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FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are invited!!! Please come to our first annual Christmas Open House at the Historical Society Museum (corner of East Madison Rd and Rt 113) on December 16, 1990 from 4-8. Our building has had some facelifting. We are excited about our "turn of the century" kitchen. Come and see the changes in our museum. We will have a special exhibit on display for the afternoon.

When you come, please bring a labeled photograph of yourself and/or family. We would like to start a collection of current members of our community, you are making history now!

Come and join the festivities!!

WE NEED A NEW CHIMNEY

We would like to have our kitchen cook stove running for our open house at Christmas. In order to do this we need a new chimney. Doug Arnold will donate his time to do the inside brick work, Deb and Steve McKinney are donating old brick for the hearth, and we have a couple of pledges of \$50. Please help us make this a reality. Thanks!!

THANK - YOU

Thanks to Ed Bickford for taking on the job of Publicity Chairperson. He's doing a great job.

Thanks to Laura Mahoney for taking on the job of Refreshment Chairperson and for doing the immense job of copying the Gazette!!!

GAZETTE ADVERTISING

We will be soliciting adds for printing of the Gazette at \$20.00 per year (four issues). Adds will begin in the February issue. Someone will contact you or you may call Becky Beaulieu or Debbie Knowles at 367-8583, if you wish to have your name on our sponsor list.

Author unkown

It was the year of '61 with war upon the land
When a small group of men from Madison
Answered to their country's command.
They walked down to our house
Just at the break of day.
To drink the "brown crust" coffee before they went away.
There was Luke Nickerson, Josiah Flanders, Stephen Jackson,
the fiddle he did play.
Diamond Littlefield, George Lerrin, Nathaniel and George
Gray.
There was Sam Ward, Charles Harmon whose sharp wit made us
laugh
When he told the story of Betsy and the calf.
There were several others whose names I cannot recall.
But your great great grandfather Timothy was the proudest
of them all.
With a wave of hand and a backward glance
To Concord town they went
And to the Southern Fighting Fields they were finally sent.
There was no time for tears or weeping
No time indeed.
I was a "woman alone"
With seven mouths to feed.

The letters came quite frequently
There were fifty-six in all
They told of a war torn land, poor water and rations small
Four years of fighting and privation
Finally took their toll
And he was sent to Portsmouth Navy Hospital
Sick in mind and soul
There he died of the Spotted Fever
A disease of the times so rare
In a plain pine box he was brought home
And placed in that barn still standing there
With the command Not to be Opened.
I can well remember the time
If one should disobey them, it would be a federal crime.

How did I know my darling
How did I know it was He?
How did I know that the man lying there
Was not a stranger to me.

Well I will tell you
I put my shawl across my shoulder.
The lantern I did light.
Taking the big broad axe
I went out into the night
Through the long shed and up the knoll
Till I reached the big barn door.

I pushed as hard as ever I could
And it creaked as never before.
The turkeys gobbled, the cattle lowed
It was a night of sound.
The pigs softly grunted in their pens
And bats fluttered all around

At the sight of the box
I stiffened my back
With a courage yet unknown
Pried open the lid, looked
Took out the cap:
And knew he was my own.

He was buried next day in the family plot
Without even a bugle tap.
And all I have are my memories, the letters and the Cap.

(If anyone knows who wrote this poem,
please let us know.)

Queen Mary

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Queen Mary, the old mahogany boat used by the old Lakeside Hotel to take people around the lake? We would like to do a story about her. Any photos?

Ambrose Forge

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the blacksmith's forge that was in the Ambrose Blacksmith Shop across from the Kennett Farm - any information about the shop or other blacksmith shops in town (photos would be great!!) would be appreciated!!

We will return any material you do not wish to donate.

Call Becky Beaulieu 367-8583 if you can help provide any information.

SILVER-LEAD MINE INFORMATION

We have a student researching the old Silver-Lead Mine which was located at Cook's Pond. We have a floor plan of the buildings, but no pictures or diagrams of the outside or the shaft(s). If anyone has any information on this, please contact Becky Beaulieu. (367-8583) We may end up with a 3-dimensional model to keep at the society.

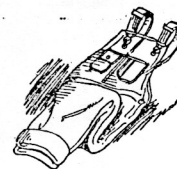
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100th ANNUAL MADISON DONATION

Fri. **NOV. 5** 8:00
Eve. **NOV. 5** p.m.

1965

Silver Lake Town Hall

ENTERTAINMENT OYSTER STEW
CAKES COFFEE ICE CREAM

Giant Cake Auction to Follow

COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE

"Aunt Edie's Donation Poem"
Edith Chick

Jesse A. Currier, Pres.

On the 9th of November
The year nineteen sixty two
We meet here in the Town Hall
And everything all right to do.

We are so glad to meet our friends
In the old fashioned way you see
Everyone happy, laughing and gay,
And also hungry as can be.

The 97th anniversary of our Donation
Not a year has been missed since the first.
Our parents then were the active ones,
Now we in their place do the work.

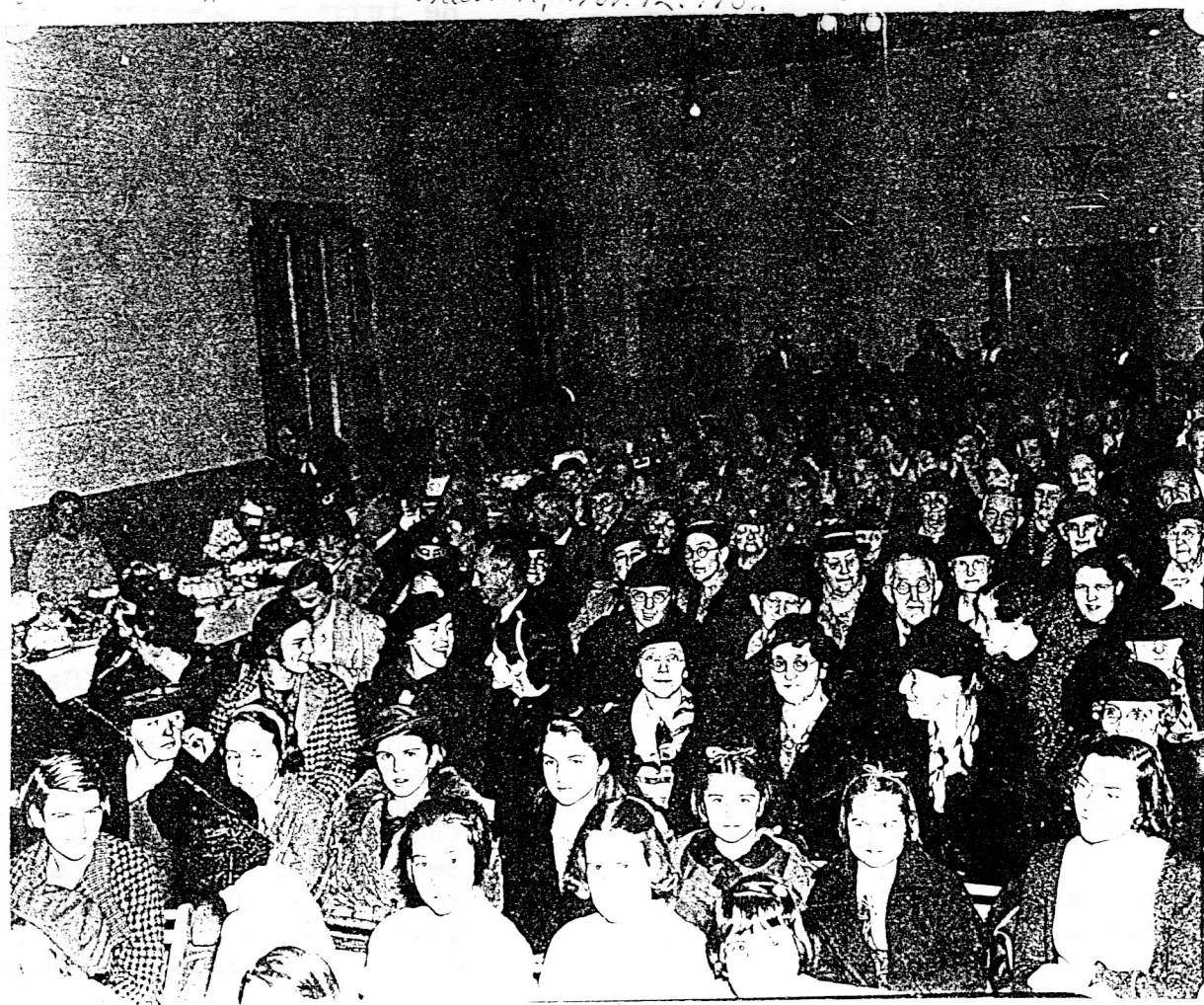
Neighbors and friends, we are glad you are
here

It is nice to see you all tonight
We hope you will have a very nice time.
And also a good appetite.

For 97 years it has been this way
We laugh, talk, and eat all we can.
When we are through, everyone is happy
We hope you will come next year if you can.



Madison's 68th Annual Donation, Nov. 12, 1935.



Biography of Baby Frank G. Lawson

by his mother Achea M. Lawson

1866

Continued from the last issue

" The day Frank was four months old Mr. Bickford made and gave him a plain gold ring. It's rather large but he will soon grow to it and not many days after be brought them both his boy Eddie and my Boy a little rubber rattle for them to bite and amuse themselves with. They seem to be cutting their teeth. Dear little thing, I do hope he will cut them easy for I have suffered so much with mine that I feel worse for him. But Grandma says where babies cut them so young they are most likely to cut them easy. Frank gains rapidly and I know he is a very smart boy. How I do wish his father could see him. I know he would be very proud of him but the broad ocean intervenes and it will be many months if not years before we see his face again. God bless and protect him for his wife's and baby's sake. I put some money 3 dollars in the School St. Savings Bank for Frank the day he was four months old and I intend to add a little to that every year if I have my health and strength. I went to Boston the 7th of September and carried Frank- he enjoyed himself very much- would not sleep a wink but stuck his eyes open to their widest extent - seemed as though he was bound to see everything. He laughed and jabbered to a great rate -everybody that spoke to him said "what a fine boy" "what a forward child"

Saco Dec 9th 1866

I have neglected to write much about my little darling - but thanks to the good Lord he is alive and well - I came down here the last day of September with Frank- he was afraid of everybody. I felt

bad about it but he has got wonderfully over it. People make a great deal of him and I have carried him round so much that he can't help getting used to strangers. Mr. Bickford gave him a spoon and marked his mane on it the day he started from Boston - we were eating dinner down cellar and he took a spoon from the store and he thought Frank could use on of those better than any other so he gave him one - he brought Eddie and Frank a rubber rattle when they were about 8 months old. They are real pretty and cost 42cts apiece - Frank seems to like his Aunt Susie very much and his little cousin Winfield - he will watch the cradle when Winnie cries and and cry when he cries - such children know more than we think for I think Frank was very lonsome when we virst came down here - but he got used to it in a few days - there are 5 or 6 children that come in here to play with him most every day. He fell

against the stove October 25th and burnt his face all over one side - I don't think I ever was so frightened in my whole life but the little dear never cried more than five minutes and he seems to get along nicely - in one week it was all healed over and looked real well. Frank had the Rash while I was in Saco that time and Eddie B was in Cambridge and had it at the same time - I went back to Boston the 3rd day of November and found all the folks well and half tickled to death to see Frank I think he knew them all. I miss Grandmother Bickford very much - she went to Vermont while we were in Saco. I write her once in a while - I do hope she will live to see Frank and Eddie - the boys seem to take solid comfort together - Eddie's Aunt Ellen sent him a new dress and it is just like the one that Susan gave to Fank - I think I shall go back to Saco and stay this

cold Winter for it looks dreary and lonesome here - I believe Mrs. Bickford has decided to go to Vermont and stay this Winter so the Babies must be separated after having stayed together and seeming like little twins - but I could not expect them to always live together for Eddies friends are not Franks so we must go separate ways - I spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Bickford's family - John Quimby came out there and brought some rubber to make a jumper for Frank - we did not have a very happy time - they are packing up all the things and it makes it seem lonesome enough - Frank seems to enjoy life very much - he laughs and jabbers away a great deal - his rash has not left him very well - his little legs are all broken out I don't see what I can do for them - I have made him some little flannel drawers for night dresses and they chafe his legs. I think he weighed Thanksgiving day 22 lbs without a thing on & Eddie weighed 20 - I took Frank in to see Mrs. Barker & Mrs. Barr - they thought he had grown a great deal - while we were gone Miss Atwood has been out here to Cambridge 2 or 3 times - they said the stars would fall the 13 or 14th of Nov but I did not see them - the children all make a great deal of Frank - I don't think he is handsome but he is smart - Eddie had a rising in his head Thanksgiving week and he fell out of bed Friday morning of that week - his head did not seem any better and they had the doctor Friday morning - he said Frank was a very smart boy"... to be continued

LARGEST BUCK	40%
LARGEST DOE	30%
AVERAGE DEER	30%

DEER

	HUNTER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	Buck's	DOE's	WEIGHT
10	Phyllis Miller	10/9/74	X		175 lbs
1	Robert Jones	10/9/74			
2	Paul Shackford	10/11/74		175 lbs	115 lbs
3	Lee Davis	10/11/74			
4	Gary Peacock	10/12/74			
5	Russell L. McInnis	10/15/74			
6	Bernard Dickerson	10/16/74		✓ X	141 lbs
7	Ed. Bickford	10/18/74			
8	Wynne Elmore	10/19/74	X		75 lbs
9	Ed. Gammill	10/19/74			
0	Ed. Tyler	10/19/74			
1	Henry Furbach	10/19/74			
2	Marvin Furbach	10/19/74			
3	Bob Heinman	10/21/74			
4	DAVID LYMAN	10/21/74	X		213 lbs
5	MARTY MARTINDALE	10/22/74			
6	Robert Cormack	10/23/74			
7	Marie A. Miller	10/26/74			
8	Paul Killebrew	10/26/74			
9	Jim Perkins	10/26/74			
0	Kenneth Moore	10/27/74	X		109 lbs
1	Doug MacFaul	10/29/74			
2	Dick Chute	10/29/74		X	58 lbs
3	Marion Chute	10/29/74			
4	Dick MacFaul	10/31/74			
5	Bruce R. Jones	10/31/74			
6	John Beard	10/31/74			
7	James Mulvaney	10/31/74			
8	Wilbur MERRA	10/31/74			
9	W. Van Nibbelin	10/31/74			
0	Rich Van Nibbelin	10/31/74			
1	Jesse Shackford, Jr.	10/31/74			
2	Russell S. Holbrook	10/31/74			
3	RICHARD L. DANFLOU	11/1/74			
4	Pat L. Cameron	11/1/74			
5					
6					

Pool

1974

REMARKS (Kill Location, Time of Day, Equip., Etc.)

Madison

Rifle

Madison

Average R

Madison

1 P.M.

30-06

Largest a

Madison

Rifle

Largest 1.

Madison

Rifle

Zealand

Rifle

MADISON, PAST & PRESENT

by Ed Bickford

December 17, 1852. The fore mentioned date was the birth of the town of Madison. Prior to that date there was just the town of Eaton.

Some 140 townships were established within a short period of time by King George III and Governor Benning Wentworth. The charter for Burton (now Albany) was granted November 6, 1766 and the charter for Eaton on the following day. Many of these boundaries were just lines drawn on a map, without regard to lakes, mountains and terrain. Surveying of lines came about sometime later. This created much confusion for the early settlers. Some were paying taxes in two towns. One homesteader may find himself paying taxes to another town the the following year.

The early settlers in Eaton soon found out that their township was not laid out properly. There was a mountain range that ran right through the middle. The easterly and westerly communities were connected by a steep, narrow mountain road (Gline's Hill), which was dangerous year round. Town meetings were in mud season, when the road was at its worst. Even today, most of the year it is easier to go around this mountain range by way of Conway or East Madison.

There were years of discussion and debate over the situation. At the March 1852 town meeting, it was voted to keep the boundaries as they

were. Later that year (maybe at a special town meeting) it was decided to divide into two townships. December 17, 1852

The boundary line between Eaton and Madison starts at the Conway line on top of Rock House Mountain and travels over the top of Glines mountain, along a steep side hill to the top of the highest Lyman mountain, then down steeply to East Madison. A very picturesque walk, by the way, but wear your hiking boots, it's rugged.

Because of the closeness of the two towns and their common history, Madison and Eaton will be considered as the same town by me. Their records are side by side at the Conway Town Library.

December 17 will be the start of the 139th year for the town of Madison. Stop by and celebrate a combination Christmas and New Years party with us at our Christmas Open House.

EPB

HAVE ANY OLD MOVIES?

We are looking for old home movies which might have some historical interest - we would like to transfer some to video tape and be able to sell them as a fund raiser - Conway Historical Society had great success raising money by doing this - so....if anyone has something they would like to see preserved on video tape and is willing to donate a film - we will see what we can do.

Don't forget - if you have home videos of recent events in town, they will be history someday too - we would love to have a copy!!

MHS Wish list:

We would like for our new kitchen:

Hoosier cabinet
Chimney
Icebox

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 10- 10am-volunteers needed to paint meeting room
Nov ~~22~~¹⁵ Regular meeting MHS, 7:30 at the museum
All are welcome
Dec 12-15 Decorating for Christmas Open House
Dec 16 Christmas Open House 4-8pm at the museum

MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Membership Application

Name: _____ Date _____

Local Address _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Winter Address _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

☐ Enclosed please find \$3.00 for each individual membership.

Please return this form to:

Becky Beaulieu
Box 57
Silver Lake, NH 03875



WHO IS THIS MOTLEY CREW?

BACK TO THE PAST...

Lee Drew
Silver Lake NH 03849

READ THE GAZETTE!