

# The Historical Herald

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Bartlett Historical Society's Newsletter

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Our Mission is to preserve and protect all documents and items of historic value concerning the history of Bartlett, New Hampshire

## Up coming Program

**September 3, 2016**

**Peter Huston, "Trail Magic" (the Emma Gatewood story - 1st Woman to Hike Appalachian Trail solo); co-hosted with the AMC at the Highland Center, 7:30 P.M**



"Trail Magic, The Grandma Gatewood Story" is about Emma Gatewood. She became the face of the Appalachian Trail when at the age of 67, in 1955, she solo thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail, which wasn't as widely known as it is now. This amazing feat transformed her into a national celebrity, as she was the first woman to hike it from end to end. The film is an innovative approach to documentary and drama story telling, utilizing Emma Gatewood's journals and diaries to create a first person script presented by actress Anne McEvoy, and is entwined with other experts. There will be a question and answer after the screening with film director, Peter Huston.

Peter Huston has worked to produce the PBS series "Worldscape" with Walter Cronkite and is an Emmy nominated director and senior producer. He has continued to produce programming for PBS, Discovery Channel, Hallmark, and has co-produced a feature film and done scores of corporate and educational projects.

Our July 2016 issue of The Historical Herald highlights some of the early Hotels and Lodging Establishments located in Bartlett from the very early days up through the mid 1950's. Much of our source material comes from Aileen M. Carroll's book, "The Latchstring Was Always Out".

The saga of hotels, inns and taverns is integral to the history of New Hampshire's White Mountains. Early settlers were quick to realize the potential value of offering lodging to teamsters, explorers and naturalists. As the region's fame spread, businessmen and prosperous farmers began to visit the mountains. When travel to the "Crystal Hills" became easier, the area blossomed into a playground for the well-to-do.

## President's Message:

Well, it's official; the Bartlett Historical Society has entered into a long term lease of the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bartlett Village from the Bartlett School District. Although the actual terms of the lease took a while to iron out, all negotiations were friendly and we cannot thank the members of the Bartlett School Board, SAU 9 Supt. Kevin Richard and Asst. Supt. Kadie Wilson enough for all their hard work and professional assistance in helping to bring this about. Special recognition must be given to BHS board member Phil Franklin for his countless hours invested in this undertaking. His knowledge and expertise were invaluable to us in helping to finalize the lease.

Now, the real work begins; we need to raise \$300,000 to make the building suitable for our future home and a museum that we can all be proud of. While there is some grant money available, there is tremendous competition for those funds. The largest portion of our fund raising must come from society members, friends and benefactors, be they local or "from away". Additionally, we will need to raise another \$200,000 as endowment funds to help in sustaining the society. So, Yes, we will be asking you to dig deep and donate all you can to your historical society for this purpose.

*Norm Head, President*

There have been at least seventy-five prominent lodging establishments that have called Bartlett their home. Little is known about some of the earliest, such as Obed Hall's Tavern and Titus Brown's Tavern which were both located in the Upper Village area. Here is a list of the lodging establishments we know about. Those that are underlined have more information at our website, **BartlettHistory.org**:

Abenaki, The (Upper Bartlett Village)  
Bartlett House (The) 1856-1892  
 Bellhurst 1930—1970  
 Bellevue (Intervale)  
Bide-a-Wee 1920-1941  
 Broadview (Intervale 1924)  
 Cannells Camps  
Castner's Camps 1930-1950?  
 Cave Mountain House (the) 1890-1905  
 Cedarcroft 1892-1953  
 Centre Bartlett House - Joseph Mead (Glen)  
 Charlie's Cabins 1930-1960 (was near Storyland)  
 Cole's Camps 1935-Present Better Life Cabins  
 Comstock Inn  
 Country Squire Motor Lodge 1966-present  
Dunrovin' 1910-1945  
East Branch House 1810-1898  
Elmcrest 1930-1940  
Elmwood Inn  
Elms (The)  
 Emerson Inn - burned in 1948  
 Fairview Cottage 1854-  
 Forest Inn (Upper Village)  
 Fosscroft 1928-1950 (replaced the Langdon House)  
Garland (The) 1905-  
 Gateway, The 1890-1990 The Target/Abenaki  
 Glendennings Camps 1932- (upper Village)  
 Glenwood by the Saco (Glen)  
 Goodrich Falls Cabins  
 Hampshire House (Intervale)  
 Headlands, The (Intervale)  
Howard (the) 1912-1989 Later Bartlett Hotel  
 Intervale House, The 1860-  
 Linderhoff Motor Lodge 1966-1995  
 Lone Maple Cottage 1930-1960 (Upper Village)  
 Langdon House 1880— (Intervale)  
 Maple Cottage 1920-1950 (upper Village area)  
 Maple Dale Cottage 1928-1959 (Village area)  
 Maple Villa  
 Meadowbrook 1945-Present Wills Inn  
 Mt Surprise Cottage (Kearsarge)  
 Mountain Home Cabins 1931 to present  
 Mountain Rest 1809-present  
 New England Inn  
 Norland Cottage  
Obed Halls Tavern 1790 to unknown

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Pequawket House 1854  
 Perry's Rest 1934-present  
 Pines (the) 1925-Present Bartlett Country Inn  
 Pine Cottage  
 Pitman Hall 1905-mid1930's  
Pleasant Valley Hall 1893-present today's Bernerhof  
 Riverside  
 Roselawn  
 Saco River Cabins 1935- 1992 (Forbes)  
 Silver Springs Cottage 1900- (upper Village)  
 Silver Springs Tavern 1930-1990  
Sky Valley Motel 1949-present  
 Spruce Knoll Tea Room & Cabins (Woodshed)  
 Stilphen's Farm 1810— today's Storybook  
Sweets Farm Inn 1920-1938 (upper Village area)  
 Swiss Chalets 1965 - present  
 Target, the (later the Abenaki) (upper Village)  
 Tasker Cottage  
 Thompson's Inn 1918-1990 Chippanock  
Titus Browns Inn 1810  
Upper Bartlett House 1854-  
 Wayside Inn of Sam Stillings  
 William Whites Tavern 1820's to ?  
 Willow Cottage Inn 1910-1925  
 Woodbine Cottage (upper Village area)  
 Woodshed (the) Fosey's Roadhouse 1920-1960's  
 More information at [BartlettHistory.Org](http://BartlettHistory.Org).

**(1757-1828) HALL, Obed**, a Representative from New Hampshire; born in Raynham, Bristol County, Mass., December 23, 1757; moved to Madbury, N.H., and thence to Upper Bartlett and engaged in agricultural pursuits; subsequently became an innkeeper; surveyor of highways in 1790; member of the board of selectmen 1791, 1798, 1800, 1802-1810, 1814-1819, and 1823; member of the State house of representatives in 1801 and 1802; appointed judge of the court of common pleas by Gov. John Taylor Gilman; elected as a Republican to the Twelfth Congress (March 4, 1811-March 3, 1813); member of the State senate in 1819; died in Bartlett, Carroll County, N.H., April 1, 1828; interment in Garland Ridge Cemetery, about two miles south of Bartlett; reinterment in Evergreen Cemetery, Portland, Maine. Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress.

## Source, Sweetser's Guide 1886

It is impossible to estimate the number of summer-visitors who now enter the White-Mountain region. One railroad alone claims to have carried 160,000 in one season. It is said that over \$3,000,000 are spent in the State every year by pleasure-travelers. Fogg's Statutical Gazeteer says that the annual income from summer-tourists in 17 towns near the White Mountains is 636,000; in 16 towns near the Franconia Mountains it is \$300,000; and in 14 towns in the lake-country it is \$ 340,000, — making an aggregate of \$1,276,000, exclusive of the receipts of several of the great mountain-hotels, the Maine and Vermont border-towns, and the railroads, which would probably swell the sum to above \$ 2,500,000.

## Intervale Area Hotels




**The Bellevue, J. A. Barnes**, proprietor, stands on the knoll just beyond the Intervale. It is a slightly location and one excellently adapted for perfect drainage and to insure health and comfort. Mr. Barnes built this house himself in 1872, and for fifteen years has been its popular landlord and proprietor. Hundreds of New England people have found here a pleasant summer home. In the fall of 1886, the house was very materially enlarged by the addition of an L to the rear which nearly doubles its capacity. The house now accommodates about seventy guests, all in good rooms. It is kept open from the first of June until the last of October. (Description from an 1800's Guide book.)

## A Message From Norman Head, Bartlett Historical Society, President:

**As you may know**, the Jackson society is focused on the sale of paintings, while the Bartlett Historical Society will focus on the sale of antique books related to White Mountain art and history. There were many books written in the 1900's telling the history of the White Mountains from many different perspectives. These authors created their own works of art through the written word conveying the life and times of the White Mountain's early settlers. There are also a number of catalogs documenting the fine art works painted by artists who called the White Mountains their home. Warren has graciously invited us to partner with the Jackson Historical Society in Jackson's annual art show and other ventures where we will have some books on display and for sale to benefit the Bartlett Historical Society.

All money raised from our antique book sale will be directed to the St. Joseph Church Renovation Fund. Along with the books, we will have a display describing the renovation project and members of your BHS will be on hand to talk about the project.

We need your help to make this a successful event for both the Bartlett and Jackson historical societies. Do you have a trunk in the attic with books or book collections on White Mountains history or art that could use a new home? Are there books on these topics on the top shelf of your bookcase that haven't been opened for years? While we are willing to take books on a consignment basis, we are also hoping that people are willing to donate antique books to this sale. Thank you for your help with this appeal.



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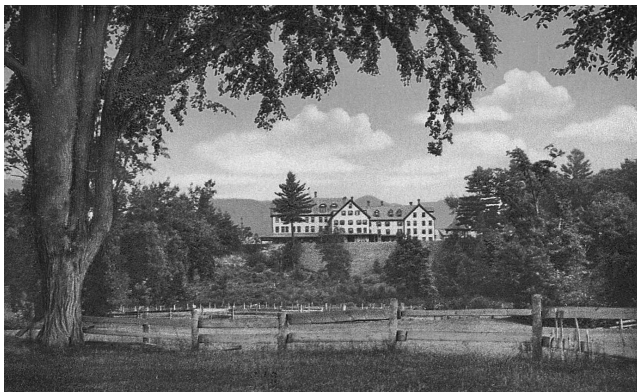
**Thank you to Kathleen for helping to make this newsletter possible.**



## Intervale Area Hotels



**The Intervale House, Stephen Mudgett and Sons**, proprietors, was built in 1860 by W. H. H. Trickey, one of the pioneers in mountain hotel keeping and for some years later proprietor of the **Jackson Falls House**. The Intervale was then a small house compared with its present proportions. In 1871, **Frank Mudgett and Alfred Eastman** purchased the hotel. They retained the manager of the house until 1874 when **Stephen Mudgett** bought out Mr. Eastman's interest and took charge of the business with his sons, **Frank A. Mudgett and Herbert Mudgett**. (from an early travel guidebook). The Intervale House occupied the site that is today's Scenic Vista rest area.



### GIFTS AND DONATIONS

We always welcome and appreciate cash donations from our members and friends including:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

## **The New England Inn at Intervale has a Long History; Only a Small Part is Revealed here:**

The Eastern Slope of the White Mountains was still a vast, untamed wilderness when the original farmhouse was built on this site by **Samuel Bloodgood**, in 1809. The Bloodgood farm was famous for its hospitality from the first and remained so during Samuel's life and those of his sons and grandsons. Among the third generation, **Lyle Bloodgood** had been a handsome, young and talented **actor**. Returning in later life after extensive travels, he often regaled his guests with tales of the state. His most exciting story was an eye-witness account of **Lincoln's assassination**. He had been one of the



performers at **Ford's theater in Washington** on that fatal night. It was some years before this, in the late 1830s, that the farm had in fact become an inn, the owners setting a sign at the roadside to invite the traveling public to their hearth and board.

Thank you **Sky Valley Motel** for helping to publish this issue of the Historical Herald.





## Intervale Area Hotels

### Pendexter Mansion

*Description from an early 1900's travel guide.*

**The Pendexter Mansion**, about three minutes walk to the north of the Rail Station, is one of the most charming houses in this section. It commands an unobstructed view of the Intervale and the mountains around it. This house,



which accommodates fifty guests, was built by **Mrs. C. C. Pendexter in 1872**, and has always remained under her excellent management, and maintained a reputation for being homelike. An addition was made to the cottage in 1886, and other recent improvements serve to render this mansion attractive; many of its rooms are heated and the house is open the year round. Its winter night suppers for sleighing parties are famous. For regular boarders it is open from the first of May until the last of October.



## Intervale Area Castner's Camps



**Castner's Hite O Land Cabins.** This photo (above) from 1920 show the cabins and Rte 16 looking east. Later the Restaurant building was added and the name simplified to Castner's Camps. In those days this area was "The Charles Farm". In the 1940's the camps and restaurant burned, but were rebuilt. In the early 1950's the cabins were torn



down or removed to other locations and the restaurant building remained in various uses until 2012. It was torn down and replaced with a ski shop in 2012 and a Dunkin Donuts now occupies the space just to the left of this photograph.

*Since Castner's closed, the site has been home to "Animal Forest Park", "Don Galvin Shoes", and "The Magic Castle" operated out of a tent on the site. Dick Plusch had his first antiques Store here in 1971.*

## Intervale Area



**Crystal Hills Lodge** (Later, The House of Color)  
Crystal Hills Lodge and Ski Dorm was operated from the 1940's to the 1960's by Meg and Les Brown. In the early 1960's they renamed it the House of Color which operated as a large gift and souvenir shop. It is now home to The Wooden Soldier.

## Old hotel once stood on top of Kearsarge Mountain

To the editor:  
I thought the enclosed picture of the old hotel on top of Kearsarge Mountain North would be of interest to your local readers. The hotel was built in 1869 by Andrew Din-smore and named the "Kearsarge House." The original summit road, which was really a horse path, was, chartered by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1864 and was built by locals Joseph Nute and Steve Eastman.

On Nov. 12, 1883 a severe storm blew the hotel down the mountain. Following this Mr. Din-smore gathered up lumber from the debris and built a smaller hotel in its place on the summit. In 1883 the New Hampshire Legislature approved an Act of Incorporation of the North Conway and Mount Kearsarge Railroad. In spite of time extensions granted in 1887, 1893, 1899, 1901, 1903 and 1905, the railroad was never built.

In 1902 Caroline Clay of Chatham,

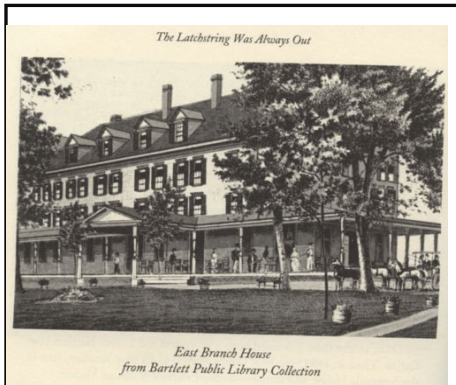


The hotel on top of Mount Kearsarge in the 1800s.

gave 10 acres on top of Kearsarge Mountain to the Appalachian Mountain Club. The A.M.C. gave permission to use the hotel for a fire lookout and for a phone line to be built to the summit.

P.S. I was born and raised at the Seavey homestead at the foot of Kearsarge Mountain and in 1945, at age 17, I was a fire lookout in the old cabin/tower. My grandfather, Walter Seavey, was the lookout for 21 years in the early 1900s — going up and down the mountain daily.

Alton W. Seavy Jr.  
Trumbull, Conn.



## The East Branch House

Just over the bridge spanning the East Branch was the East Branch House. It was established about 1870 and was substantially larger than the other Intervale Hotels with a capacity of 125. Its rates were comparable to its rivals at \$7. to \$10.50 per week. Its guests could actually hear the sound of the stream from their bedroom windows. Its owners were two brothers, William and Winthrop M. Pitman, great grandsons of Joseph and Alice (Pendexter) Pitman. Having grown up in Intervale they were no strangers to the hotel business as many of their ancestors and relatives were also innkeepers in the Intervale area. The Pitman name was evident in Bartlett's history from the very beginning. The hotel they built and operated was a great success with a loyal following. In 1898 the hotel burned in what was described as an awesome spectacle to those viewing it.

There is more information on the Intervale Hotels and the various generations of Pitmans in the book by Aileen M. Carroll, "The Latchstring Was Always Out".



## Glen Area Lodgings:

**The Glen Inn**—Later Stilphens Farm—and even later, Storybook Motor Inn

The Original Stilphens Farm consisted of about 150 acres and the original structure was built in the mid 1820's. A



guide-book from the 1880's lists Cornelius Stilphen's boardinghouse with 20 rooms with rates from six to nine dollars a week. Probably over the years the Stilphens had regularly taken in summer boarders as did many other farm families in that period. Stilphen's Farm was sold in 1903 to the Libbeys of Gorham whose timberland abutted the Conway Lumber Company's Rocky Branch Holdings. The Libbeys' logs were brought out of the woods by Conway Lumber Teams and loaded at the Maine Central Siding in Glen. The former Stilphen farmstead served as a boardinghouse for the teamsters. Fires occurring in 1912-1914 brought a halt to lumbering and the old Stilphen house was deserted until 1947 except for a caretaker, Percy Wells, who did a little farming and attempted to keep the old house in a decent state of repair.

In 1947 the property was purchased by **Raymond and Stella Clark**. They did extensive renovations and reopened it as the Storybook Inn. In 1956 they added two additional wings and shortly after that added motel type units for a total of 78 rooms. The Clark's daughter Charless and her husband Jan Filip now manage the place.

**Pleasant Valley Inn**—Later The Glenwood — even later, **The Bernerhof**.

Pleasant Valley Inn became Pleasant Valley Farm and then The Glenwood by the Saco. Today it is known as The Bernerhof.



This Glen area inn originally opened as Pleasant Valley Hall in 1893. The "Hall" part of the name came about because the proprietor's last name was Hall; probably a relative of Obed Hall who operated an inn in Bartlett Village beginning in 1790. It was operated primarily as a boarding house for teamsters and loggers. David and Marion Irving assumed ownership in 1928 and renamed the establishment Pleasant Valley Farm.

In 1937 T.H. Brooks took over and he renamed it Glenwood by the Saco, reportedly because he so adored the big Glenwood Stove in the kitchen.

Claire and Charlie Zumstein purchased the property in 1955 and renamed it Bernerhof, The House of Berne, which had been their hometown in Switzerland. In 1971 Claire's nephew, Herman Pfeuti, took ownership of the inn and continued the Swiss tradition.

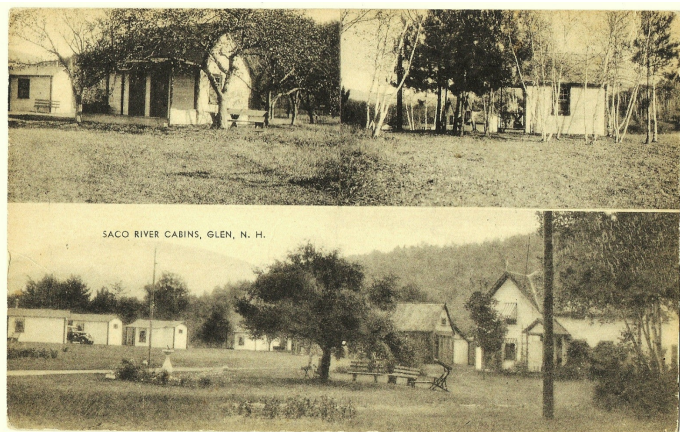
During the 1980's Ted and Sharon Wroblewski operated the Inn using the same name. They sold it sometime in the late 1990's and the subsequent owners became overextended and the property was sold by foreclosure auction to Realtor, Dick Badger. His innkeepers, Steve and Katey, continue to operate the property as of this writing.



## GLEN AREA LODGINGS

### **Saco River Cabins**—later Forbes Cottages

Operated by the Kennisons from about 1945 until 1969. From 1969 until 1992 Clara and Al **Forbes** operated the cabins. Al also operated the Sunoco Station in North Conway. These cabins were just across the street from the Glen covered bridge.



We apologize if your favorite “old time hotel” is not included in this newsletter. We would need many more pages to include all of them.

Our website, BartlettHistory.Org, has much more information about many early Bartlett Inns and Hotels.

There are LARGER versions of all these pictures at our website;  
**BartlettHistory.Org**

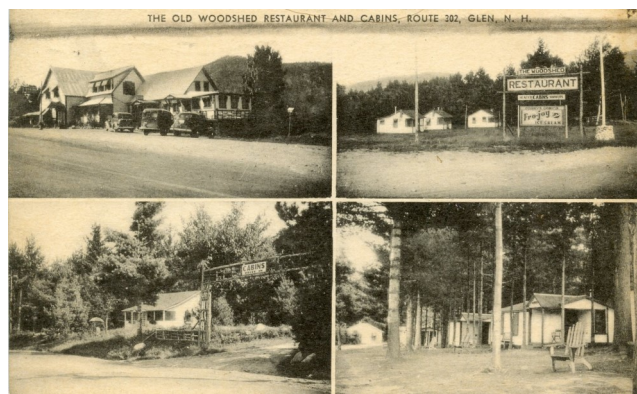
Thank-You to **Jono Mulkern** at the **Linderhof**

**Linderhof**



**Country Club** in Glen for helping make this newsletter possible. Stop by, say hello, play some golf, swim, and have a fabulous lunch with your gin & tonic !

**The Woodshed** — earlier, Spruce Knoll Tea Room & Cabins — even earlier, Pop Foisey's Roadhouse — Is located about a half mile



west of the junction of West Side Road and Rte 302. Built in the 1820's, the earliest use we know of was by **Pop Foisey** beginning about 1920. He had six

tourist rooms in the main house and eleven separate cabins. In



the era of Prohibition it was a well known Roadhouse serving illegal alcoholic beverages. In 1953 the property was purchased by **Bill and Evalyn Gimber** from **Nancy McLane Watson**, an heir to the McLane brick fortune of Philadelphia. The Gimbbers operated it as an inn and restaurant until 1959. A prominent feature in those days were two wooden horses that stood guard out front.

The Woodshed is now the private residence of **Norman and Kathleen Head**, the Gimbbers' son. Both Norman and Kathleen are local Realtors and Norman is the President of the Bartlett Historical Society.

## Glen Area Lodgings



*Pine Cottage  
from Bartlett Public Library Collection*



*Cannells Camps and Cottages  
Courtesy of John Cannell*

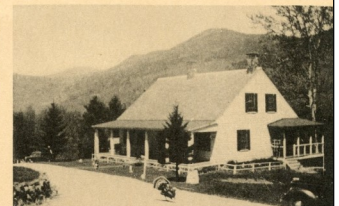
**The Pine Cottage** was the home of Minnie Cannell who operated Cannell's Camps. This group of buildings is located between Jericho Road and what is now the Massa-Schussers Ski Club. The cabins were a new idea for the travelling public and these were **the second such group of cabins to be constructed in New Hampshire.** (The first were in Franconia Notch near the Old Man of the Mountains.) In 1937 the Cannells moved to their present location in Intervale across from the Scenic Vista. Minnie Cannell's Pine Cottage is now the home of the White Mountain Cider Company at 207 Route 302 in Glen.

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**Read more about all the Bartlett lodging establishments from the Source Material "The Latch String Was Always Out" by Aileen Carroll -1994 Available at the Bartlett Library - or \$10 (used) at Amazon.Com.** (I saw it there June 2016)

## On the way to Attitash:

**The Smith Hurst and later The Bell Hurst.**



Just east of Attitash on the left was the **Smith Hurst** and later the **Bell Hurst**, and up to the early seventies the barn, pictured above, was the home of The **Scarecrow** Restaurant, which is now located in Intervale. For a time in the 1960's the building operated a **Sauna** and Health club, but apparently that concept was not ready for prime-time since it only lasted a year or two.

The barn, and later the main house, burned in the 1980's and the apartment building that is there today was the Sauna building originally.

The property was once owned by the **Laughlin** Family whose son died while climbing the ledges on **Mt Stanton** behind the house. Mrs. Laughlin was watching from the back porch when her son took his fatal plunge.

**Much earlier, perhaps in the 1820's, William White's Tavern** was in this general location, probably another half-mile further east. William White's Farm in 1814 consisted of about 65 acres in the vicinity of today's Fields of Attitash. William White was also a successor to Obed Hall in his Bartlett Village Establishment, Obed Hall's Tavern, which was located about where the Town Park is today.



**The Howard Hotel**—later The Bartlett Hotel—was owned by **G.K. Howard**. It opened in 1912. It was a first class hotel in its prime. Every room on the second and third floor connected with a bathroom, hot and cold water, and a room telephone to the front desk. The dining room seated 75 people. It provided drivers for mountain tours.



The Howard Hotel was eventually purchased by Matt Elliot and Realand Hart and and re-



named **the Bartlett Hotel**.

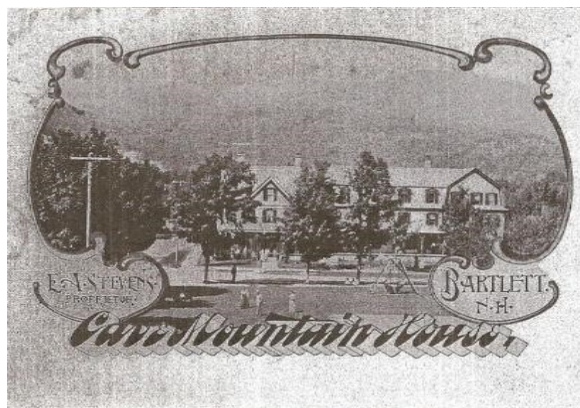
Matt operated the Hotel until his death in 1985 at which time

it was purchased by the Yannones of Brockton, Massachusetts. In the winter of 1989 the Hotel was destroyed by fire caused while thawing frozen pipes.



## Upper Village Lodgings

**THE CAVE MOUNTAIN HOUSE:** 1890 - 1905, was originally the summer home of one of the Jose brothers, owners of Bartlett Land and Lumber Company. The Hotel was managed by **Edgar Stevens**, whose specialty was entertaining the guests both at the Inn and with excursions through the



Cave Mountain House Image courtesy Bartlett Library

mountains. **Mr Stevens** was a fabulous story-teller and enjoyed personally escorting his guests on wild rides through the mountains. The Inn's rooms were advertised as large and airy, with electric lights, hot and cold running water, and excellent views from most rooms. There was also a large farm connected with the hotel that provided fresh eggs, meat and vegetables. All this could be had for prices ranging from \$7 to \$12 per week. (In perspective, an average family earned about \$35./ month in 1895). On May 1, 1905 the Cave Mountain House and barn were totally destroyed by fire caused by a defective chimney. The insured loss amounted to \$10,875. The site remained empty until 1912 when the Howard Hotel was built on the same site.

Source credit: **The Latchstring was Always Out**  
Aileen M. Carroll

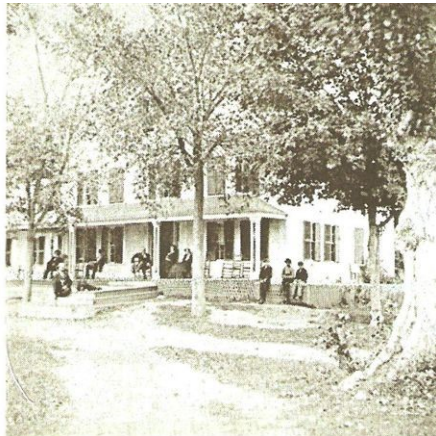
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## Upper Village Area

**The Bartlett House** was built in 1856 by Franklin George, first as his residence



Bartlett House photo - courtesy of Bert George

and shortly thereafter, as the town became a stopover for travelers on their way through Crawford Notch, he operated as an Inn.

(There was no railroad in 1856). During the next 15 years several additions were made and in 1872 it became known as The Bartlett House. (Not to be confused with The Upper Bartlett House which was about half a mile further west).

After the railroad was constructed through the Notch, Franklin leased the Mt Crawford House for a period of five years beginning in 1872. Its location directly on the railroad line was ideal.

Franklin was an industrious man, laying out a bridle path to the summit of Mt Langdon, operating a building and loan association and owning vast tracts of land stretching from the Saco River to the Albany Town Line. He also established the Bartlett Water Company and found time to be a Bartlett Selectman for six terms. He served as a State Representative in 1878 and was the Town Tax Collector as late as 1890.

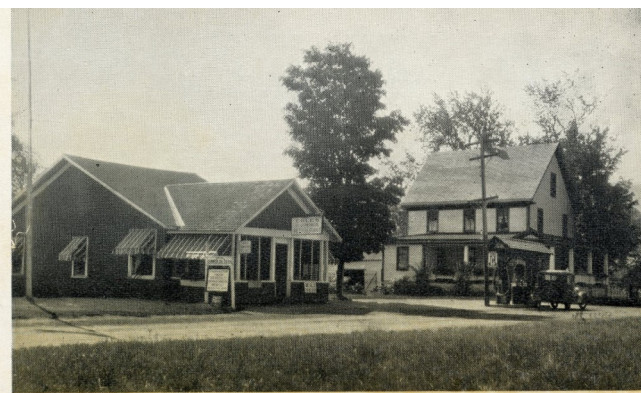
The building is now the home of Bert and Greta George at the corner of Rt 302 and River Street in the Village.

**Cole's Cabins and Cole's Restaurant** were operated by **Henry and Sadie Cole** beginning

about 1935. It is said that Sadie had quite a temper and one needed to be alert for flying fry



pans. **Lewis Mead** purchased the cabins and restaurant in 1955 and the bigger house in the background is where Lewis and Sandra Mead live. Lewis died in 2008. Note the gas pumps that, in 1935, were in the driveway of the main house. They were later moved eastward to the front of the cabin office. Sandra



Cole's Restaurant, Bartlett, N. H.

still lives in the main house and the cabins and restaurant building are now **A Better Life Cabins**.





Located across the street from today's Villager Motel, **The Elmcrest** was operated by Helen Hayes until the late 1940's. It is currently uninhabited.



**The Garland**, an inn on Albany Avenue, was built by Eben Garland about 1890. It also housed a drug store and jewelry store. It was sold to the Hodgkins family about 1920 for use as a private residence and it is still owned by the Hodgkins family.

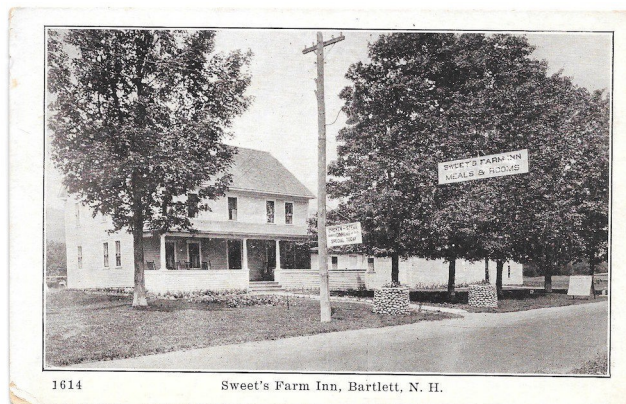


**Thanks to Jessica Davis and the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School 4th Grade Class for all of their hard work restoring a part of Bartlett history at the Stillings/Towle Cemetery.**

*Gene Chandler*

The Bartlett Historical Society thanks Gene for his support in publishing this newsletter.

**Sweet's Farm Inn** was located at the present day Skidaddlers Ski Club site. It was owned and operated by **George and Annie Sweet**, who also operated the Gateway, about a mile west of Sweet's Farm, from 1890 until 1930. In 1918 George died of the flu and his Irish widow Annie



continued to run the place with the help of her new husband, Luther Fernald. The Inn had 8 bedrooms in the main building and another 12 in the annex across the street. It also had an 8 car garage.

One source says the inn burned to the ground in 1938, but this editor remembers an operating inn being on that site well into the 1950's and Annie's daughter, Mary, lived in the annex for many years during the 1950's and 60's. I remember Mary Jones because she drove a car with "LOVEY" on the license plate.



Garland's Restaurant & Cabins was just west of today's Post Office. It operated until the late 1960's.



## Upper Village Area Lodging



**Thompson's Inn—later The Chippanock**—now a private residence opposite the Village Post Office.

It began as a private residence but by 1918 was operated as an Inn and Restaurant by Gertrude Thompson whose husband worked as a fireman on the railroad. In 1945 it was purchased by Sanford Hill who renamed it the Chippanock (*translation: bright north star*). He continued to operate it until his death in the early 1990's.



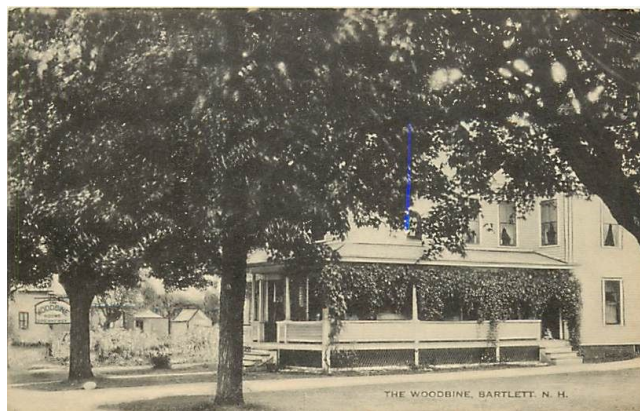
THE CHIPPANOCK INN ROUTE 302 BARTLETT, N. H.

There is much more information and many more pictures of early Bartlett Inns and Hotels available at [www.BartlettHistory.org](http://www.BartlettHistory.org). We encourage you to visit sometime.



The Maple Cottage photo - BHS Collection - given by Dave Flewelling

**The Maple Cottage** Owned by George Chesley from about 1920 to 1939. He could accommodate both summer boarders and auto parties. After World War 2 it was purchased by the Stoatemaier who also operated it as an Inn. It is currently operated as The Lawrencian Ski Club.



THE WOODBINE, BARTLETT, N. H.

**The Woodbine Cottage** was operated by Mrs. A.F Bergeron in the 1930's as a guest house. The property was later purchased by Richard Jones and upon his death he left the house in Trust to a group of his friends who now use it as "their" vacation abode. This building is located two houses east of the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School.

Thank you Kate & True North Vet for helping make this Newsletter possible.  
(True North Vet is a stones throw west of Bear Peak.)





## Upper Village Area Lodgings



Mountain Home photo - BHS Collection - given by Dave Flewelling

### Mountain Home Cabins

The current Mountain Home Cabins originated in the early 19th century, probably as a stage stop. It was originally part of the Stillings family land. It became the property of James and Emeline Nute. They sold the business to Clifton and Lucille Garland. The cabins were built two per year starting in 1931. In the 1920's, before the cabins, it operated as a campground. Cabins being a seasonal operation allowed Lucille to be a school teacher in Bartlett and Clifton tended milking cows. The property continues to be operated by Clifton's grandchildren who also operate Bear Notch Ski Touring Company from the site.

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## Silver Springs Cottage ... (not to be confused with



with Silver Springs Lodge further west on Rte 302) was located a few hundred yards east of the Mountain Home Cabins. A cellar hole marks the spot today.

It was actually part of a large farm operated



Silver Spring Cottage - DHS Collection - given by Dave Flewelling

by James and Emeline Nute. Folks would come to spend the summer on a rural farm.

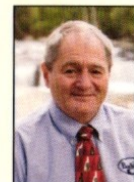
It burned years ago but its cellar hole is still visible just east of Mountain Home Cabins. The property was eventually inherited by Carrie LeBar, Upper Bartlett's only black resident in the 1960's, who operated The Lone Maple which was located about a half mile closer to the Village Center. It also burned in the late 1960's and has been replaced by the home of Gerry and Eileen McManus.

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## SAVE THE CHURCH

**Long Term Lease Signed:** We are very happy to report that we have agreed on terms for a long term lease with the Bartlett School District allowing your historical society the right to renovate and occupy the St. Joseph Church building. The lease agreement formalizing our stewardship of this historic building was signed on June 7, 2016 by your society president, Norman Head, and the chair of the Bartlett School Board, Vicki Harlow. Both expressed their appreciation for the cooperative spirit in which this lease was discussed and developed over the past several months. Vicki had commented earlier noted that “we [the Bartlett School Board] look forward to having BHS as a neighbor.” In comments at the signing, Norm and Vicki acknowledged both Phil Franklin, BHS Secretary, and Scott Grant, School Board Facilities Chair for their ongoing work on this lease focusing on the details and striving to make this a positive agreement for all parties.



**Now the Work Begins:** Before we can have a grand opening for our BHS headquarters and Bartlett History Museum, we need to accomplish three key things.

**Asbestos, Lead & Mold:** As we noted in our last newsletter, we have engaged a NH environmental firm to complete an analysis of the building focusing on asbestos, lead and mold in the building. Test results for asbestos and lead have been returned. The results show that we have asbestos only in the flooring tiles. Other major areas of the building such as the plaster interior and roof shingles were deter-

mined to be free of asbestos. Lead was detected in the paint around the windows and on the wood trim in the building. The paint covering the plaster was determined to be free of lead. Spots of mold can be seen in different parts of the building. We are now awaiting remediation plans and estimates for each of these components. The removal of this hazardous waste will be a first step in the renovation process.

**Fund Raising for Renovation and Endowment:** While we are still compiling the full estimated cost of the renovation effort, we are also preparing to launch a strong effort to raise the capital needed to complete the renovation project and develop an endowment fund to help cover the eventual costs of ongoing operations of the building. More information about this campaign will be forthcoming but we know that we will be asking for support from a great many people to accomplish this major project. It is also important to point out that we are looking at ways to keep our costs for renovation down by doing work with volunteers and identifying other creative means of managing the project. Where possible, we will be applying for grant money from various foundations to assist us in this effort.

**Planned Renovation Activity:** After a number of years with little to no maintenance the St. Joseph Church building is in need of a significant overhaul. Top to bottom, we are planning to do everything from replace the roof to stabilize the building walls to replace the interior and replace all of the mechanical systems. Fortunately, we are working with a building that has a solid frame assembled by good old Yankee craftsmen in 1890. As noted, a first step will be to remove all of the hazardous waste from the building. Our aim is to preserve the character of the church building while turning this building into our museum, presentation hall, historical artifact repository, and research center for genealogies and Bartlett history. To that end, we plan on saving the altar, displaying the stained glass windows in shadow box formats, restoring some pews and keeping the open concept of the congregation assembly area. Floor plans are being detailed at this time and we will have more to tell you in upcoming newsletters.

**Please Stay Tuned:** We are currently working through a number of details related to the topics above and will be sending out more information to you as it is available. As we talk with people about this project, we see the excitement for this project growing in the community. While there is a great deal of work ahead of us, we hope people continue to share in our mission of saving this historic building for all to visit and enjoy.



# *The Historical Herald*

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**BartlettHistory.Org Take a look sometime.**

## **Cemetery Work in Bartlett - By Jess Davis**

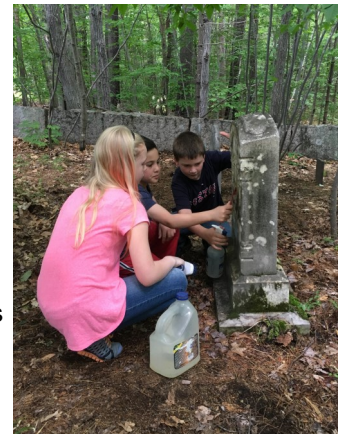


**This year JBES 4th-graders added a hands-on community service component** to their usual study of NH history. The group adopted the Stillings Cemetery across from Black Fly Field and aided in its restoration. In October, students walked to the overgrown cemetery and worked to remove leaves, branches and saplings so that the gravestones underneath could be found and reset. They also learned the correct way to clean stones and tried it out on the sturdiest ones. In June, students came to the cemetery again, this time to finish resetting the remaining gravestones and to plant flowers on the graves. During this project, students heard stories about the early settlers buried in the cemetery (mostly Stillings and Stantons) and tried to picture what life must have been like for them.

**This project came about due to the interest of my own 4<sup>th</sup>-grade son**, Landon, who not coincidentally was almost born during a field trip to a cemetery. That cemetery was in Indiana and I was leading a group of sixty 8<sup>th</sup>-graders to restore gravestones. Both Landon and his older sister Lilah have spent a good portion of their childhood in various cemeteries and are by now quite helpful. Like me, Landon has a soft-spot for the “lost cause graveyards” that are in such poor condition most people would just allow them to return to nature. Due to this, we were both captivated by the Stillings Cemetery. The ravages of time and vandalism had taken their toll and many of the marble tablet stones would crumble if touched. During approximately 60 man-hours, my family cleaned and reset the 29 marked stones, plus many more blank fieldstones. We also added channel braces, cast new concrete bases and repaired breaks if needed. Seven of the stones were too weak to stand, so sloping beds of gravel were created to hold the mostly illegible pieces. The transformation is stunning—no longer is it a lost cause. Photos and transcriptions from this process can be viewed on [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com).

**I became interested in preserving cemeteries** over thirteen years ago. I educated myself through state-sponsored workshops and local apprenticeships in my native Indiana. Like most teachers, I felt the urge to share my passion and designed interdisciplinary units for my middle school students that included genealogical research, local history, geometry, science, literature and art. When I moved to New Hampshire in 2009, I continued to repair gravestones and led groups of White Mountain Waldorf School students to restore cemeteries in Effingham and Conway. I conduct hands-on workshops in Maine and NH when I'm not teaching art at the John Fuller School.

**My goal is to teach** children (and adults) that cemeteries are not creepy places where vandalism is acceptable but are instead peaceful outdoor history museums full of memories. I want them to realize the importance of documenting the stories written on the stones before they become illegible. Recording the history of these lives postpones what the novelist and poet Thomas Hardy called the “second death”—the moment when the memory of our existence fades from the living.



**So what can be done?** While procedures like break repairs and the casting of new bases are not for the novice, many gravestones can be reset with some training and a little grunt work. However, this training is essential—I spend much of my time correcting the work of uninformed do-gooders. Common practices of the past, including the use of bleach, bolts and wet concrete, are now showing themselves to be very harmful. Useful information on gravestone care can be found in the Association for Gravestone Studies' FAQ section. Anyone working in cemeteries should abide by the motto “do no harm” and consult a professional before doing any questionable work.

**If you would like to volunteer to help** with any aspect of this cause, have questions about cemetery restoration or have rare information on small graveyards in the Bartlett area, please contact me at [jessdavis314@yahoo.com](mailto:jessdavis314@yahoo.com).