either way it's a group effort that continues our forward momentum. As our movers and shakers advance in age they understandably look to cut back on their responsibilities and time commitment. Before they do so it is good for potential replacements to learn from their experience, and practice under their tutelage for a year or two. Although we have over 100 members of the JHS the actual hands-on workers number closer to 20. To continue preserving Jaffrey history and meeting the educational objectives of our organization I would like 10 other members to contact me and say, "I could help with exhibits, or with accessions, or with maintenance, or serve on the Board..." Many hands make light work, and take little time.

As I begin my second term I look forward to continued excellent group efforts on the Willa Cather Celebration, our Autumn Outing to Troy, programs, and sharing Jaffrey historical perspectives with you all.

Bruce

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PHOTOS ON SMUGMUG: <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/JHS>

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

## Dean Murder Centenary

THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of Jaffrey's longest running and most perplexing of mysteries has come and gone. The Society was fortunate to receive substantial support from the Bean Family Foundation in 2012 and again in 2014. Its purpose: to allow the Society to research and document the Dean Murder and to recognize the murder's centenary in an appropriate fashion.

Since then the Society has:—

Created a website [www.deanmurder.org](http://www.deanmurder.org) • Scanned thousands of documents, photographs and newspaper clippings and made them available online.

• Organized a DEAN MURDER RESEARCH GROUP to explore unresolved issues. • Made presentations on the murder around the region. • Planned & created an exhibit on the Dean Murder at the Civic Center. (Those who viewed the exhibit were able to vote for the culprit. The results: Mary Dean 4; None of the Above 5; Hoodlums 11; Laurence Colfelt 26; German Spies 26; Charles Rich 48.) • Commissioned and produced a play, DEEP WATER, on the Dean Murder which had three sold-out performances at the Meetinghouse.

The Society will continue in the months and years ahead to add to the body of information on the murder and to make it available to researchers and the public at large. ☛

DEEP WATER will be performed again on November 3, 2018, at the Peterborough Players. Tickets available for \$15 at The Toadstool, Steele's and [www.kensheldon.com](http://www.kensheldon.com)

## Officers & Committee Chairs

*President:* Bruce Hill • *Vice President:* Charles Turcotte • *Treasurer:* Karl Putnam

*Corresponding & Recording Secretary:* Vicki Arceci • *Archives:* Dick Boutwell

*Exhibits:* Helen Coll • *Hospitality:* Cathy Proulx & Diane Schaumann • *Little Red Schoolhouse:* Jackie Johnson

*Membership:* Marcie Manning • *Monadnock No. 4:* Bill Driscoll & Dave Kemp • *Publications:* Rob Stephenson

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### 2017-2020

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## Trustees of the Trust Fund

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THE CROWD lines up to attend the sold-out matinee performance of *Deep Water* on Sunday, August 19th.

## Archives

Dick Boutwell, *Chair*

A CARRIAGE JACK from her farm was recently donated by **Deborah Babson**. Also received, maps and photographs from the **Civic Center** and a Town Register from **Marilyn Simons**. ☺

## Membership

Marcie Manning, *Chair*

WE ARE sorry to report the death of long-time member and Town genealogist **Paul St. Pierre**.

We welcome to membership **Randy Morse**. ☺

## 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, Sandy & Bob Chamberlain, Bill Driscoll, Pam Hill, Jacqueline Johnson, Marcie & Joe Manning, Emily Preston, Cathy Proulx, Betty & Kent Royce, Ann & Peter Sawyer, Diane Schaumann, Betty Shea, Debbie Stewart and Peggy Ueda**. ☺

## Willa Cather's Spirit Lives On!

*Come Celebrate Cather in Words, Music, Theater and Food!*

**What:** A national celebration of Willa Cather in Jaffrey & the 100th anniversary of *My Antonia*.

**When:** October 19-20, 2018

**Where:** Jaffrey

**Sponsors:** Jaffrey Historical Society, Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society, Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, Jaffrey Civic Center, Jaffrey Public Library, First Church of Jaffrey, Willa Cather Foundation, The MacDowell Colony.

**Schedule:** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Welcome Reception, Civic Center, 5-7 pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Guided tours of *High Mowing* where she wrote some of *My Antonia*
- Melville Academy exhibit
- Old Burying Ground burial site
- Box lunch
- Presentation by executives from the Willa Cather Foundation of Nebraska
- Afternoon symposium
- Recital and lecture on Cather-referenced music by Virginia Eskin
- Cather-themed banquet at The Shattuck
- Musical play *Kindness and Cruelty*, *Willa Cather in Jaffrey* in the Meetinghouse.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21

All are welcome at First Church for a Willa Cather themed service.

**Registration:** \$65 for members of the Society. Send check to Jaffrey Historical Society with name, e-address and phone number. Deadline: October 10.



THE SOCIETY celebrated its 60th birthday at this year's Annual Meeting in August. The original signatories of the Articles of Agreement were Ralph Boynton, Anne Gordon, Warren Ruffle, Homer Belletete, Elizabeth Torrey, Alice Lehtinen, Georgia Eaves and Marion Symonds.

## Looking ahead — Upcoming Programs & Events

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14: *Annual Autumn Outing* (Troy). • FRIDAY-SATURDAY OCTOBER 19-20: *Willa Cather Weekend*  
 • THURSDAY DECEMBER 13: *Annual Christmas Party* with the Civic Center 5:30-7 pm. • THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2019: *Annual Potluck* 5:30. • THURSDAY APRIL 11: *Program* TBD • SUNDAY JUNE 16: *Cemetery tour*, tentative.  
 • THURSDAY AUGUST 8: *Annual Meeting*. • SUNDAY OCTOBER 13: *Annual Autumn Outing* TBD • THURSDAY DECEMBER 12: *Annual Christmas Party* with the Civic Center 5:30-7 pm. ☺



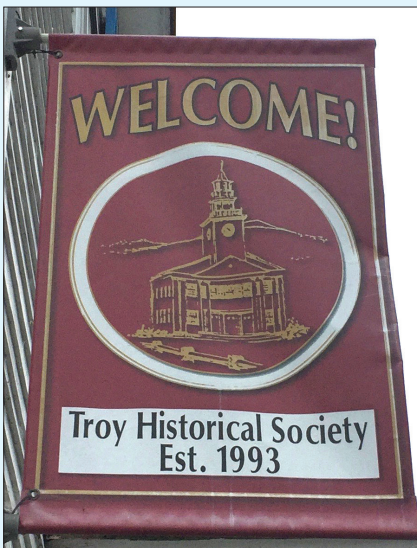
# Kimball Hall

KIMBALL HALL, which dates to the early 1900s, is the headquarters of the Troy Historical Society. At one time an Odd Fellows hall, the building now accommodates display space for the Society's collections and work space for cataloging and research. 🐾



# The Troy Depot

ORIGINALLY built as the railroad station for Troy on the Cheshire Railroad, restoration of the Depot began in 2002 and is now a railroad museum overseen by volunteers some of whom once worked on the railroad. (Passenger rail service through Troy ceased in 1958) Jaffrey's depot, which still stands on Blake Street, probably would have been similar as its Troy cousin in layout and looks but sadly nearly every evidence of its railroad history has been lost. Not so in Troy which should be proud of its accomplishment in preservation. 🐾







## *Optional after-outing dinner at The Inn at East Hill Farm*

**T**O TOP OFF our Autumn Outing to Troy those who wish are invited to congregate around 4:30pm at **THE INN AT EAST HILL FARM**, 460 Monadnock Street, Troy. We'll have a social 'half-hour' (bring your favorite beverage; the Society will supply some wine) and then sit down for dinner around 5pm.

This will be a fixed-price meal: **\$25 per person** which includes tax and tip. There will be two menu choices (no need to choose ahead): New England POT ROAST and gravy *and/or* SEAFOOD NEWBURG. Also, homemade soup, bread, garden salad, fritters & maple syrup, mashed potatoes and vegetables, dessert and coffee/tea/milk. We will need your reservation by **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**. 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**.

During our time there the folks at East Hill Farm will say a few words about the history of this long-established and popular family resort.

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**



## *Some of the Other Sights on the Outing*



### **Soldier's Rock**

Some soldiers of the Revolution camped beside this rock on one of their expeditions. During the night one man died and was buried beside the rock on the south side of Mountain Road.



**Troy Mills** It began operations in 1865 and was famous for its horseblankets. For many years it was operated by the Ripley family. It's been standing largely vacant for some years awaiting redevelopment.

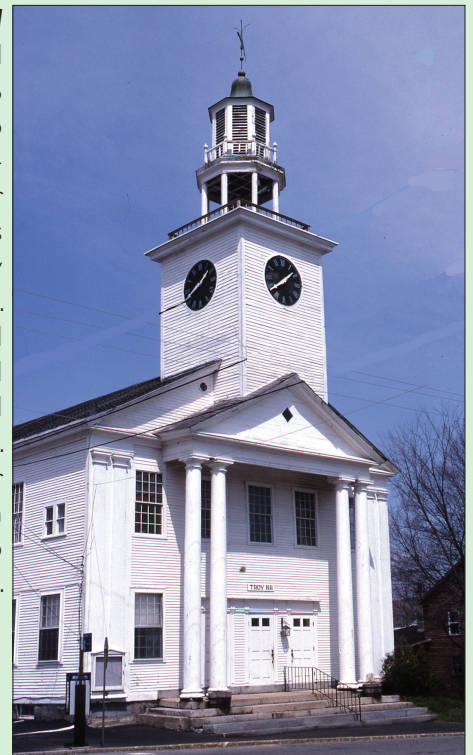


### **Site of Marlborough Meetinghouse**

Construction of Marlborough's meetinghouse started five years before the frame of Jaffrey's meetinghouse was raised. It was last used in 1865.

### **Troy Town Hall**

It was completed in 1815. In 1856 it was turned to face the common. An earlier weathervane is now on display in Kimball Hall. The Howard clock is still manually wound once a week. The second floor meetingroom is intact but no longer used.



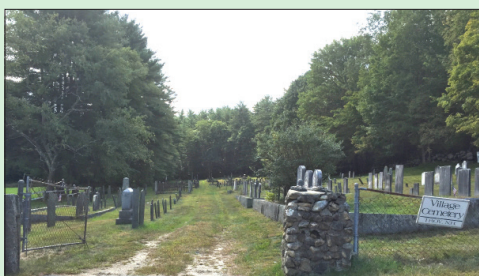
### **Meetinghouse Cemetery**

Beside where the Meetinghouse stood, this burying ground has some interesting gravestones.



### **Webb Depot Road Stone Arch Bridge**

Beautiful stonework, it once carried the Cheshire Railway.



### **Village Cemetery**

This attractive small burying ground has some early graves of Troy luminaries.

### **Troy School**

Troy School has been educating the children of Troy since 1895 when it was built to house 225 children of all ages.

