

Madison Historical Society

Fall 2006

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The summer went by too fast! As I write, the leaves have turned to the brilliant colors of fall, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner!

Great news! We now have a Secretary! During the Old Home Week Craft Fair, someone came up to our Historical Society table expressing an interest working with the Historical Society. Lo and behold, her name is Robin M. Tagliaferri Ferreira, who moved to Madison with her husband from Cranston, Rhode Island this past spring. Robin has over 20 years of experience in grant writing and fund raising, and works in North Conway for the Mount Washington Observatory. We are so excited to have Robin on board!

As of the September meeting-program we have voted to make a change in the Madison Historical Society Bylaws:

As it was written before the change under Article VII (Meetings), Section 1:

Regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Madison Historical Society Building, or other location, which may be decided by the Executive Board.

Amendment to Article VII, Section 1 now reads as follows:

Regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month from May through September at 7:00 P.M. at the Madison Historical Society Building, or other location, which may be decided by the Executive Board.

Now for some sad news, especially for those of you who live afar, and may yet to have heard. On Thursday evening, September 28, 2006, the *Silver Mine Country Store* was badly damaged by fire. The *Silver Mine*

Country Store is on the site of the *Gilman Brothers*

Store originally built and owned by Frank F. Hatch in 1880. The Historical Society Museum is home to numerous artifacts from the *Gilman Brothers Store*.

Joyce (Lyman) Richardson recently told me of a story from her childhood. Apparently, Mr. Gilman was colorblind and the children all knew this. They would go into his store for lollipops and ask him for their favorite ones by their colors. I am sure that it might have been funny for the children, but also drove Mr. Gilman a little batty with their shenanigans.

Carol Batchelder remembers Mr. Gilman and how he always recited prose whenever she went into the store. He knew many a poem by heart.



This old postcard reads *Hayes' General Store - Silver Lake, N.H.* This photo was probably taken sometime early in the 1950's.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Wonderful New Year!

Mary K.W. Lucy

WISH LIST

1. Vice President/ Program Chair
2. Lap Top Computer
3. Donations toward new exhibit displays
4. Donations of rough sawn timber for the Pound or funds toward the efforts.
5. Donations towards expanding our Tool Shed for more exhibit space.

Executive Board

Mary K.W. Lucy, President
Robin M. Tagliaferri Ferreira, Secretary
Becky Knowles, Treasurer and Curator

Editor's note: We welcome all stories and memories, long or short to add to the newsletter. Please e-mail to Mary Lucy at: ghostduster@adelphia.net or by mail to: Mary Lucy, 534 Moores Pond Rd., Silver Lake, NH 03875.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

This is taken from an old newspaper article, probably from The Reporter, sometime after the Madison Historical Society meeting dated November 18, 1959.

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Take thirty-five of our local citizens gathered together to hear about "The Good Old Days," put an old fashioned kitchen range in one corner of the room, red hot with well dried wood; and an oil burning heater on the other side of the room, then have Miss Ruth Kennett of Conway tell about her early days in Madison with pictures, letters, etc., of the "Old Timers," now you are all set for a very pleasant evening. That is what we had at our meeting on Wed., Nov. 18.

The meeting was opened a few minutes late by the president, Herbert Weston, due to the fact that we did not have sufficient chairs, so Ernest Meader went across to his house for more. The usual secretary's and treasurer's reports were listened to. It was

voted to dedicate this meeting to the memory of Albert Clayton who was always at our meetings.

Guy and Nellie Nickerson gave the society the two halves of an ox shoe, several copper plates used to print the Old Home Week Pamphlet of 1904, seven bound volumes of State Legislature Papers of around 1700, also several 1904 copies of the Granite State News.

In the old cemetery lost in the woods on Mooney Hill, are two wooden grave markers, possibly 115 years old, that we are much concerned about. One is about two inches thick, eighteen inches wide and four feet long. The other is badly rotted and split into several pieces. The lettering was expertly done [as if it was done] on marble markers. What should be done to preserve these caused considerable discussion. It was decided to appropriate about forty dollars to have Robert Lowe, of Wakefield, make a simple marker.

We are fortunate to have our building across the street from Ernest Meader. He and Fred Bickford keep the building and grounds in good condition and see that the building is heated for our meetings. Lee Drew and Herbert Weston also helped one evening block off the stage to help with the heating. They were given a vote of thanks.

Now that the snow and ice will soon be with us, a thought was given to accidents so Wm. Kennett was asked to let us know about Liability Insurance.

Our next meeting is to be Dec. 16 and is to be a Christmas party. We plan to pop corn, string it with, yes, cranberries, have dried apple strings and lights on the tree. Everyone is to help with the decorating. A good time for those with cameras to try them out.

The business meeting over, Geo. Shaw presented Miss Kennett. She told about so many of the "Old Timers," their family connections and what they did. So

many of those present were related to or remembered the folks and started telling what they knew. No wonder everyone remarked what a fine meeting.

To wind up the evening everyone stood around, coffee cup in one hand and cookies in the other, saying "Do you remember - ---."

Madison Historical Society 2007 Meeting Programs

The programs for 2007 will run from May through September. Our program brochure will be going out with the Winter Newsletter in February 2007.

Burke – Burk Family Notes:

Genealogy Notes From the Henney Room files, Conway Library, Madison Town Vitals, and from Madison Cemetery Records:

1st Generation in (Eaton) Madison, NH

1. Deacon Thomas Burke, 1765 – 8 Apr 1815, and wife Polly, 1766 – 8 Jun 1823, both are buried in the Old Public Cemetery, and additional headstones also erected in Gilman Cemetery.

Deacon Thomas Burk appeared in list of members belonging to the Freewill Baptist Church when it was first established. Thomas Burk was also one of the earliest settlers of the Town of Eaton (Madison).

Polly married 2nd to Samuel Tibbetts.

Children of Deacon Thomas and Polly Burke:

2.i. Joseph b. 11 Sep 1792 d. 24 Jan 1875 m. Dorcas Jackson 10 Jun, 1813 Dorcas b. 11 Aug 1791 d. 14 Apr 1864

3.ii. James Franklin b. 1795 d. 15 May 1879 m. Charlotte Jackson

4.iii. Samuel b. 31 Jul 1797 d. 9 Dec 1843 m. Hannah Rogers

5.iv. Joannah b. 1802 d. 30 Nov 1873 m. Jeremiah Marston 13 Dec 1827

6.v. Cynthia b. Abt. 1804 d. 15 Sep 1856 at age of 52 years m. Erastus F. Durgin.

2nd Generation

2. Joseph H. Burke, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1.), 11 Sep 1792 d. 24 Jan 1875m. Dorcas Jackson 10 Jun 1813 Dorcas b. 11 Aug 1791 d. 14 Apr 1864. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Children of Joseph H. and Dorcas (Jackson) Burke:

i. Lizzie aka Betsey b. 1814

ii Thomas Franklin b. 31 Oct 1817

7.i. James (J.) Jackson b. 5 Apr 1819 d. 9 Aug 1891 m. Melissa D. Ferren 1845

ii. John A. b. 30 Jan 1822 d. 27 Feb 1889 unmarried

iii. William b. 1824 d. 1824

3. James Franklin Burke, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1.), b. 1795 d. 15 May 1879 m. Charlotte Jackson, dau. of Samuel & Jane (Gentlehome) Jackson, Charlotte b. 2 Mar 1799, d. 19 Jun 1882. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Children of James F. and Charlotte (Jackson) Burke:

i. Mary A. b. ? m. Charles R. Draper of Roxbury, Mass. 29 May 1846

ii. Joseph b. ?

iii. Nancy J. b. ? 1830 m. James Rines 8.iv. Louisa Maria b. 6 Jan 1838 ? d.30 Nov 1906 m. Obadiah F. Adams 5 Nov 1855 at Jamaica Plain, MA.

v. Phebe Ann b. 1838 ? m. Edward G. Norcross

vi. Adeline M. b. 1844 m. Henry Philbrick 10 Mar 1859

4. Samuel Burke, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1.), b. 31 Jul 1797 d. 9 Dec 1843 m. Hannah Rogers, dau. of Samuel H. & Martha (Wiley) Rogers on 25 Sep 1825. Wife 1st of Samuel Burke, 2nd Daniel Lary, 3rd George M. Cole. Hannah died 17 Apr 1871. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

More about Samuel: In the 1812 War he enlisted or was drafted for three months in Capt. John March's company and was honorably discharged at Portsmouth about 1 Dec 1814, after serving for the term of his enlistment or draft.

Children of Samuel and Hannah (Rogers) Burke:

i. Mary Ann b. 14 Jun 1826 d. 26 Nov 1843 @ 17 yr. 5 mo.

ii. Martha Margaret b. 15 Sep 1827 d. 15 Nov 1843 @ 16 yr. 2 mo.

iii. Caroline b. 3 Oct 1829 m. ? Daniel B. Alley

iv. Hannah Grace b. 14 Apr 1831 d. 11 Sep 1834 @ 3 yr. 5 mo.

v. Almira b. 22 Mar 1833 d. 13 Aug 1852 @ 19 yr. 4 mo.

9.vi. Samuel Rogers b. 5 Jan 1834 d. 29 Jul 1890. 1862 Caroline M. Atkinson

10.vii. Thomas F. b. 8 Mar 1835 d. 6 Jul 1887 m. Clara A. Billings

viii Elizabeth b. 21 Aug 1837

ix Olive b. 10 Mar 1840

x Hannah b. 20 Mar 1843

5. **Joannah Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1.), b. 1802 d. 30 Nov 1873 m. Jeremiah Marston 8 Feb 1828. Jeremiah b. 1798 d. 22 Oct 1887. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

6. **Cynthia Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1.), b. Abt. 1804 d. 15 Sep 1856 at age of 52 years m. 1835 Erastus F. Durgin

Child of Cynthia (Burke) (6.) and Erastus F. Durgin:

i. James F. b. Abt. 1845, m. Louisa Kindstrom

3rd Generation

7. **James Jackson Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., Joseph H. Burke 2.), b. 5 Apr 1819 d. 9 Aug 1891 of apoplexy m. 1845 Melissa D. Ferren, dau. of James and Sally (Coones or Coombs) Ferren, b. 5 Nov 1825 d. 16 Feb 1898 of cerebral pneumonia. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Children of James J. and Melissa D. (Ferren) Burke:

i. Lizzie Virene "Betsy" b. 28 Oct 1846 d. 21 Jul 1898 m. John Chaloner Frost 17 Nov 1869.

ii. Fannie S. (Name may have been Sarah Frances) b. 1848 d. 12 Jul 1873 m. 17 Nov 1869 James O. Gerry. Apparently a double wedding with Lizzie V. Burke and John C. Frost.

11. iii. Thomas Albert b. 1850 d. 4 Jun 1904 at Harrisburg, PA m. Virginia F. Crooker.

iv. Georgie A. b. 1853 d. 22 Sep 1856

12. v. James Franklin b. 29 Feb 1856

d. 4 Jul 1920 m. Georgia Stevens

vi. John Herbert b. 29 Mar 1859 d. 5 Sep 1932 m. Amelia (Millie) R. Pearson 17 Jun 1891, dau. of Theodore Carlton and Rhoda N. (Whittier or Whitter) Pearson, Sr., b. 14 Feb 1863 at Newburyport, MA d. 10 Feb 1944. The marriage of John Herbert Burke to Amelia R. Pearson was the first wedding in the newly remodeled Madison Church

13. vii Joseph Edgar b. 14 Mar 1861 d. 13 Mar 1916 m. Marie T. Helstrom 19 Jul 1899.

8. **Louisa Maria Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., James Franklin Burke 2.), b. 6 Jan 1838 ? d. 30 Nov

1906 m. Obadiah F. Adams 5 Nov 1855 at Jamaica Plain, MA.

Children of Obadiah F. and Louisa Maria (Burke) Adams:

i. Charles Francis Adams b. at Jamaica Plain, MA 1 Sep 1856. He was a surveyor and civil engineer, m. Laura Ella Mathews 2 Aug 1892 at Hartford, VT.

Charles and Laura Adams' daughter, Emma Dorothy Adams b. 10 Jun 1899 at Jamaica Plain, MA m. Joseph R. Johnson 2 Sep 1920. She married second Arthur B. Scott. Joseph and Emma Dorothy Johnson's son, Francis Adams Johnson b. 17 Nov 1922 at Cambridge, MA m. Barbara Jean Mitton 1 Mar 1945. In 1977, Francis Adams Johnson gave the Madison Historical Society a scrapbook that his mother had which belonged to James Lambert Burke.

9. **Samuel Rogers Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., Samuel Burke 2.) b. 5 Jan 1834 d. 29 Jul 1890 of anemia at Freedom, NH m. 1862 Caroline M. Atkinson, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (March) Atkinson b. 4 Mar 1833 d. 29 Apr 1903. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Children of Samuel R. and Caroline M. (Atkinson) Burke:

i. Emma b. 30 Aug 1864 d. 21 Jun 1928 at Ossipee, NH m. Dr. Ezekial B. Andrews of Ossipee, NH

ii. Webster A. b. 1 Jan 1869 at Boston, MA d. 30 Jul 1888 at Freedom, NH.

iii. Herbert S. b. 5 Sep 1870 at East Somerville, MA d. 1 Jan 1914 at Concord, NH, buried in Gilman Cemetery

10. **Thomas F. Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., Samuel Burke 2.), b. 8 Mar 1835 d. 6 Jul 1887 of acute melancholia at Somerville, MA, m. Clara A. Billings, dau. of Ezra & Hannah (Ford) Billings b. 14 Oct 1840 at North Berwick, ME, d. 26 Sep 1888 at Somerville, MA of congestion of brain. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Some of Thomas F. and Clara A. (Billings) Burke children included:

i. Auroldo W. b. 10 Apr 1873 d. 22 Jul 1873

ii. Allie S. (son of) b. 12 Dec 1880 d. 19 Dec 1880

iii. Edith M. b. 12 Dec 1880 at Somerville, MA d. 28 Jul 1885 of brain disease

iv. Little Clara d. 12 Apr 1866

4th Generation

11. **Thomas Albert Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., Joseph H. Burke 2.,

James Jackson Burke 7.), b. 1850 d. 4 Jun 1904 at Harrisburg, PA m. Virginia F. Crooker, dau. of Stephen Winslow and Virginia Frances (Norris) Crooker, b. Nov 1854 at Boston, MA d. 1901. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Children of Thomas A. and Virginia F. (Crooker) Burke:

i. Rena M. b. 16 Apr 1879 at Malden, MA d. 13 Sep 1968 at Sanford, ME m. John E. Beckwith at Lynn, MA

ii. Minthorne Tompkins b. 21 Jul 1884 d. 11 Dec 1887 of retropharyngeal abscess

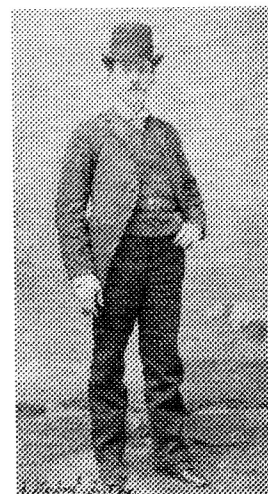
12. **James Franklin Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., Joseph H. Burke 2., James Jackson Burke 7.), b. 29 Feb 1856 d. 4 Jul 1920 m. Georgia Stevens Child of James F. and Georgia (Stevens) Burke:

i. James Franklin

13. **Joseph Edgar Burke**, (Deacon Thomas Burke 1., Joseph H. Burke 2., James Jackson Burke 7.), b. 14 Mar 1861 d. 13 Mar 1916 m. Marie T. Helstrom of Chicago, IL 19 Jul 1899. Marie T. Helsteen, dau. of Lambert and Pauline (Vegain) Helsteen, b. 1864 d. 15 Feb 1917. Both are buried in Gilman Cemetery.

Child of Joseph Edgar and Marie T. (Helstern) Burke:

i. James Lambert b. 19 Jun 1900 d. 8 Aug 1922 at Santo Domingo City. 1st Class Private USMC
Buried in the Gilman Cemetery.



Picture of John Herbert Burke, son of James Jackson and Melissa D. (Ferren) Burke. John married Amelia (Millie) R. Pearson.

Madison Historical Society Contribution for Exhibit Display Cases

\$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$500 ____ \$1000 ____ \$2500 ____

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