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## The Campaign Continues...Thank you for your Continued Support

Our capital campaign to raise the funds to renovate the St. Joseph Church in Bartlett continues to drive forward. Donations to the capital campaign have continued to be sent to us by people from the area as well as different states across the country. Looking to other sources of funding, we are working on applications for public and private grants that will be filed in June and July. A major publicly funded grant to which we intend to apply is the State of NH sponsored LCHIP (Land & Community Heritage Investment Program) grant. Also, we are starting to connect with local businesses to gain their support as well. We will continue to seek all avenues of possible funding for this project. If you know someone who is interested in historical restoration projects, please ask them to get in touch with us. We truly enjoy talking about this project and the future museum.



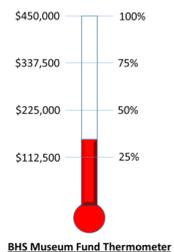
Please turn to the back cover of the newsletter for our story on the State Register of Historic Places.



Over the past couple of months, we've been working on "Condition Assessment" of the building. The Condition Assessment is a required artifact for the LCHIP grant process. To complete this assessment, we have hired a local firm, Alba Architects, from Woodstock, NH and are working with one of the firm's partners on this effort. Alba has brought in a structural engineer from a local engineering firm, HEB Engineering, to do a structural assessment of the building. We are happy to report that both the architect and engineer still confirm our belief that this building is worth the time, effort and money to save. In the assessment

report, Alba has developed several recommendations for the renovation and preservation of the building. We are currently working with our Alba partner to finalize the wording in this extensive assessment document. To cover the cost of this assessment, we applied for and were awarded a grant from the NH Preservation Alliance covering 50% of the assessment cost. The remaining 50% will come from our campaign funds. We should have signoff on this Condition Assessment document in April.

Finally, where are we now – donations have started to increase in number again and we continue to gain ground toward our campaign goal of \$450,000. Currently, we are at \$149,100 in cash and pledges (9% in pledges) – still a long way to go but we're moving in the right direction. We hope to keep the momentum of individual contributions going as we move into spring. We also hope to see funding from local businesses increase and we will continue our search for foundations who support historic restoration. We'll keep you informed.

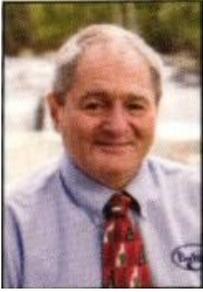


Thank you to all who have made contributions to this effort and who continue to encourage us to keep driving forward. A lot of positive energy has been expended on the project and we are energized to keep striving for our goal of opening a great museum for Bartlett and Valley history in Bartlett.

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## President's Message:



As I write this, the valley has been blessed with about 14" of beautiful snow or as it's known locally, white gold. As we all know, this winter has been up and down with snow, rain and everything in between but this bounty should ensure very good spring skiing, after which we hope we will have a nice gradual snow melt. The warm temperatures in early March brought the familiar smoke rising from the sap boilers and it won't be that long before crocuses are popping up.

We have a great program of events and speakers lined up for the remainder of the year and hopefully you will be able to join us for these informative and entertaining topics.

In late January we were notified that our soon to be museum received the State Register of Historic Places designation. We certainly are most proud of that recognition.

Our yard sale last July was so successful that we are planning on another one this year to be held on August 10 and August 11. If you would like to donate some items to us, we would be glad to accept them but we cannot accept clothing, bedding, large furniture or other items that we would deem unsaleable. All proceeds from the sale go towards the capital campaign of the museum renovation.

We are very pleased that we have had a number of new members join our ranks and we would like to say Welcome to the BHS. Sadly, we lost two long time members this year in the passing of Chet Lucy and John Cannell who each in their own way were not only true natives but were wonderful stewards of both the land and the historical aspects of it. They both will be sadly missed and we all share our condolences to their families.

We wish to thank everyone for their continued support in Your society and if you have not paid your 2018 dues, your prompt payment will greatly help us.

*Norm Head, President*

President BHS

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### **Sad News in the BHS Community**

Every year, we learn of BHS members who have died and while we don't note their passing in our newsletter, we do take a personal moment to reflect on who they were. Recently, however, we lost two of our members who were legendary in the Mount Washington Valley. John Cannell and Chet Lucy passed away within days of each other shortly after the New Year began. Both of these men were known for their service to the community, entrepreneurship, wisdom and dedication to their families.



Jamie Gemmiti  
Photo—CDS

Chet Lucy, 91, died on January 28, 2018 surrounded by his family. Tom Eastman of the Conway Daily Sun (CDS) wrote in the January 31, 2018 edition that Chet was "*Conway's equivalent to the Old Man of the Mountain. And just as when the Old Man fell back in 2003, when the community learned of Chet's passing, it was as if a member of the extended Mount Washington Valley family had died.*" Norm Head and Phil Franklin had the pleasure of meeting Chet at his home in 2017 where he entertained them with many stories from his youth, his time building his business and some Valley folklore. Tom's reflection on Chet is very fitting.



John Cannell, 88, died on February 10, 2018 after a brief illness. Norm and Phil had the great fortune to talk with John in December, shortly before he left with his wife, Vicki, for their annual trip to Florida (his story is in our 2018 BHS winter newsletter, published in January). From that conversation, we learned of a man who enjoyed working in his family and personal businesses, had a passion for baseball and just enjoyed his family and life. As we ended the interview, we asked John how he wanted to be remembered. He simply said he'd like to be remembered as a "good guy" ... and that is just how it will be.

Both Chet and John will be missed in the Valley and we express our condolences to both of their families.

## Memories of Bartlett – Another Afternoon of Stories

On January 21, 2018, we hosted our second Memories of Bartlett event with a new panel of story tellers and Bartlett historians. Unfortunately, this event had a lot of competition that day so our attendance dropped from the previous year. We were up against the Patriots playoff game, the Women's March in Jackson and the flu. Still, we had about 60 people attending the event on a cold but sunny Sunday afternoon. Our panelists this year were Gene Chandler, John Ludgate, Roger Labbe, Carol Saunders, Pat Roberts, Leslie Parker and Jimi Emery. We thank every one of them for their helping make this a great afternoon.



The stories were equally entertaining and informative as in our 2017 version of this event. We heard about the early years of the fire department from Roger and the more modern history of the department from Pat. Gene talked about growing up on the farm and following in his father's footsteps in the political arena in Concord. A couple of people told of sledding down Bear Notch and hanging on to the back of cars for sledding rides. John talked about working on the "Kanc" (Kancamagus Highway, NH Route 112) as it was being built and others talked about going up the Kanc when it was being built to see how far the road construction had progressed. In every person's stories the theme of "community" arose, watching out for your neighbors, playing in the woods as kids, pot luck suppers and knowing everyone in town. Stories and comments from all of the panelists evoked laughter from the audience. As with our 2017 event, we could have continued for another hour as everyone was so engaging and the memories that were recalled reminded us of times gone by in Bartlett. All-in-all, everyone enjoyed the event and were happy that they attended.





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We'd enjoy talking with them.

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## BHS News Flashes

### BHS has been Out and About

In the past couple of weeks, we have set up an information table at the Annual Meeting of the Bartlett School District, the Great Glen Outdoor Center Charity Day Event in Pinkham Notch, the Town Hall on Election Day and the Annual Town Deliberative meeting. Our aim is three-fold. First, we are continually trying to let people know that our / your Bartlett Historical Society is truly working to preserve the history of the town and educate people on that history. Second, we are using these different exposures to promote our capital campaign for renovation of the St. Joseph Church building. Third, we are trying to encourage people to become members of BHS, especially younger people. Having younger people involved brings new and fresh ideas to the organization and ensures that the future of the organization is secure as they are able to actively participate in BHS events and management of the organization.



Phil Franklin & BHS  
Table at Great Glen

At every event that we attend, we meet people who are new to town and want to learn more about the historical society, who encourage us to continue our campaign for the eventual opening of our museum or, as happened at Great Glen, who used to live in Bartlett and are looking to get caught up on what we are doing and how the town is doing. We've had some very interesting discussions and met some very nice people.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Bartlett School Board, the Administration of the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School and the town Selectmen for allowing us to be at the school and town events. We also extend a note of appreciation to the Great Glen Outdoor Center for including BHS in their Charity Day event.

### BHS to be at the Spring Craft Fair, March 31, 2018

BHS will have a table set up at the Spring Craft Fair being sponsored by the Bartlett Recreation Department on March 31, 2018. As we did last year, we'll have a raffle for some great prizes, we'll have Bartlett history books on sale and information about society membership and the museum project. Please plan to attend the Craft Fair and stop by our table. If you are a member or a donor and we haven't met, please introduce yourself.

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## 2018 Program Lineup

### Wednesday, April 4: World News Unscripted: Presented by John Swayze

John was a world correspondent and anchor for CBS and NBC radio. He will tell us stories of his years covering major world events, talk about how today's news reporting differs from yesterday's news and how history is recorded through journalism. When we first met with John to talk over what he wanted to cover in this presentation, he said that rather than coming in with a prepared script, he would talk off the cuff about his experiences. In that preliminary chat with John, he told some spellbinding stories of reporting the news under fire and how he made his contact working with comrades from the BBC, of reporting the 9/11 stories from New York and other stories from different parts of the world. While most of our presentations are about local topics, here, we have an opportunity to get a much broader perspective on the world around us. Please join us for what we think is going to be a very interesting, one-time presentation.



Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.

## The Rest of the 2018 Program Lineup

### Wednesday, June 13: The History of the Balsams: Presented by Rick Tillotson

Rick will present the story of the Balsams, in Dixville Notch. We'll learn about the start of the resort, its glory years and years of trouble. Finally, we'll hear about its revival.

Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 15: The History of St. Joseph Church: Presented by Phil Franklin

Phil has developed an interesting history of the church starting in 1888 going to today. Come to learn more about this church that was the first Catholic Church in the Mount Washington Valley.

Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 17: Ghosts & Haunted Houses: Presenter to be named soon

We've all heard about different houses that have a spooky story about them in the Valley so just in time for Halloween, we'll learn more about your favorite ghosts and goblins.

Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.

***All of our programs are open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to help cover the costs of each presentation.***

### ***Yard Sale II***

We are holding our giant Yard Sale again this year on August 10 and 11 on the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School grounds (same place as last year). Watch for more details as we get closer to the event. All proceeds of the sale go to the BHS Museum Fund.



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## **The Story of Dale Mallett and Mallet's Store, Bartlett, NH**

By J. Hadley Champlin with the Mallett's Store Section Written by Dale Mallett

January 31, 2018

Dale E. Mallett is another one of our long time Bartlett residents, and many of you may know him from his beautiful paintings of local scenes that he has generously donated to the Bartlett Historical Society as raffle prizes. Generosity is a trait that Dale learned firsthand from his parents, also longtime residents of Bartlett and pillars of the community, as owners of the Mallett Store in Bartlett Village. Dale has provided us the story of that business, and what it was like growing up in Bartlett Village.

Dale E. Mallett was born sixty five years ago in North Conway, and with the exception of less than a year living in Colorado, he has spent his entire life in Bartlett. Dale met his wife Sheila (Pierson) in 1968, through his sister-in-law Jean Mallett. Jean is married to Dale's brother Ralph, and they also live in Bartlett. Jean and Sheila attended Hesser Business School together in Manchester, NH. Dale and Sheila, who is originally from Orfordville, New Hampshire, have been married since 1974.

At the end of 1972, Dale returned from ten months in Colorado to help his parents run the Mallett Store on Albany Avenue in Bartlett Village, as his mother Helen was ill at the time. She succumbed to colon cancer in early 1973. After working during the winter months painting and hanging drywall, and summers working highway construction, Dale earned an Associate's Degree in Mechanical Drafting, and has worked for the past twenty nine years as a CAD (Computer Assisted Drafting) professional at Hunting-Dearborn in Fryeburg, Maine.

Dale attended the Bartlett Elementary School, where the current Josiah Bartlett Elementary School stands today. He attended Kennett High School located on White Mountain Highway in Conway Village, where the Kennett Middle School is today.

Dale fondly remembers his teachers at the Bartlett Elementary School; First grade teacher Lucille Garland, second and third grade teacher Helen Mannar, fourth grade teacher Flora Jones, fifth grade teacher Raymond Walker, sixth grade teachers Alice Davis and Richard Wing, and in seventh and eighth grade, Alice Davis again and Ed Astrachan.

Dale vividly remembers that life in Bartlett Village was set by the sound of the whistle blowing at the Kearsarge Peg Mill on Kearsarge Street. The whistle would blow at the start of the work day at 7:00 AM, then at 12:00 for lunch, again at 1:00 to end lunch, and finally at 5:00 PM to end the day. He said that all of the kids in the village knew it was time to go home for supper when the last whistle blew. Sadly, on February 13, 2016, the Kearsarge Peg Mill burned to the ground. It was the last remaining shoe peg mill in the world at the time. It was 139 years old.

Dale's parents, Helen and Alfred Mallett, owned the Mallett Store on Albany Avenue, which was run by his mother, and Mallett's TV and Radio Service, which was run by his father. Helen, along with other women in the village, would make money trees for local families in need, and both Helen and Alfred extended credit at their stores based on their own generosity and good will. At one time the family owned a St. Bernard dog named Major, and they raised a raccoon named Rascal, who had been orphaned and lived with the Malletts for a year and a half!

When I met with Dale and his wife Sheila at their Bartlett home, Dale had prepared a detailed history of the Mallett Store. The following is what he provided:

### **Mallett's Store**

Mallett's Store existed from September 9, 1955, when the store was purchased from James F. & Sadie M. Donahue by Helen Mallett and Alfred Mallett, until the sale and transfer of title to George L. Vorrilas and Andrea J. Murphy (Hugh Murphy's daughter) on September 11, 2005 as part of the settlement

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Dale Mallett & The Mallett's Store continued ...

of Alfred Mallett's estate following his death on March 25 (Good Friday) 2005.

The store was situated on a narrow town lot along the East side of Albany Avenue. The lot was approximately 56' wide x 216' long and was bordered on the South by the Linden Hayes property, bordered on the East by the Harriet Macomber property (Main Street Restaurant), and on the North (Route 302 side) by, as situated from West to East, the Precinct Park, Mrs. L. N. Costello lot (later Willard and Joyce Ainsworth), and Dr. Bean lot.

The modern address of the store is listed as 5 Albany Avenue.

The structure, as purchased by Helen and Alfred, had been previously increased in size by the addition of a second building moved from the G. K. Howard property off River Street and attached to the Eastern end of the original Albany Avenue structure. This "duplex" arrangement contributed to the locations of the two businesses operated within the building - Mallett's Store (Helen's business in the front) and Mallett's TV and Radio Service (Alfred's business in the rear).

Following the purchase of the store, Helen and Alfred began the construction of living quarters above the first floor businesses. A dormered area was built over the midsection of the structure and a three-bedroom, single bath, kitchen, dining room and living room living quarters were built.

Alfred did most of the work building the living quarters. Constructing the store modifications was with the help of Sal Mannar (Teacher and Principal at the Bartlett Elementary School). During the clean-up of the former Donahue store, boxes and boxes of out-of-fashion high-button shoes had to be removed! In subsequent years, the original tall cement steps providing access to the Store were demolished (following a legal suit brought by a customer who had fallen) and replaced with the new walk-in/enclosed steps. The original cellar walls were replaced section-by-section with new cement walls - poured one cement mixer load at a time shoveled into small openings above the forms between the main floor joists.

Prior to moving into the store, Helen and Alfred lived in a single family two-story home with detached garage and workshop located on River St. next door to Alfred's parents Everett and Freda (Sporie) Mallett - a garden and path separated the two homes. The residence had been foreclosed on by the North Conway Loan and Banking facility on July 9, 1938. Helen and Alfred bought the residence from the bank on December 19, 1939, spent 6 months repairing it, as it was in bad condition, and took up residence in June, 1940. It was at the River Street location that Alfred first established Mallett's TV and Radio Service. Following the purchase of the Donahue property, Helen and Alfred moved into the living quarters above the store upon selling the River Street property to George Marcoux on June 19, 1956.



Mallett's Store—2018

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Dale Mallett & The Mallett's Store continued ...

Mallett's Store operated from sometime in late 1955/early 1956 until the late 1980's or early 1990's, but the store's real demise began with the death of Helen in January of 1979.

The Store's first dollar bill taken in, a 1935 Silver Certificate Q60385166H, hung on the shelf behind the cash register until the store's closing. It is still in existence.

For many of the years that Mallett's Store was in operation, it had competition from Jacobson's Store (South of the Fred Hodgkin's property on the West side of Albany Avenue).

Supporting the Store were dairy products from Abbott's Dairy in Conway, fruit and produce from Hub Fruit (situated at the current location of Ben & Jerry's in North Conway – Alec Kelly and Barry Smith were employees of Hub Fruit at the time), meats and fish from New Hampshire Provision Company out of Berlin, groceries from another Berlin distributor, bakery products from the J. J. Nissen Bread Company operating out of Fryeburg, and beer from White Mountain Distributors from Berlin.

The Store operating hours were generally 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday –Saturday and until 9:00 pm Fridays, although customers would frequently call after hours and Helen or Alfred would unlock the front door, let them in, and the quart of milk or loaf of bread required to complete the supper fixin's was sold. Some "late night" business was conducted with customers brave enough to ascend the usually dark/ enclosed stairway on the Linden Hayes (South) side of the Store – these more determined customers were usually in pursuit of something to quench their thirst!

In the early years of the Store and into the 1960's unfiltered cigarettes sold for 25 cents a pack/filtered and 100's were 27 cents a pack, and each pack of cigarettes was sold with a pack of matches. Beer was required by law to leave the Store in a paper bag and could not be carried out in its original container – and could not be sold on credit. Advertising for beer was limited to a single "BEER" sign displayed beneath the "Mallett's Store" sign and could have lettering no larger than 4" tall. During many of the years the Store was in operation, Warren Langley was the Liquor Commissioner operating out of Berlin. Warren would inquire about recent deaths in Bartlett, as he had a business selling head stones on the side.

Many customers ran a "Slip" from payday-to-payday at the Store – No credit check, with credit based on the good faith of the customer. Carbon paper copies of original purchase "Slips" were given to the customer at the time the purchases were made. The original "Slips" (kept in Dexter's cigar boxes underneath the counter) were given to the customers at the time payment was received – the original Dexter's cigar boxes are still in existence, complete with hundreds of unpaid "Slips".

Helen's usual manner of dress while tending the Store was a light, knit sweater over a blouse with slacks and moccasins (with colored beads on them) – and in cold weather, she might be found sitting on the single kerosene heater at the front of the store.

Growing up in and around the Store afforded Helen and Alfred's sons, Alan and Dale the opportunity to work in the store and develop a keen interest in people. Chores around the store were stocking shelves and coolers, tending the cash register (an older hand-cranked unit which never became an electric model), carrying groceries out to customers' vehicles, and keeping the kerosene heaters in the store, TV shop and living quarters filled. A prime responsibility was having supper prepared and ready for Helen and Alfred when the Store closed at 6:00.

Operating hours for Mallett's TV and Radio Service varied, with Alfred usually making his house calls to customers later in the day or in the evening after their work days had ended. In addition to servicing TV's and radios, Alfred also had an RCA Television dealership for a time. Some "floor models" were displayed in the front of the Store – the same location that would become known as the site of Helen's and Betty Whitman's rather large Christmas Cactus, residing in its big, galvanized steel wash tub. The first RCA

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Dale Mallett & The Mallett's Store continued ...

console color TV sold by Alfred was bought by Fred Hodgkins at the time when "Bonanza" was the only Prime Time show televised in color. The RCA dealership abruptly ended when Helen and a female customer were forced to unload a console television from a delivery truck, while Alfred was away on a service call, as the driver stood by claiming that unloading goods from the truck was not part of his job!

Due to Alfred's "independent" working hours and his general availability during mornings and afternoons, he was frequently called upon to be a pall bearer at either the St. Joseph's Catholic Church or the Bartlett Congregational Church. The Store also afforded "unofficial" parking for funerals, regular services on Sunday mornings, and the Church Saturday Bean Suppers in February for many years.

A major part of Alfred's TV business in the pre-cable TV era was installing television antennas. Reception in the Valley could be difficult to attain at times, but most customers could plan on ending up with Channels 6, 8 and 13 (and sometimes Channel 9 or 11) from a Mallett-installed antenna system, with channel selection via a knife-switch mounted on the back of the TV.

Alfred's first service truck was a dark green 1953 Chevrolet Panel Truck. Advertising for Mallett's TV and Radio Service was later converted to a well lettered 1965 tan colored Chevy Van Alfred referred to as his "Circus Wagon".

Mallett's TV and Radio Service continued to operate in some fashion until sometime in the 1990's.

About 1963, looking to get some time away from the Store, Helen and Alfred purchased a parcel of land from Homer and Marion Greenwood with the intention of building a camp. Located along a back stream, (which later became the Saco River due to erosion), the rustic camp was built by Helen and Alfred over the next several years. It was a place away from the responsibilities of the Store, (but not too far), that became a place to entertain family and friends on Sundays. Alfred sold the camp to Conservation Officer Bryan Abrams on August 14, 1997.

Following Helen's death in 1973, Alfred determined that local support for the Store was sufficient enough to continue to maintain both the Store and the TV and radio repair business, with the assistance of some hired help. Sometime later the Store lost its primary grocery supplier in Berlin and a new source was found in St. Johnsbury Vermont. Larger grocery stores had been built in nearby Glen and North Conway and were attracting many long time Mallett's Store customers. The operating hours of the Store became inconsistent, and after keeping the Store open for longer than perhaps it should have been, Alfred closed the Store for good in the late 1980's or early 1990's.

### In Closing ...

We thank both Dale and his wife Sheila for their time and for providing historical details of the Mallett's Store and life in Bartlett Village. It is firsthand accounts like these that help us to keep the history of the people, places and times of the town of Bartlett intact for generations to come.



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### Very Successful 2018 Membership Drive

Our 2018 BHS membership drive has been a great success. So far, we have had 86 members renew their memberships which is a great story in itself. We thank all of those who have renewed your BHS membership. The big news is that 33 people have joined BHS as new members! *We welcome all of our new members to BHS.* Many of the new members are donors to our capital campaign. We are very happy that you have chosen to join the society. Our new members are:

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Looking back at our membership over the past few years, we were actually in a steady decline in membership from 2013—2015. It was at that point that we started to generate our newsletter, participate in community activities and do more for our BHS members. 2016 saw a dramatic turn around in membership with an increase of 62% from the previous year (74 members to 120 members). Our membership numbers for 2017 increased by another 10% and it looks like 2018 will see another increase in membership. These increases in membership have been very encouraging. As our membership has grown so have our efforts to keep you informed of BHS activities, bring you interesting news on historical topics and have BHS become more engaged in the Bartlett community. When we are finally able to open our doors to the Bartlett Historical Society Museum, we plan to offer even more to our members through the displays and facilities of the museum.

Your membership in BHS helps the society in many ways including:

- Demonstrating to foundations that grants they may provide for BHS help support a strong membership community
- Helping us bring in interesting guest speakers for our quarterly presentations on historic topics
- Allowing us to obtain “Bartlett artifacts” when they appear on line and bring them “home”
- Generating this newsletter four times yearly, and
- Helping us cover our society’s basic operating expenses (e.g. insurance, association fees, office supplies, etc.).

To one and all, we appreciate your membership and interest in Bartlett’s history. If you have comments or questions that you’d like to address, please let us know

If you have yet to renew your membership or join as a new member, there’s still time for your 2018 membership to be activated. The BHS Membership form and information can be found at :<http://bartletthistory.org/bartletthistory/join.html>. Again, we thank you for your support.

### **Help Us Reconstruct the History of St. Joseph Church**

We are in the process of reconstructing the history of St. Joseph Church. Through the archives in the Diocese of Manchester, Phil Franklin has gathered some great information from letters written between 1888 and 1892 by Father J. N. Plante and Bishop Bradley on the original idea for the church and its construction in 1890. He also has some information on the closing of the church in 1999. Thanks to some generous BHS members, we have some information on the stained glass windows and have accumulated some photographs of the church in the 1950 and 1960 era and one undated photo from many years earlier. We know this is only the surface layer of information on the history of the church. We are seeking information through Our Lady of the Mountains Church in North Conway and the Diocese of Manchester but we've found that uncovering historical records from these sources is challenging, mostly because they seem to have little to offer or are limited by Canon Law in what they can reveal. We'll keep trying through these sources, however.

With that said, we are turning to our members and donors for your help. Can anyone help us with other historical data about the church? Here's some ideas of what we are looking for:

- **Photographs:** More photographs of the church, especially from the early 1900's but any photographs will be appreciated
- **Maintenance Records:** We suspect much of the building maintenance was done by volunteer parishioners without record keeping but we know from one old photograph that the church pews were configured differently than the two main sections with a center aisle that had in recent years (the old photograph shows pews against the left and right walks of the church with a block of pews in the center of the church—no center aisle) so we presume there was a renovation at some point in time; any documentation on this change or other maintenance would be appreciated
- **Records of Major Church Events:** Does anyone have fliers, programs, photographs or articles of any major events that happened at the church (e.g. fairs, festivals, major celebrations; the centennial celebration in 1990, etc.)
- **The Steeple:** Does anyone know when the steeple came off the roof. In talking with one of our local octogenarians, he could not recall the building ever having a steeple but it's there in early photographs – when did it come down, why (wind storm?, lightning?); where is the bell we presume was in the steeple?
- **Counts of Sacraments Administered & Census:** We are told that someone had compiled counts of the different sacraments administered by year (i.e. numbers of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, funerals by sacrament by year); does anyone have this information handy? Also, we'd be interested in church census records by year
- **Pastors & Priests:** Does anyone have a list of the pastors and priests who served at St. Joseph along with their years of service?
- **Stained Glass Windows & Other Donated Items:** As we mentioned, we have information on the stained glass windows (donor names and some background) but does anyone have more information on these windows or any other statues or religious items that were in the church and donated by a person or family
- **Anecdotes:** Do you have any special anecdotes or memories of the church that you can share with us that might give us some clues of the history?

If you can help with historical information of the church, please drop an email to Phil Franklin at [phil@BartlettHistory.org](mailto:phil@BartlettHistory.org) or sent him information at our post office box (Bartlett Historical Society; P.O. Box 514; Bartlett, NH 03812). Your help will be greatly appreciated.



The Bartlett Snow Roller—Restored 2015

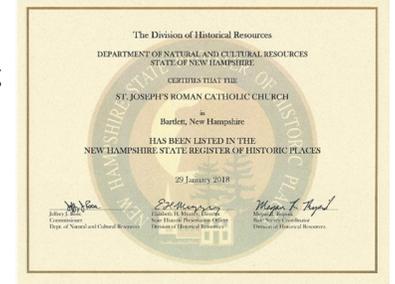
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## State Register of Historic Places

January 29, 2018 – This was the day that the NH State Historical Resources Council met and approved the nomination of our St. Joseph Church for listing on the State Register of Historic Places. This was fantastic news and something that we’d been waiting to hear since September 2017 when we sent in the nomination. Quoting from the NH Division of Historical Resources website, “The New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places is an honorary listing that encourages the protection of significant buildings, districts, sites, landscapes, structures or objects that are meaningful in the history, architecture, archeology, engineering, or traditions of New Hampshire residents and communities.” The State Register designation combined with the 2017 Seven to Save designation received from the NH Preservation Alliance highlights the historic significance of the landmark building.

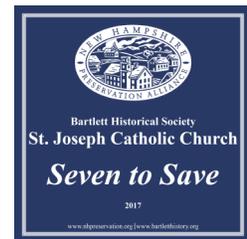


Official State Register of Historic Places Certificate

As you know, our goal is to bring this building back to being considered “significant” as a part of the community. For too long, it has been deteriorating and that just makes our job of renovating the building that much more challenging but it’s a challenge that we are accepting. Many people expressed their happiness that we are working to save this building. Our renovation will maintain the character of the church while bringing it back to life as the Bartlett Historical Society Museum.

In the spring, we will post two important plaques on the outside of the building for all to see - the NH State Register of Historic Places plaque and 2017 Seven to Save plaque. Both of these plaques make a strong statement that this building has value in the history of the state of New Hampshire and, more importantly, in the community of Bartlett.

The Bartlett Historical Society is very proud to be the steward of the effort to save this rural New England church building and with your ongoing support, we can and will bring this important landmark back to life.



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Remember what these look like? Spring will be here soon!