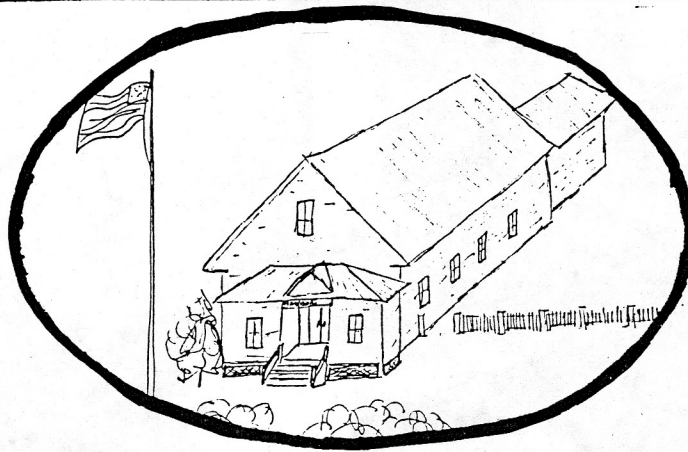


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## Christmas Open House

Over 80 people enjoyed a gaily decorated museum and a newly renovated turn of the century kitchen on December 16 at the Madison Historical Society. Thanks to the new chimney that Doug Arnold built for our wood stove, the kitchen was cozy and we had hot wassail on the stove.

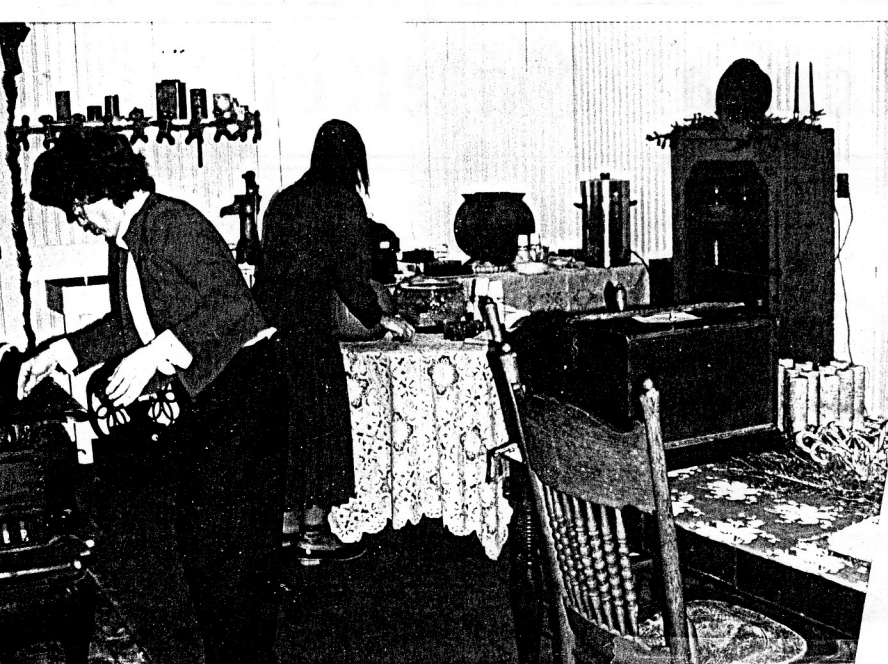
Doug donated a lot of time and materials for the beautiful new hearth. Ed Bickford donated many hours of his time redoing the roof to accomodate the new chimney, and coordinating the project.

Those people who generously donated money were Hank Hubbell, Earle & Isabelle Knowles, John & Millicent Erlewine, Ray Stineford, Edie McNair, Kay & Richard Hocking, Joan Kracke and the Madison Old Home Week Committee.

A huge THANKS to every one for making this event possible!!

MADISON  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Open  
House



↑ Finishing Touches Debbie Knowles  
Becky Beaulieu



Our Beautiful Tree  
Thanks Ed!



Richard Hocking  
"Reflecting"



Emily Beaulieu Brooke McKnight Phil & Helen Renner  
Great Refreshments!



## Programs, Programs, Programs!

February 21-Ray Stineford will present a slide/talk program on the renovation of Helen Prince's and Ray's home, the "Churchill House".

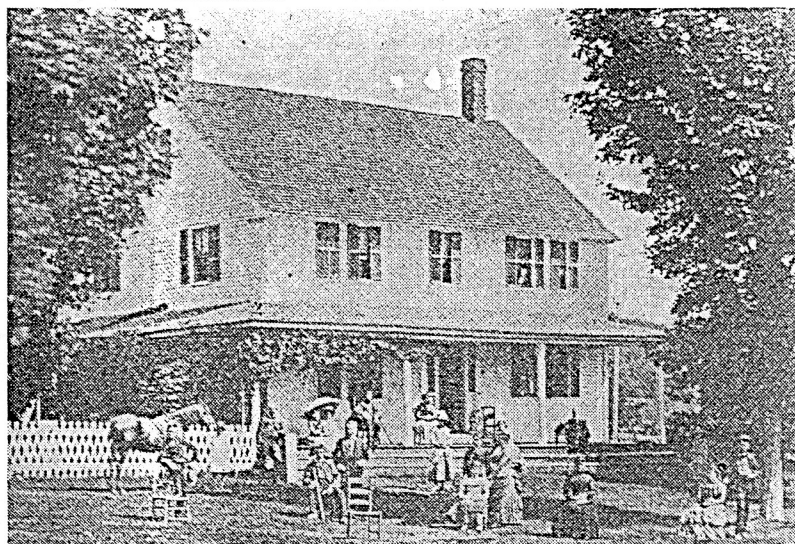
The following programs will be presented by the Madison Historical Society in conjunction with the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The general public is encouraged to attend!

March 14-(1 week earlier than our normal meeting to accomodate the speaker) John Allen, Department of History, Plymouth State University, will present "An Oral Historian's Work". This video-discussion program explains and demonstrates all you need to know to complete a successful oral history project. Whether your interest is folklore, local history, business history or genealogy, the basics are the same and this tape will take you step by step through each phase: evaluating your equipment, conducting pre-interview research, making contact with informants, getting the most out of each interview, preparing transcripts, and preserving your work for future use. John Allen leads discussion after viewing the 33-minute tape.

April 18- Howard Sargent will present "Backyard Archaeology". Privately owned lands (even 1/4 acre or less) often contain unknown archaeological resources. The "backyard" has archaeological potential, and families can participate in important basic research into our past, becoming involved in archaeological conservation. Bring artifacts to the session for comments and identification!

May 16- Faith Harrington, New England Studies, University of Southern Maine, will present "Digging in the Documents and the Dirt". She will use a case study from the Isles of Shoals, to discuss how the historical archaeologist "digs" into documents as well as earth. Historic maps, paintings, deeds, and wills inform and direct study while recovered artifacts offer an immediate experience with the past.

Come and join us for these exceptional programs at our Historical Society Museum on the above dates, all at 7:30pm. Bring a friend!!!



Churchill House in the late 1800s.

### Biography of Baby Frank G. Lawson by his mother Achea M. Lawson 1866

#### Continued from the last issue

Saturday PM Dec 1st - I left Cambridge as I suppose for good. I went to stay with Mis Atwood in Boston a few days. Frank seemed very well and folks made a great deal of him while there. She is stopping in a large lodging house and a great many people are in there every day - Mis Atwood wants me to stay with her this winter but I think I ought to go where I can get along the cheapest and easiest for my Baby's sake - I want him to get his teeth and run alone, then I can deny him more - I am just living for my Baby's sake every thought is for him and his interests. If the good Lord will only spare my darlings life and make me good and capable of training such a darling I will try and praise and love Him with all my heart. I know it needs grace and wisdom from on High to train such children and I pray it may be given me - I staid with Miss Atwood till Tuesday Dec 4th - when I started for Saco - Frank got a tooth through that day. I noticed it first at the dinner table it is his left lower front tooth and looks very cunning - he shows it every time he laughs -

I found Susan and all the folks all well - Frank seemed to know Winfield (his little cousin) and Susan thought he had grown ever so much. It rained real hard all the PM but we did not get wet - well I have got here so now I'll rest awhile.

Dec 1866 - It is now very near Christmas and New Years and the Babies must have presents - Frank sent Eddie Bickford a little book and Frank received at Christmas time a little gold ring and brush to use for his hair with his name engraved on the back of it and a lot of candy and ( ) cent piece in silver he and his cousin Winfield had their stockings full - and he made himself a present of a new tooth it is a mate to the one he had before and they both look very cunning - he seems to enjoy very good health - for New Years he had a little harp from his Uncle Melville and a little white [Hibet] sack or rather the material for one from Eddie- Mrs. Bickford is very anxious that the boys should be dressed alike - they wear their Winter dresses just alike but when they are so far separated it will be impossible to have their clothes always alike - we have very fine times here in Saco but still I wish we were nearer the one that ought to love us best of all - but if God so wills that we shall be separated I suppose we must be resigned though it does seem hard - dear little babies need a fathers love and care nearly as much as a mothers - Miss Atwood still continues to be a dear friend and I would like to be with her if it was not so expensive staying in Boston. but I may go back soon - I get letters of love and encouragement from her often - but none from my Husband where can he be! what is he thinking of to leave his wife and child to the mercies of this cold world-April 17th 1867- Dear little Frank is one year old today and he seems as cunning as a darling could be. I have neglected to write much about him but I must not neglect it again for this little book may be of use to him should be outlive his mother- We staid in Saco from Dec 4th to Feb 11th 1867- my mother and her husband were down there and they both thought Frank a most wonderful boy. he has now 6 teeth and can almost run alone - can push chairs around and creep all over the house- We had a very pleasant time with Aunt Susie's and Uncle Davis' folks. every one seems to love my darling -some children were born for love and I think he was one of them -he commenced to cough one week before, I came back here to Boston and he has had a serious time of it I was afraid he would die but I went to a doctor and he gave me some medicine for him which seemed to help him and he is now quite smart though he lost some flesh - little Winnie had the cough but I do not know how he got over it. Mr. Bickford and Miss Atwood

came to the Depot to meet me and Frank seemed to know him -he thought he had grown very much. I had his pictures taken about one week before I came back here they were very good indeed - I sent some round to all his little friends - Eddie B can run alone and is they think very smart but I guess Frank will manage to keep up with him some way or other - my boy seems to be very thoughtful.....to be continued.

#### List of Current Members

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Around the end of January we start looking for spring, and with spring comes "Ice out" and the "return of the swallows". The Madison Historical Society has in its possession an old log of "ice out" pools. We thought it would be fun for you to see the winners and also the dates of "ice out" and dates of swallows returning. "Official Ice out" is when the last ice float at the head of the lake floats out beyond the little island.

From 1910-1957 we only have the dates of ice out.

1910 April 10  
1911 May 6  
1912 April 24  
1913 April 2  
1914 April 21  
1915 April 21  
1916 April 19  
1917 May 1  
1918 April 24  
1919 April 21  
1920 May 7  
1921 March 28  
1922 April 19  
1923 April 23  
1924 April 14  
1925 April 9  
1926 May 4  
1927 April 17  
1928 April 20  
1929 April 7  
1929 April 7  
1930 April 9  
1931 April 11  
1932 April 30  
1933 April 25



Winter of 1902-3—Madison Railroad Station.

1934 April 21  
1935 April 21  
1936 April 8  
1937 April 25  
1938 April 17  
1939 May 4  
1940 April 7  
1941 April 21  
1942 April 18  
1943 April 29  
1944 May 1  
1945 April 3  
1946 April 1  
1947 April 19  
1948 April 10  
1949 April 6  
1950 April 20  
1951 April 17  
1952 April 20  
1953 April 4  
1954 April 17  
1955 April 5  
1956 April 19  
1957 April 30

	<u>Winner</u>	
1958 April 21	Lee Drew	\$11:50
1959 April 12	Don Hayes/Leo Brady	\$13.00
1960 April 22	Ed Keith	\$14.50
1961 April 29	Frank Bassett	\$13.50
1962 April 23	Ed Kieth	\$ 9.50
1963 April 20	M. Bail	\$ 9.00
1964 April 26	Percy Hill	\$ 9.50
1965 April 19	Ruth Jones	\$10.50
1966 April 20	Don Hayes	\$11.00
1967 April 23	Hazel Drew	\$ 9.50
1968 April 13	Katherine Chick	\$15.00
1969 April 26	Guy Hayford	\$14.00
1970 April 11	Bonny Deitra	\$13.50
1971 May 1	Al Joseph	\$20.00
1972 April 30	Frank Jones	\$18.50
1973 April 17	Robert Newton	\$19.00
1974 April 21	Marion Peacock	\$20.00

Swallows arrived	
	April 21
	April 9
	March 29
	April 19
	April 15
	April 16
	April 16
	April 17
	April 18
	April 24
	April 27
	April 30
	April 30
	April 19

That's all there were in this log. The log was kept in the general store at the head of Silver Lake.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
from whence cometh my help"

Madison Red Cross Branch  
Christmas 1944



With

Season's Greetings



These cards were sent to our men from  
Madison in WWII - some of them may be in  
this picture!





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BACK TO THE PAST . . .

READ THE GAZETTE !