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### Revamped website up and running: online catalog to follow

With a generous grant from the Frank M. Barnard Foundation, the revamped Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) website is up and running. Soon to be added is an online catalog of records and photographs from the WHS collection.

Local web designer Paul Carnevale, Jr. provided the WHS with a clean, up-to-date design and easy-to-use software.

Currently, you may read minutes from all WHS meetings, view our photo album on Shutterfly, peek into our Curiosity Shop, and browse through our Attic for odds and ends of information. The home page is our billboard for upcoming events and contact information.

### Report on Annual Meeting November 2, 2014

Live history in the form of reminiscences by Jack MacAuliffe was the highlight of this year's annual meeting held at the WCA's Red Barn and attended by about 35 people.



Charming and eloquent, Jack held his audience captive as he related his experiences a resident of Wilmot from 1930 on.

Jack lived in the original Tewksbury Farm in North Wilmot.

Having been taught in a one-room schoolhouse by Annie Whittemore, Jack recollects that he was lucky enough to have been one of the first students to be transported to school rather than having to walk. His accounts of those original transport vehicles were most entertaining.

Other news: Re-elected for the 2014-2015 term were president Marc Davis, Secretary Judy Hauck, and Treasurer Mary Fanelli.

### Curiosity Shop

The WHS Curiosity Shop was open for business a total of nine Saturdays in July and August serving many a happy shopper. To those who donated vintage items such as period jewelry, linens, old tools, gadgets, china and glassware, we are most grateful.

A total of \$2,419.41 was raised to support our ongoing effort to preserve the archival collection and make it accessible online. All monies raised will be devoted to this purpose.



You will be surprised to know that more than 14 individuals volunteered over 200 hours of time and 16 angels donated high quality vintage items to sell.

If the objects weren't treasures, they were at least very curious, which made it all the more fun for salespersons and customers alike.

If you find you have an attic, garage, or drawers full of old things that you would like someone else to love, give Lindy Heim a call at 526-6376. Pick up can be arranged.

President, Marc Davis; Vice President, Lindy Heim; Secretary, Judy Hauck; Treasurer, Mary Fanelli  
Directors: Nola Aldrich, Rosanna Dude, Sue Finney, Esther Grace, Julie Morse, Fred Ogmundson

### WILMOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – MEMBERSHIP FORM for 2015

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual membership is \$5 per person**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ membership(s)

I am also including a tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Wilmot Historical Society, P.O. Box 97, Wilmot, NH 03287  
Thank you!

## Upcoming Programs

### Music of the Civil War Set for Feb. 1

Two musicians and historians, Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett, will present a medley of songs from the Civil War at 2 p.m. in the Wilmot Community Association Red Barn next to the post office in Wilmot Flat on Sunday February 1.



Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes, Pringle and Bennett examine the folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives, influence public perceptions of events, and simultaneously fuse and conserve cultures in times of change.

### Meet Eleanor Roosevelt on May 3

Famous first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, portrayed by Elena Dodd, will come to life on Sunday, May 3 at 2 pm in the Wilmot Town Hall.

Elena Dodd's living history of Mrs. Roosevelt is an intimate and informative depiction of the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman.

The program offers a frank and humorous look at the struggles and personal fulfillment of a shy young woman who metamorphosed into a strong voice for social justice and universal human rights.

## WHS News

### Additions to the WHS Collection

Among the major accessions to the historical society's collection this year are five 19<sup>th</sup> century diaries written by Isaac B. Youngman (1811-1892) and donated by Margaret Campbell.

A life-long Wilmot resident, Youngman lived on Teel Hill in North Wilmot and later moved to Wilmot Center. He was a farmer and served the town as selectman.

In 1876, Youngman and his wife, Hannah, funded and established the Kearsarge School of Practice, a private high school, at the corner of N.H. Route 4A and Bunker Road in Wilmot Center. The building is now an apartment house.

Arthur Thompson (1867-1928), who lived and farmed on Cross Hill Road, kept diaries that are currently on loan from his grandson, Chuck Thompson, and being digitized for our online catalog by Keene State College archive department.

We have also received a Colonial socket bayonet found by Joyce Tawney near the front steps of her house on Pancake Street. Now where could this possible have come from?

### WHS Book Club

This group meets quarterly on Saturdays at the Wilmot Community Association and is open to all. The next meeting is March 14 at 10 a.m., and the book choice is *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. For more info please call Marc Davis at 927-4596.

*All events and programs are free and open to the public.*

### 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 27 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  
Town Office Building  
9 Kearsarge Valley Road

Wilmot, NH 03287

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