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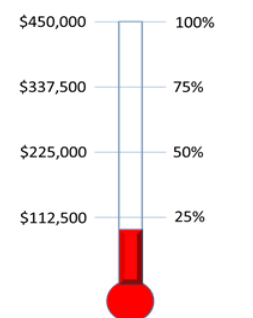
We are continuing to march forward in our capital campaign to raise the funds needed to renovate the St. Joseph Church building in Bartlett Village and open our historical society museum.

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### **Bartlett Historical Society Museum.**

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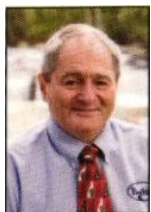
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## President's Message:



**By the time** you receive this newsletter, we should be welcoming spring here in the valley. Except for some diehards venturing to Wildcat, Sunday River or even Tuckerman's Ravine, many of us will be starting our spring cleaning and dusting off the golf clubs or fishing gear. Starting with this issue, you will notice that we are taking a bit of a departure from previous newsletters.

Much of the material contained in past issues is, with a little bit of digging, available on the web site ([www.bartlettthistory.org](http://www.bartlettthistory.org)).

**While we will** continue to provide items of historical interest in the newsletters, the focus will be on personal interviews with different folks who we feel have such a great, and as yet untapped, knowledge of areas, events, people or happenings in our town's history. We are especially pleased to feature Bert George in this "inaugural" issue. Bert's family has been here for generations and his knowledge of what they have contributed to our town is certainly a story that needs telling. We have created a list of possible future interviewees, but would welcome any suggestions you might have of people who you think would be willing to share the wonderful memories they have.

**With this issue** we sadly announce that it appears the famous Congregational Church February suppers are a thing of the past. The suppers had been going for some 49 years and some of the people who served the first dinner were also there for the last one. Unfortunately, this is a real problem with organizations like the church, historical societies, fraternal organizations, etc.; there just does not seem to be any younger people willing to step up and make sure these groups continue to exist. You have heard me make the same plea in past newsletters, but now with the apparent demise of the church suppers, it has really hit home. Wherever your passion lies, please get involved and help to keep these valuable organizations alive.

**We are pleased** to welcome a number of new members this year and we thank those returning members who have already paid their dues, but please remember that the society operates on a calendar year basis so if you have not yet sent in your dues, we would appreciate you doing so.

**We have added** a presentation to our calendar this year; on June 14<sup>th</sup>, Rob Owen will be presenting a power point presentation on the history of Heritage NH so make sure you put this on your schedule.

*Norm Head, President*

President BHS



### **Bartlett Historical Society Museum – Project Status**

We have continued to drive forward with our project to open the Bartlett Historical Society Museum. Our campaign to raise the \$450,000 needed to renovate the St. Joseph Church building has continued to receive donations as well as positive support from community members. We currently have \$82,200 in direct donations and pledges to the BHS Museum Fund. We continue to look for support from a wide variety of sources and while we are off to a very good start in this campaign, we continue to ask for your support in this effort.

If you are one of the people who has already donated to our project, we sincerely thank you for your generosity. We know that every dollar counts in your personal budget and appreciate you setting aside money to help our effort. If you have not donated yet, please consider making the “BHS Museum Fund” one of your tax deductible contributions. We know that there are many worthy causes pulling at you for your support. We encourage you to be a part of an effort to save an historic building, open that building to the public as a new museum and be able to proudly say that you were a part of this effort.

Going forward, we will continue to provide updates to the project through our member email listings and the upcoming newsletters. We will continue to promote the project and raise awareness of our fund raising campaign. In the meantime, if you have questions about the renovation project, our future use of the building or how to donate, please contact us. The primary contacts are Norman Head, BHS President at 603-986-6278

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(email – [phil@bartletthistory.org](mailto:phil@bartletthistory.org)) or for more information about the project, please visit our Facebook pages – “Bartlett Historical-Society” and “Bartlett Historical Society – Capital Campaign” or go directly to our website at [http://bartletthistory.org/church\\_main\\_page.php](http://bartletthistory.org/church_main_page.php).

As always, we thank you for your continued support.



### **Kennett High School Students Build a Museum Model**

Students from Kennett High School – MWV Career & Technical Center design class have assembled not one but two identical 3-D models of the Bartlett Historical Society Museum. They developed a detailed set of plans and then went to work to build the models. A good deal of work was done up front to calculate the sizes of the different building components so they could build a finished model at one quarter scale ( $1/4" = 1'$ ). When all of the calculations were completed, they began the work of cutting the model out of foam core boards and finally assembling the first model.

Norm Head and Phil Franklin received their initial look at the first model in February in a meeting with the students, Mike and Sam, along with their instructor, Joe Riddensdale. When they met, the student model builder, Sam, accepted their praise of his work but he confessed that he felt he could do better so over his February break, he refabricated all of the museum model pieces with even more precision. Sam explained that this second model would be painted by a student from the art class. Our first unveiling of the unpainted model was at the Bartlett School District Annual Meeting on March 7. The painted model was delivered on the day of the Bartlett Town Meeting, March 21. Throughout the project, the students commented that they were excited about being able to work on a “real world project.” This effort challenged them in not only the technical aspects of the work but also taught them a bit about dealing with actual customers for their final product.

We would like to express our thanks to Kevin Richard, Superintendent of SAU9, for giving us the green to bring this project to the classroom, to Joe Riddensdale, the design class instructor and finally, the students for their work on the museum models.



## Getting the Word Out About the Museum Project

*Getting the word out on the museum project* – This is one of the most important things we can do to generate support for our museum project. We are working to keep people aware of the project, provide information on the vision and plans and answer questions for people. People are interested in this effort and that helps us this most important fund raising phase of the project. So where have we been getting the word out on the project recently?



**Facebook:** In February, we began an ongoing effort to bring awareness of our museum project to a broad audience of Facebook “Friends.” We have increased our Facebook “Friends” count by 41% and we added a page specifically dedicated to the museum capital campaign and project with a “Donate” button. If you are a Facebook user and would like to be a Friend of BHS, please send us a “Friend Request.”

**Bartlett School District Annual and Bartlett Town Meeting:** On March 7, 2017, the historical society attended the annual school district meeting and on March 21, 2017, we attended the Bartlett Town Meeting. The highlight of our table was the 3-D model of the museum built by the Kennett High School students. This model gave people a visual of what the museum would be like looking down through the roof.



**Conway Daily Sun Articles:** On March 23, 2017, the Conway Daily Sun featured BHS in a front page article and in an article in the paper about the Kennett High School design class work on our museum model.

**Non-Profit Associations:** We are continuing to participate in the networks of the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Washington Valley Promotions to raise awareness of the museum campaign.

We will continue to publicize our museum project over the coming months as we continue raising money for the renovation work. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

## Interior of Our Future Museum as it Looks Today



### **New Ways to Donate to the Bartlett Historical Society**



We have added some new avenues for people to donate to BHS. Unless otherwise designated, all donations will go to the BHS Museum Fund. Our new donation avenues are:

**Facebook:** On our Facebook page – *Bartlett Historical Society – Capital Campaign*, we have set up a “Donate” button for the BHS Museum Fund. Our main Facebook page is *Bartlett Historical-Society*. Become a Friend of BHS on Facebook  
**GoFundMe.Com:** Bartlett Historical Society has opened an account with GoFundMe so credit card donations can be accepted – *GOFUNDME.Com*

**Amazon Smile:** BHS is now associated with Amazon Smile at *Smile.Amazon.com*. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your purchase amount to the BHS Museum Fund. It is important to note that there is no additional cost to you as a consumer in this giving method – just designate the Bartlett Historical Society, Bartlett, NH as your non-profit of choice

**Stock Donations:** BHS now has an account with the First Allied group in North Conway and can accept stock donations. If you would like to make a donation of appreciated stock, please contact either Norman Head or Philip Franklin.

**Once Again Specialty Shop:** For those people who are in the area living here or visiting here, the Once Again Specialty Shop, 2076 White Mountain Highway, North Conway will give the BHS Museum Fund 10% of your purchase amount if you say “I support the Bartlett Historical Society” when you make your purchase. Links to their Facebook page are:

<https://www.facebook.com/onceagainspecialtyshop/> and  
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A couple of reminders:

BHS is a non-profit 501 c 3 organization. All donations to BHS or the BHS Museum Fund are tax deductible. All work done by your Board of Directors or any other BHS member is strictly on an uncompensated volunteer basis. BHS does not receive any government funding from local, county, state or federal sources.

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## Coming Programs and Events for 2017:

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at the Community Room in the school and will start at 7:00 p.m.

All our programs are free and open to the public. We always appreciate donations at the door to help cover our expenses. Thank you.

### **June 14, 2017---The History of Heritage New Hampshire by Rob Owen.**

Heritage New Hampshire was a walk-through theatrical adventure that depicted New England life and progress from its Colonial beginnings to twenty-first century innovations. Heritage NH offered 25 theatrical sets, audio-visual and special effects and costumed characters and guides on a two hour tour. It opened in July 1976 and closed in 2006. Join us to hear the story of this museum.



### **October 18, 2017----Bob Cottrell will be presenting: Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, The Chinook:**

This program looks at how dog sledding developed in New Hampshire and how the Chinook played a major role in this story. Explaining how man and his relationship with dogs won out over machines on several famous polar expeditions, Bob Cottrell covers the history of Arthur Walden and his Chinooks, the State Dog New Hampshire. Cottrell will be accompanied by his appropriately named Chinook, Tug.

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### **Past Program**

#### **Jessica Davis Presentation—Saving Graves:**



On the evening of January 18, 2017 as a part of our quarterly presentation series, Jessica Davis, a local resident and BHS member, gave a very informative presentation on the topic of saving graves. Jess is an expert in the field of restoration of grave stones and caring for graveyards. She covered subjects such as how to properly clean old grave stones, how to identify and restore forgotten graveyards, where to go online to register a grave or find a grave location, and reviewed some projects she has worked on locally. From her presentation, it was obvious she has a passion for this type of volunteer work.



**Bert George**  
**A Quiet but Colorful Resident of Bartlett**  
**Part 1**

By Phil Franklin, Bartlett Historical Society

Clarence Herbert "Bert" George is the son of Franklin George who is the son of Clarence Herbert George who is the son of Franklin "Frank" George who is the son of Benjamin George who is the son of Austin George. With that thread of a family history, we have just spanned the years from before 1814 up to 2017. On February 28 and again on March 2, 2017 Bert sat with Norman Head and myself to talk about his recollections of growing up and living in Bartlett Village as well as to provide his review of the early years of Bartlett Village, formerly known as Upper Bartlett. True to his modest character, Bert started by saying that he didn't know what to say but with one opening question, "what is your most vivid memory of growing up here in Bartlett?", Norm and I were treated to a wonderful set of memories from Bert. This article is Part 1 of the interview with Bert. Part 2 will be in our July edition.

Before going into this history, the reader needs to know that when we write about the George Family, there are many Georges who have the names of their forefathers. This tradition of naming children for forefathers has continued with our own Bert and Greta George as they named their son Franklin George. This is a wonderful tradition but it can get confusing when talking about different Georges in history.

**George Family Background**

The George family is and was a very large family. Austin George moved to Bartlett in 1815 after building and living in a log house for fifteen years in what is now Albany, NH, near the terminus of the Bear Notch Rd and Rte 112. According to an article on the Bartlett Historical Society website, Austin moved to Bartlett after a couple of major events that caused their hard life on their farm to grow even more difficult. The first event was that their cattle died of "Burton Ail", a disease for which there was no

known remedy. Secondly, a hurricane swept through the valley destroying everything in its path. While the farm and building survived, the remaining family had moved away leaving the aging Austin alone. These events, coupled with advancing age, forced a relocation to Upper Bartlett in 1815, Austin lived 24 more years but never returned to visit the Albany Intervale that he so loved.



Bert was born in 1944 while his parents, Franklin and Elmeda George, were living in Medford, Oregon. How did a Bartlett family land in Medford, Oregon? The story goes back to Bert's grandfather, Clarence Herbert George. Franklin was one of two children of Clarence George.

One of Clarence's daughters, Charlotte, married a man named Fred King. Mr. King worked for the railroad as a telegraph operator. His work caused him to move to Washington State in 1924. Clarence, wanting to be closer to his daughter, moved the family, including Bert's father, Franklin, to Medford, Oregon. It was in Medford that Franklin (then in his 30's) met Elmeda in a store in Oregon. We are now in the year 1941. The United States was starting to engage troops in WWII but, because of some medical issues plus he had a family, Franklin was unable to serve in the military.

Franklin decided to take a trip back to Bartlett to visit his family members who lived here. During that visit, he approached a relative named Della George and inquired about purchasing the property on the corner of Route 302 and Albany Avenue for the purpose of opening a store in Bartlett. Della refused to sell him the property at first. Bert told us that she lived in the George house where Bert and Greta currently live and Della didn't want to spoil her view of the Congregational Church on Albany Avenue. Della apparently offered Franklin another piece of property that was owned by the George family but he declined and traveled back to Oregon. Upon arriving in Oregon, he is greeted by a telegram from Della in which she announced a change of heart and offered to sell him the property he requested. The one condition was that Franklin needed to live here in Bartlett. The deal was struck.

**Franklin George Moves His Family to Bartlett**

Franklin and Elmeda, while living in Oregon had two children, Bert (born in 1944) and his older brother, Ben (born in 1939).

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With the property he desired in his possession, Franklin had a man named Wayland Cook and another man build a store on the corner of Route 302 and Albany Avenue. Franklin and Elmeda came back to Bartlett in 1946 and opened "The What Not Store" in 1947. The What Not was a general store that attached to an existing two car garage and the old town post office. The old post office was converted to an apartment and served as the home for Franklin and Elmeda and the boys when they first came back to Bartlett. The store carried nearly everything a person could want at that time. It also included a soda fountain and sold gasoline for a while. After a few years living at the store apartment, the George family moved across the street to one of the George houses (they eventually moved into the house that was built in 1853 as an inn by an earlier Franklin George). Over time, the garage was turned into store space and the old post office/apartment was converted into a coffee shop by David Phanuef.

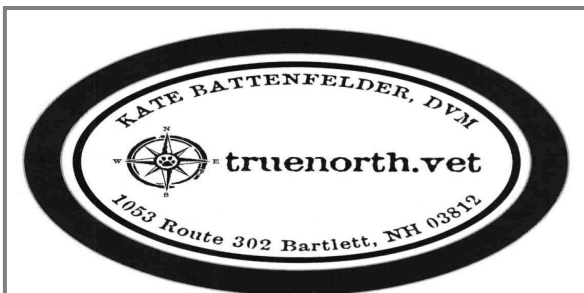
The What Not Store was not always called by that name. At some point in the late 1950's or early 1960's, someone else in the state of NH registered the name "The What Not Store" and Franklin George was forced to change the name of his store to "The What's It Store." The new name lasted for only two years before the original name was restored. After the Franklin's death, the store was operated by Dottie Howard and then by David and Debbie Phaneuf who renamed it the Bear Notch Deli. David later sold the store to the Ryan family. In January 2009, the store was destroyed by a fire. The corner where the store was located is now the parking lot for the Congregational Church. The view that Della George had of the church from her house has been restored. Bert's family lived in the store until the early 1950's when they moved across the street into the house owned by Winfield George after Win and his wife had died. That house, today (April 2017) is owned by Bert's daughter and her husband, Jessica and Mark Spaulding. As noted, Franklin George and family would later move into the house currently owned by Bert and Greta George that was once the Bartlett House.

#### **Looking Back in Time to the "Start" of Bartlett Village**

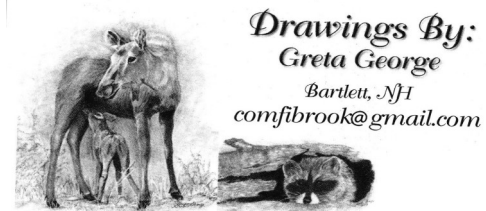
Bert has a great deal of knowledge about the early years and growth of Bartlett. We spent a good deal of time with him talking about how Bartlett Village grew with new businesses and people moving into the town. The following comments from Bert give us a snapshot into the years when Bartlett moved from a village with isolated farms into a "town." As Bert said, "this was before his time."

In the latter half of the 1800's, Bartlett was a busy town with logging, lumber, a peg mill and railroads being the central focus of the economy. All of these businesses brought jobs and people – new residents – into the town. The railroads also opened the town for tourists and the tourists drove the need for inns and innkeepers. While all of this occurred before Bert's time in Bartlett, he shared his knowledge of the logging and railroad years. The area we know today as Bartlett Village really started growing when the Kearsarge Peg Mill moved its operations into town in 1864. That mill brought jobs and the need for wood to make the pegs that were originally used in the manufacture shoes. The railroads came alive in Bartlett in around 1873 and with them, the logging, lumber and tourist industry grew. In that same year, the Bartlett Land and Lumber Company opened on Company Hill bringing more jobs to the area. They had a large sawmill that had a railroad spur built to it so lumber could be loaded on the trains and sent to market. The peg mill also had a rail spur built to the mill so birch logs could be transported to their yard for peg production.

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The logging operation which was owned by the Bartlett Lumber and Land Company kept to the Bartlett side of the Bear Mountain area with logs being cut by hand by the lumberjacks and pulled off the mountain sides by teams of oxen or horses. Bartlett Land and Lumber dammed the Bartlett Brook to create two ponds at the base of Company hill, where the sawmill was located. (Bartlett Brook runs behind the Bartlett Elementary School and the ice house on Route 302 and eventually into the Saco River).

Logging in the valley continued for about 10 – 12 years with the Bartlett Lumber Railroad being owned by the same people who owned the Bartlett Land and Lumber Company. The tracks that were laid by this railroad eventually became what we now know as Bear Notch Road. Initially, this railroad only went to the top of the notch but as the logging operation expanded toward Albany and Passaconaway the tracks were laid about half way down the other side of the mountain where they branched off to Mount Tremont and Passaconaway.

As the logging and lumber operation grew, so did the need for land and trees. By 1888 and 1889, the Bartlett Land and Lumber operation reached the Swift River, clear cutting everything in its path. There were so many millions of board feet cut that they opened a small sawmill by the Swift River. As the operation expanded westward toward Livermore, a dispute over land boundaries occurred. The Bartlett logging and lumber operation was pitted against the Saunders family logging operation in Livermore. The dispute over the land boundaries between the two companies grew so intense that it landed in the NH Supreme Court where the court decided in favor of the Saunders family. This was the beginning of the end for the Bartlett Land and Lumber Company. The company went out of business in 1890. Bert says that you can still find the foundations for the mill today and many of the tracks are there but overgrown with brush or leading dead-ended into the forest.

To transport all of this lumber as either logs or sawn lumber, the railroads played a central role in the transportation of the wood. There were several railroads in operation, all bringing jobs to the area. These railroads included the Bartlett Albany Railroad, the Portland and Ogdensburg which was taken over by the Maine Central. We mentioned that the Bartlett Lumber Railroad was also in operation. This railroad leased some of its track from the Maine Central and housed its engine in the Main Central roundhouse. When the Bartlett Lumber engine was down for maintenance or repair, the Bartlett Lumber operation would rent a Maine Central engine to keep its logging operation moving. Bert told us that there were as many as 14 trains passing through Bartlett each day in the late 1800's. Crawford Notch was opened to rail traffic in 1875 and with that freight trains could roll from Boston and Portland to points far north and west of the notch. Bartlett had a train station at what is known as Railroad Square, the current location of the school's park and soccer field, and across from the Bartlett Village Railroad Office which is still there today. The Maine Central Railroad built the station in 1874. It burned and was rebuilt in 1890. That version of the station is the one seen in the postcards pictures. That station burned in 1925 and was rebuilt with a smaller station. This smaller station was sold to one of the ski clubs in town and, while under renovation, it also burned. This time the building was not rebuilt.

Earlier we noted that the railroad also brought tourists to town stopping at the Glen and Bartlett stations. People getting off in Glen many times were picked up by innkeepers from Jackson. A notable hotel in Bartlett Village was the Bartlett Hotel, originally called the Cave Mountain Inn. This hotel was built in 1890. Taking from a paragraph on the Bartlett Historical Society website, "The Hotel was managed by one **Edgar Stevens**, whose specialty was entertaining the guests both at the Inn and with excursions through the 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." The Howard Hotel would later be called the Bartlett Hotel in 1949 when it was sold to Matt Elliott and Realand Hart. The hotel would later be sold to Arthur Yannone from Brockton, MA. The hotel finally came to a sad end when it again burned in 1989. The location of this hotel was on the corner of Route 302 and River Street. Today, the land is owned by the Town of Bartlett and is a town park.

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Another hotel (again borrowing from the Bartlett Historical Society website) was The Bartlett House. "The Bartlett House was built in 1856 by Franklin George (Bert's great grandfather), first as his residence 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 (across from the present day Notchland Inn at the start of the Davis Path). Franklin was an industrious man, laying out a bridle path to the summit of Mount 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 Bartlett House is the current home of Bert and Greta George.

As our conversation was wrapping up, Bert told of several different places in town. He mentioned the town jail that was located in a house that still stands today on Albany Avenue, the second house on the left after the railroad tracks. He also mentioned Dr. Eudy's grave which is located by the parking lot for the Cave Mountain and Langdon Trails where Cobb Farm Road, Yates Farm Road and River Street intersect. Dr. Eudy was credited with caring for the people of Bartlett who were afflicted by the small pox epidemic. His house, where the ill people stayed was known as "The Pest House." He eventually became ill with the disease himself. Legend has it that the doctor, his horse and wagon are buried in that grave.

### **Thank You to Bert for His Time and Memories**

Bert's command of the history of this town, especially Bartlett Village or Upper Bartlett, is truly amazing. He was able to tell the stories of the growth of Bartlett and point to the fields, forests, buildings, foundations, streams and rail tracks that are still here today to add color to the story. We sincerely thank Bert for the time he gave us to tell his story and enlighten us on our town.


Part 2 of the interview with Bert George will tell of Bert's personal history of growing up in Bartlett. You'll read about his adventures and stories of his youth as well as his time in the military.

Stay tuned for the July edition of The Historical Herald for Part 2 of Bert's story.

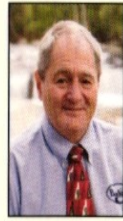
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Photo taken from Route 302 looking west towards Mt Carrigain.  
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Please remember that much of the information contained in this newsletter is also available at our web site.

**[www.BartlettHistory.org](http://www.BartlettHistory.org)**

## **Bartlett Historical Society Supports** **Local Family in Need**

It is no secret that the Bartlett Historical Society is working hard to raise money to renovate our St. Joseph Church building and open our museum. There are times, however, when we need to look at the larger picture and recognize that someone in our community needs help.

On Tuesday, March 14, 2017, Storm Stella blew through the north eastern United States and hit our area with 16" – 20" of snow coupled with violent winds. During that storm, the home of one our Bartlett police officers, Michael Chapman, was destroyed by two very large trees that crashed down through the center of the Chapman home. Officer Chapman was on duty that evening. His wife and two young children were home when the trees came down. Miraculously, no one in the house was hurt in this disaster.

BHS is one of many organizations and people in the area who made has made a donation to the family to help them through this time of need. Our donation money was raised at the Bartlett Town Meeting during a "Cake Auction" where the proceeds were originally being directed to the BHS Museum Fund. In a Cakes Auction local volunteers bake cakes and donate them to the auction, bidding occurs for each one and the winning bid for each cake wins the prize – in this case, a cake. We had seven cakes donated to the auction and the bidding was lively.

The Bartlett Historical Society Board of Directors wished to express their thanks to the cake bakers and to the people attending Town Meeting who bid on the cakes. We also hope that the Chapman family is able to get back into a new home very soon.





# The Historical Herald

You can find all these stories and hundreds of other topics at our web-site:

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

## **Pequawket Foundation Grant**

The Bartlett Historical Society received a \$1,150 grant from the Pequawket Foundation of North Conway for the purpose of upgrading our computing capabilities. With this grant, we purchased a new HP laptop replacing our ten year old laptop.

Additionally, we purchased upgraded Microsoft Office software, a data backup device and the latest version of Past Perfect museum software.

This new equipment and software will ensure that our society has a solid computing system and data protection that is so important to any business be it a for profit or non-profit organization. It will also allow us to expand our catalog of items in the society's collection of Bartlett historical treasures.

The Bartlett Historical Board of Directors extends a sincere thank you and note of appreciation to the Pequawket Foundation for their support and generosity. Their support of non-profit organizations is well known throughout the Mount Washington Valley.

## **Time Passes:**

**221** Years Ago in Bartlett, 1796: Peter Stillings came to Bartlett in 1796 and settled in the extreme upper edge of Town on about 200 acres of land which included all of the land now occupied by Garland's Mountain Home Cabins as well as property on the north side of present day Route 302. This land extended to the Town line of Hart's Location and included Sawyer's Rock. The land extended to include both sides of the Saco River. Peter's deed was given by George Hart. Later Peter sold half of his land to his son, Samuel.

**209** Years Ago in Bartlett: According to Georgia Drew Merrill's History of Carroll County in 1808 Obed Hall, John Weeks, William Pitman were elected selectmen; Levi Chubbuck, clerk; David Woodbury collector of schoolhouse tax in Lower Bartlett. And, it was voted to appropriate a house in Bartlett for the use of those who see fit to take the smallpox inoculation, to be no expense to the town. Additionally, the road between Conway and Bartlett from the southwest corner of Chatham established.

**119** Years Ago in Glen: It was printed in The Reporter Press that this area had no snow fall at all during March.

**109** Years Ago in Glen: We are sorry to learn that Percy and Mrs. Hanscom are about to leave us and go to Conway Center where Mr Percy has purchased a store. We all join in wishing him much success.

**12** Years Ago: The Bartlett Historical Society was formed by a small group of individuals interested in preserving the history and heritage of Bartlett.

## **2017 Membership Reminder**



It's time to renew your Bartlett Historical Society membership for 2017. See our website for membership information.

Please don't let your membership lapse.

If you'd like to become a BHS member, please check out our membership information on our BHS website:

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