

# ***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**

**January 21, 2016 *"We Can Do It" The CCC***  
**Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Community Room @ Josiah Bartlett Elementary School**



*This picture titled "Bartlett Supply Depot at the Saco River CCC Camp"*

The Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, was one of the most successful Federal Government programs in our history. This program will discuss the work of the CCC in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire and Maine. There were 22 CCC camps that were run by the US military and working for and staffed by the US Forest Service, State of New Hampshire State Parks and even private forest products industry. The setting was the Great Depression when one out of four Americans was out of work and financial collapse was common. When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt took office he immediately established a variety of programs including the CCC to put people back to work and improve our natural resources, parks and forests. We will take a look at the legacy of the CCC and learn about life in the CCC and their motto – "We Can Do It".

## **Bartlett Historical Officers & Directors**

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Kathleen Howard, Curator

Phil Franklin, Secretary

Dave Eliason, Website

## **President's Message:**

Your board of directors is quite proud of the strides we, as a society, have made over the years in gathering materials, research data, creation of a great web site and presentation of local and regional programs. We have decided to once again bring you a newsletter to share some interesting information about the past, some current or future events and some general historical happenings that we hope you enjoy. We have seen some former members drop out or not renew their membership and we hope they will come back. Our society relies upon membership dues as our main source of income, so I would like to ask each one of you to set a goal for yourself this year and that is for you to each bring in a new member. If that were achieved, it would help us achieve a more sound financial picture and would provide the benefit of folks spreading the word of what a good historical society we have. It would be wonderful to have some younger folks get involved. Wishing you all a happy and safe 2016.

*Norm Head, President*

Fred and Grace Garland operated **Garland's Tea Room**, and later



it was a restaurant and ice cream parlor know simply as "Garlands". It also had a few cabins, parts of which are still there today. This restaurant operated until the early 1970's and was destroyed by

fire. It was located just west of today's Post Office.

**GRANVILLE K. HOWARD:** In the passing of Granville K. Howard on Nov. 17 at his home after a brief illness, Bartlett has lost one of its outstanding citizens. Born in Hartford, Vt., in 1864, he was graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1886 and always kept up his interests in the activities of the college. In 1887 he married **Nellie Bailey** of Landgrove, Vt., and two years later he moved to Bartlett. From that time until his retirement in 1946 he



was active in business, conducting a **general store**. In 1912 he built the **Howard Hotel**, which was later known as Bartlett Hotel. Mr. Howard held many town offices, having served as selectman and as a member of the school board. He was instru-

mental in forming the **Bartlett Water Precinct** of which he was treasurer for 51 years. Always interested in the welfare of the town, one of his last acts was to **give a plot of land opposite the hotel for a public park**. For many years he was active in Osceola Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was recently awarded his 50 year pin. His counsel and guidance will be missed by the many people who always found him a friend in time of need. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Bartlett Congregational Church.

*Obituary from "The Reporter", Thursday, November 24, 1949 -pg 1*

*This building was demolished in October 2003 and is now an empty lot.*

**Our Curator is Kathleen Howard.**

She has spent countless hours entering all our material into the computer.

There are more than 4500 names and details of folks who once lived in Bartlett; a hundred or more historic books, articles, clippings, etc; Listing of various objects in our collection; and a partial list of who is buried in which Cemetery.

You can find all the details at:

[BartlettHistory.Org/BartlettHistory/collections.html](http://BartlettHistory.Org/BartlettHistory/collections.html)

We hope you will find her work worthwhile and that you find something useful.

**Find Bartlett History on**



**Obed Hall, one of Bartlett's first citizens:  
1757to1828**

**In 1790 Obed Hall's Tavern** was probably located at the junction of today's Bear Notch Road and Route 302, today's park. **Obed** came to Bartlett from Madbury as an early Bartlett pioneer who became a prominent citizen, serving as Selectman, Town Treasurer, and was elected to Congress in 1810. In 1819 he ran for the Senate but did not win that election.

**Travel at this time** was hazardous and Tavern-keepers considered themselves benefactors to the traveling public rather than businessmen. Mr Hall was one of two appointed as Surveyors of Highways and he was among those who petitioned the General Court in 1793 for a tax of one penny per acre to be used for the improvement of town roads.

**Obed first married** a woman 20 years his senior and second time a woman 20 years his Junior. After Obed's death his wife moved to Portland Maine and re-married to Richard O'Dell.

**In addition to the Tavern** Mr Hall also tended a large farm which was located partially on the property that is today's Hayes Farm, The Penguin Ski Club, Gene Chandler's House and all of the Sky Valley Motel property on the opposite side of the street. It was probably 150 acres or more. It was thought that he also operated a lodging establishment at the farm.

**Mr Hall's brother, Ebenezer**, also lived in Bartlett and was a school teacher in the local school. From 1811 to 1828 he was Judge of Probate for Coos County.

Reference: "*The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire*": including biographical notices ... By Charles Henry Bell

**Richard Garland**, in 1783, was one of only five inhabitants of this location and there were few others within 36 miles. He was the first constable and collector of taxes of the town of Bartlett. He was a soldier of the Revolution, a native of Dover, and lived to an advanced age, dying March 5, 1853. His wife was Sarah Watson, of Rochester. Their eldest son, Eben, remained in Bartlett, and married Lydia Hayes, of Rochester. They had three sons, Alexis, Richard, and Otis (the two latter died young), and four daughters. Alexis made his home in town and married. His four sons were: Benjamin C., Eben O., Richard A., and Fred E.

Eben O. was a resident of Bartlett, and carried on merchandising.



Originally interred in Garland Ridge Cemetery in Bartlett, New Hampshire, Obed Hall was re-interred in Evergreen Cemetery Portland, Maine.

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



# SAVE THE CHURCH

**GOOD NEWS!:** The Board of Directors of your Bartlett Historical Society is very happy to report that we are working closely with the Bartlett School Board to save St. Joseph's Church in Bartlett Village. Our goal is to enter into a long term lease agreement with the Bartlett School Board to allow us to renovate the church building and turn it into our Bartlett Historical Society headquarters.

## **Presentations to the Bartlett School Board:**

In November and, again, in December, Norm Head and Phil Franklin met with the Bartlett School Board to propose and work out the details of a long term lease for the church building. Members of the school board were very receptive to the proposal and have been very involved with the generation of the terms of the lease.



**Voter Approval:** A major step in this process is securing voter approval for the long term lease for the church building. In March 2016, we expect to have a Warrant Article for voter response to this lease agreement at the annual meeting of the Bartlett School District. We hope we can count on your support in passing this Article.

**A Home for Our Bartlett History Collection – Finally!:** Over the years, we have amassed a collection of historic artifacts and documents telling the story of Bartlett's past. With the acquisition of the church building, we will have an ideal place to display our collection, hold presentations by historians and speakers, and even allow research capabilities. This will be an exciting step forward for our organization and town.



**We Need Your Support:** The church building is in dire need of some major capital improvements to the overall structure and all of its mechanical systems. This is one area where we can use your support. In the coming months, we will be actively seeking donations, both large and small, to help bring the church back to life in Bartlett Village. No taxpayer funds will be used for this renovation. We will be sending out more information to let you know how you can invest in this project. This

vision will not become a reality without your financial support, so please be as generous as you can. It is not our historical society, it is yours!

**Stay Tuned!:** As we move forward with this exciting project, we will keep you informed of our progress and how you can help in the effort.

**Most Important Point:** Norm and the rest of the directors of the historical society would like to thank you in advance for your support in this important project.

**This letter to the editor** is from *the Reporter Press*, which was our weekly newspaper. It is not dated but we guess it was written in the early 1970's. It is a great description of the Stanton Farm area of by-gone days. **There was some dispute about folks referring to the Stanton Farm as Cobb Farm and apparently Opal wanted to set the record straight.**

To the Editor:

Bartlett has been prominent in the news recently, but some of the newcomers and younger natives are not well informed about the history and geography of the area. If we might go back several generations and travel down River Street (no River Road) to the Saco, we would cross an old iron suspension bridge. Before this bridge was built, the early settlers would ford the river at a low point. If we turn right, we find the Yates Farm.

Continue on an old dirt road past fields and pastures where the Rogers Family lived. Their little cemetery is at the edge of the woods. Wild roses grow along the fences there. Now go back and cross Razor Brook Bridge. On both sides of the road you will see the Jonas Wilder Stanton Farm. Over the barn door would be a large sign reading "Cave Mountain Farm." (*we now call this the Dorset House*).

Keep on past the road to the right which is now posted "Dead End." On both sides there are fields where the rich dark earth yielded corn, potatoes, grain and flax. Now we climb Simon's Hill, where the river curves below us on the left. Samuel Stillings, who married Patience Stanton, lived near here.. Beyond the swimming hole (*Opal is referring to 2nd Iron*) the road turns to the right, with the river close by. Isaac Stanton was the pioneer on this land. His first home was across *the* line in Hart's Location. When that house burned, he built another further down in Bartlett.

Now, go back and turn left on the dead end road, cross the Little Razor Brook Bridge and admire the work of the beavers on your right. This farm was cleared by William Stanton, who married Julia Moulton. Their first home was the small place that later became the blacksmith shop, and they lived there until the present farm house was built. They had two sons, Alvah H. and Woodbury I. Stanton. Alvah went West to seek his fortune. Woodbury married Lizzie B. Knight and lived all his life on the farm.

Since we are travelling in the past, let's suppose it is August of 1915. Old fashioned apples—Russets. Porters. Punkin Sweets—are ripening in the orchard. The music of cowbells is heard in the pasture. Alice is raking hay, while Uncle Woodbury pitches to Manic, who is making the load in the rick. Effie is in the cellar churning butter, while Aunt Lizzie is in the kitchen frying molasses doughnuts. Gertie, the youngest, is the envy of every girl in the village, because she has her own horse to ride. Now you can understand that this place is not —and never was—Cobb Farm.

All of this land along the river was first owned by the Stantons. Stanton Mountain is there behind the farm land. The road on that side of the river was called Stanton Road, or merely "Over the River," by folks in the village.

Opal Eastman

Conway

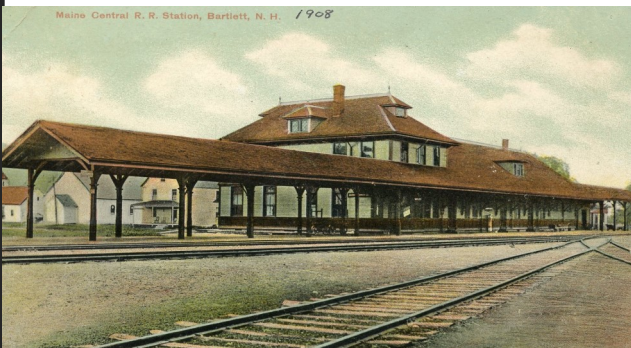
**Editors Note: Apparently somewhere along the way, what Opal refers to as Stanton Road, did have it's name changed to Cobb Farm Road. When and why this happened I do not re-call. One of our astute readers can probably share that story.**

**THE BARTLETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS FUNDED ENTIRELY BY MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS FROM PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU.**

We are hoping this special edition newsletter will generate some interest in more folks becoming members.

**We have included a membership form** and your participation will help us with the programs we host and activities we pursue to preserve the history of Bartlett.

If you have a special historical interest or project you would like to pursue we would like to discuss it with you. We are open to any ideas.



This is the Bartlett Village Train Station in 1908. The Catholic Church and School are seen at left. Bartlett was a bustling commercial center during this time period. There were as many as ten trains daily through Bartlett. According to Elwin Clemons (*deceased*) there were 28 scheduled trains in and out of Bartlett every day in the 1890's.

**If it happened in Bartlett, you can probably find it at our extensive web-site:**

**[Www.BartlettHistory.Org](http://www.BartlettHistory.Org)**

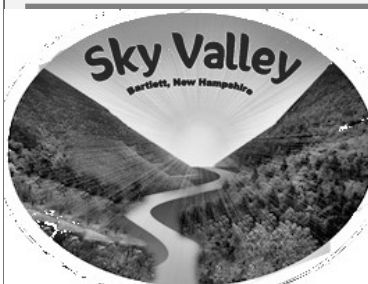
**Officers and Directors Updates:**

**We are pleased to welcome Phil Franklin to the BHS Board of Directors.** Phil was elected as the Secretary of the Board in September 2015.

Since moving to Bartlett with his wife, Sue, in June 2014, Phil has been increasingly active in the historical society. He is working as key leader in the effort to secure the St. Joseph Church building as the headquarters for BHS. He was also very active in the renovation work for the Bartlett Snow Roller. Aside from these activities, Phil has been a regular attendee at BHS board meetings offering opinions and commentary on a number of topics.

Phil has a variety of interests and hobbies including a long time interest in the study and discovery of our historic past. Phil and Sue moved to Bartlett from Cromwell, CT where they were life-long residents but, as Phil says, "we have made a new home in Bartlett." The Franklin's are no strangers to this town or area, however, as they vacationed here for about 30 years before making the big move north.

Before retiring, Phil worked most of his career for The Hartford Financial Service Group as well as Aetna Life and Casualty in their information technology areas as a project manager and program director. Since moving to Bartlett, aside from his work with the historical society, Phil has been appointed as an Alternate on the Bartlett Planning Board and has been elected to the Stillings Grant Association Board of Directors as a Director and Secretary of that board. Phil and Sue have two children, Ryan and Jackie, both living in CT. We look forward to having Phil serve as an active member of the Bartlett Historical Society.



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





### The Snow Roller Project:

In May of 2014 Norman Head found this old decrepit snow roller in the backyard of Francis Savard in Intervale. Through the dedicated efforts of many different people the roller was restored to its original appearance. More pictures of the restoration process they can be



viewed at our web site,

[BartlettHistory.Org](http://BartlettHistory.Org)

This is a snow roller in use at Livermore in 1921.

September 24, 2015: Snow roller in its new home in the Bartlett Park. A few of the volunteers are Don Ryder, Bob Blake, Francis Savard, Norman Head, Bert George and Phil Franklin.



The Bartlett Historical Society thanks Patch's Market for their support in printing this newsletter.



The historical society owes a huge debt of gratitude to Francis Savard for his donation and help in the move, Greg Tsoules and Don Ryder for the transportation and unloading and David Shedd for his milling efforts and his invaluable knowledge of the mechanics of snow rollers. Mike Chandler is due a huge pat on the back for his work in removing old metal and wood, straightening and welding the iron and spokes and also for his and Hannah's search efforts to find an original driver's seat.

Nat Lucy donated all the necessary hardware. Bob "Elvis" Holmes loaned us his oxyacetylene torches. Nubi Duncan of Brownfield Maine donated the seat, Phil & Sue Franklin donated a plaque to be placed with the snow roller in the Town Park. Phil Franklin, Bert George and Norman Head deserve credit for coordinating and making this project a success.





**Ski lessons** were offered through the Eastern Slope Ski Club and then, as now, it was a great way to get out of school for the afternoon. If you attended the Bartlett School in 1958 You can probably find yourself in this photograph.

Back row: Ray Kelley, Malcolm Tibbetts, Dave Eliason, Mikell Chandler, Johnny Head, Peggy Howard, Mary-Jane Davis, Roger Clemons, not sure of the last four.

Next row down: Ed Luken, Wanda Abbott, John Nysted, Jay Nealley, ?, ?, Bobby Grant, not sure of the rest

3rd row down: Sumner Nysted, Ruth Russell, Jane Garland, Diane Dudley, Karen Haley, Rose Haley, Cindy Garland, Maureen Marcoux?

4th row down: Frank Trecarten, Buster Burke, Evan Nysted, Ricky Tibbetts, Jerry Burke, ? , Ralph Clemons, Theresa Lemire

5th row down; David Ainsworth, ??, Joey Garland, Roger Marcoux, Doug Garland, Michael Grigel, Christine Cool, Doug Eliason

6th row down: Karen Grant, Connie Dudley, Jane Trecarten, Kathy Howard, Dwight Garland, Clifton Garland, Allen Eastman.

*Photo courtesy of Alan Eliason.*



Thanks to Matty B's MountainSide Café at Attitash for helping us publish this newsletter.



## A COUPLE OF INTERVALE LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS:

**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 Pitman's in the book "The Latchstring Was Always Out", available at the Bartlett Library. BartlettHistory.Org is also a wealth of information about Intervale lodging establishments of days gone by.



**The Elmwood Inn**, formerly the Solomon Pendexter House, The Elmwood Inn was managed by William and Elizabeth Wyman. They also operated a farm on the property. This postcard dates to about 1900. The Elmwood was (is) located just across the road from today's scenic vista and east of yester-years Langdon Hotel. Elmwood was purchased by the **Cannell** family in 1938 and re-named **The Intervale Inn**. John Cannell was a youngster at that time and he and his dad would meet the ski trains in North Conway every Friday night to pick up guests. In 1948 most of the Inn was destroyed by fire, but what did not burn is still there

today. I have been told if you go into the basement of this building the scars of the fire are still visible.

*To "get your bearings", if you drive west, out of North Conway, this building is across the street from the Scenic Vista, just before the railroad crossing in Intervale. Joy Tarbell's Real Estate Office is there today.*



# ***The Historical Herald***

**You can find all these story's and hundreds of other topics at our website: [BartlettHistory.Org](http://BartlettHistory.Org) Take a look sometime.**

From the files:

**1902:** \$55.19 was spent to maintain the public library; \$15.00 of this amount was salary paid to the librarian. \$32.34 was spent on books bringing the total number of volumes in the library to 531 books

**1922:** A total of \$785.82 was received by the town in auto taxes; From the school board report "some provision should be made for water at the Glen school, as the neighbors have objected to the children obtaining water on their premises"

**1942:** \$86.80 was spent for a "defense" siren. \$14.37 was spent to install the device; \$92.60 was spent on the maintenance of the 4 town cemeteries; On September 22, 1942 the work of making surgical dressings was started at the Defense buildings, Bartlett Village under the auspices of the Red Cross. 40 women were enrolled in this patriotic service, contributing 1324 work hours and 6,000 surgical dressings.; \$7.96 was spent to purchase fireman's badges

**1947:** \$239.50 was paid in bounties for 29 hedgehogs and 12 bears; \$5.00 was spent to clean the public library; 389 currant and gooseberry bushes were removed under the White Pine Blister Rust Control project; 5 typewriters were purchased for the high school and a non-credit course in typewriting was offered to all students

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***TO:***