

A Tighter Focus for the Permanent Collection

The Wilmot Historical Society has been collecting historic artifacts for many years. Recently, we have decided that the permanent collection should focus more specifically on items directly related to Wilmot life and its people. This means that we will slowly, judiciously, and transparently remove non-Wilmot-related artifacts from our permanent collection, moving them either to our education collection or, if appropriate, offering them to other local historical societies. All proposed de-accessions will adhere to our newly established policies (see them on our web site), and must be approved by the full board of directors.

The items we will keep for educational purposes are ones that reflect what life was like at a particular point in local history. In particular, the WHS has targeted clothing and other items made of fabric, some kitchen implements, containers and tools. It is exciting to think that we will be able to offer programming featuring these wonderful objects at local schools, organization meetings, and at our own events.

If you have questions, please call Lindy Heim at 526-6376, or Marc Davis at 927-4596.

In case you missed these events...

The Annual Meeting Oct 27, 2013

The meeting, attended by about 40 members, included an info session on the process of restoring the Wilmot Town Hall's hand-painted stage curtains. In her talk, Chris Hadsel, director of Vermont-based *Curtains Without Borders*, showed a wide-range of similar type curtains in several venues, revealing a whole body of art, of which many people had been previously unaware.

Following Chris's talk, Ed Weaver gave a presentation on the incredibly detailed model of the Pedrick/Bond farmhouse that he restored. The model was donated to the WHS by the Perkins family. Fred Ogmundson and Ed shared what they had discovered about the history of the farm.



Built by the Pedrick family in the 1830s, the house was owned by them until c.1895. At one point in the 1920s, the Bond family bought it and lived in it until the 30s. It burned down in 1986.

The Cracker Barrel Program Feb 2, 2014

Fred Ogmundsen, historian and long-time member of the historical society, presented a program called "Blast from the Past." Fred showed many pictures from his personal collection that represent the history of Wilmot families and buildings, most notably those of Wilmot Center.

One feature of his presentation was a series of photos showing the many incarnations of the Goodhue store, which was located at the end of Bunker Hill Road where it meets Route 4A. Fred also had several family photos of the Goodhues, Stearns and Kimballs, and it was interesting to see how many people in the audience were distantly related to these families. Cathy Stearns showed photos of her family descending from Minot's son Gary, and Julie Morse had pictures of her home on No. Wilmot Road where she had lived for 50 years.

Marc Davis showed early photos of Mountain View farm, which he and Ann now own.

In a photo taken at the annual 4th of July picnic at the Kimball home, a young "Tish" Gross (now Pat Baker) was seated by her father in the right front of the group photo. When someone in the audience asked Pat why her mother was not in the picture, Pat responded "she was at home having a baby." Now that's a real cracker barrel experience! Attendance, although modest, was enthusiastic.

President, Marc Davis; Vice President, Lindy Heim; Secretary, Judy Hauck; Treasurer, Mary Fanelli
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WILMOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – MEMBERSHIP FORM for 2014

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Thank you!

Upcoming Program

"One Room School Houses"
Steve Taylor
May 18, 2014
2 p.m. Town Hall

Hundreds of one-room school houses dotted the landscape of New Hampshire a century ago and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children from the early 19th century onward. Steve Taylor will explore the lasting legacies of the one-room school era and how they echo today. This program is funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.



Wilmot Town Offices
formerly a one-room school house

The Town Office building pictured above is the current home of the Wilmot Historical Society. We have a large room off the main meeting room in which most of the collection is stored. The computer and scanner with which we are now documenting the collection are also set up in this room. If you wish to view the history room, please contact Mary at 526-2614 or Judy at 526-4920.

WHS News

A Window on Wilmot History

Thanks to a gift from Sue Severance Finch, we now have a ledger, a journal, and some autograph books that give us detailed insights into town events and the daily life of Wilmot's Bean family during the early to mid 1800s.

Births, deaths, marriages, land transfers, squabbles, accidents, road building, structure fires, all kinds of important or trivial happenings in the life of a town and its people leap from these pages as we digitize them one by one. Material of this nature really enlivens our collection.

The Curiosity Shop

This past summer 20 people donated treasures to the Curiosity Shop and 16 volunteers helped set up and sell each week earning a net profit of \$3587. These monies are used to preserve the WHS collection with a goal of making it available online. If you would like to help with this project next summer, please email Lindy at <lindy@heimfamily.org>.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

WHS Book Club

This group meets quarterly on Saturdays at the Wilmot Community Association and is open to all. The next meeting is March 1 at 10 a.m., and the book choice is *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*, by David McCullough. For more information call Marc Davis at 927-4596.

Clean out your attic!

The WHS needs small collectibles to sell at next summer's Curiosity Shop. Best sellers seem to be:

- Costume jewelry
- Unusual pieces of china or glass
- Old tools, cooking utensils, kitchen gadgets, and thingamagigs
- Vintage toys and clothing
- Small wooden items
- Any vintage or collectible items

History Room Hours

June 28 through September
Saturdays 9 – 12
Throughout the year by appointment

President Marc Davis 927-4596
V. President Lindy Heim 526-6376

The history room is located in the
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