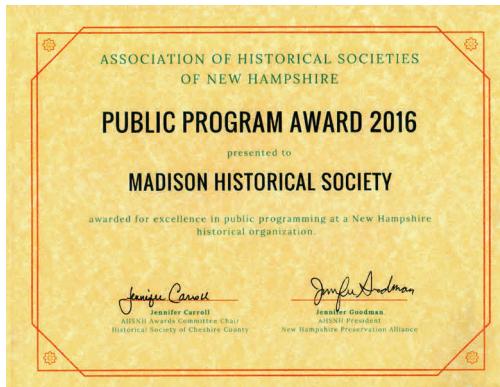


# Madison Historical Society

## Fall 2016



We are pleased to report that our Wedding Dress exhibit won us an award from the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire. Four of us were able to attend their annual meeting on October 22nd hosted by the Hopkinton Historical Society.

If you haven't visited the exhibit on our website, we encourage you to check out the photos and video at  
[www.madisonnhhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.madisonnhhistoricalsociety.org)



*Come see us at the Christmas Craft Fair  
on December 3rd, Madison Elementary School, 9-3*

As you may recall, last year we hosted the Tuftonboro Historical Society to a tour of our facility and the Madison Boulder, and this September we traveled to Tuftonboro where we were treated to a lunch at their museum. We can learn a great deal from each other and hope to encourage these exchanges.

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Tuftonboro Historical Society Buildings

[www.madisonnhhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.madisonnhhistoricalsociety.org)

## From the Curator's Desk

Winter is just about upon us, and the exhibits are all put away for the season. Our summer exhibit, "Wedding Dresses Through the Decades" was well received and I am so glad that we were able to show all the beautiful dresses, the 1895 tux and lots of accessories with the help from community members who loaned us their items. Thank you all again, so very much.

The MHS Board is aggressively looking into getting a security system for our building to be installed late winter or early spring. This is badly needed, not only to protect our collections but the building itself. Since we have no water system, the coverage would be for smoke and intrusion.

With a gracious donation specified for a computer, we will be purchasing one probably by the time this gets to publication. We already have the museum program "Past Perfect" and will begin compiling our collections. Thank you!

Next year's exhibit will be "Honoring Our Military History". Please see the information form at the end of this newsletter. We are hoping for a Memorial Day weekend opening. I need the community's help!

Karen Lord, Curator

Madison Historical Society



state and national level that you now bear.

Teachers for the present year are:  
Headmaster Lorne E. Hulsman  
Ass't Mrs. Faith Twombley  
Junior High Mrs. Erma Lyman  
Corner Mrs. Martha Kelley  
Silver Lake Mrs. Manora Clayton

During the latter part of 1946-47 a Citizens' Committee was formed to work in conjunction with the School Board to perfect plans for the reorganization of the six lower grades. The primary grades of 1, 2, and 3 are now located in the Silver Lake School and grades 4, 5, and 6 in the Corner School. This places under each of the two teachers three grades, makes for more homogenous grouping, and is resulting in much more efficient instruction. The installation of oil-burning heaters and running water in each school adds greatly to the comfort and convenience of the pupils and teachers.

Three elementary teachers accepted with appreciation the provision of financial assistance for summer school attendance and studied during the six-week session at the University of New Hampshire. The result shows in renewed professional enthusiasm & the use of many valuable methods for the improvement of instruction.

The use of instructional motion pictures started approximately twice a month during the year instituted last year. Most of the pictures deal with the social sciences and the sciences. The report that these have proved to be an important addition to instruction in these fields.

The sincere and cordial cooperation of members of the School Board, teachers, parents, citizens and pupils is heartily appreciated.

January 20, 1948      Respectfully submitted,  
EVERETT H. BRASIER  
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
For Year Ending February 1, 1925

Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1924,

Paid 1924:		\$108.69
Mar. 25. Manora Clayton, librarian,		
May 28. Manora Clayton, librarian,	\$3.50	
28. Fred Clayton, work,	.50	
28. Library supplies:	.75	
Catalogue cards,		
Paper pads,	\$5.20	
Book cards,	.20	
Library dates,	3.10	
Stamp pad,	.40	
	.35	
Aug. 29. Manora Clayton, librarian,		9.25
Oct. 25. Manora Clayton, librarian,	6.50	
Dec. 27. Manora Clayton, librarian,	4.00	
Feb. 1. Manora Clayton, librarian,	4.50	
	2.00	

Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O. GERRY,  
Treasurer.

Number of books in library Feb. 1, 1924,  
Number of books received during year,

Total number in library Jan. 31, 1925,

1,800

62

1,862

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE A. HARRIMAN,  
MARY B. KENNEDY.

## Who Are These Children?

We were recently given a cute photocopy of a picture of two girls with their sleds in front of the Town Hall. Do you have any idea who they are or when it was taken?



A great read with a few stories about Madison:

**HIGH SHERIFF being the Reminiscences of James Welch, former sheriff of Carroll County, New Hampshire**, edited by Marjory Gane Harkness & Lillian C. McGrew—published by the Tamworth Historical Society in 1969. (He was born 6/3/1877 in the Granite section of Ossipee and died 10/16/1959.)

ABOUT LOGGING IN MADISON (circa 1905) page 60 and if you are really interested in how logging was done with oxen, please read the rest of the book!

When I was working for Chester McKay and Donald McAuley in December, 1905, the mill burned, and several men lost their jobs. I packed my clothes and started for Portsmouth, hoping to find work at the Navy Yard there. I stopped at Dover and went into a barroom owned by Charles McGowan. There was only one other man in the place, a nice-looking old gentleman, who told McGowan he was trying to find a man to take charge of a crew of men and one saw-mill in the town of Madison. He would give the right man eighteen dollars a week, feed his horse and keep the wagon and sleigh in repair. I stepped up to him and said, "I don't know what your name is, but I should like that job." He told me his name was J. Frank Seavey and he lived within a stone's throw. Then he asked my name and said he had never heard of me, wanted to know where I came from, and if I knew anyone in Dover to recommend me. I didn't know anyone but found out that he was a Mason as I was. Then I said that James Gerry and Herbert Burke of Madison would recommend me, that Gerry had known me all my life and that I would be willing to pay for him to call him by phone. I took out a dollar bill to hand to him. "I don't want your money, I want a man. You stay here until I come back."

When he had gone, McGowan said, "if you get a job with him and he likes you, it will be a real job."

In a few minutes Seavey came back all smiles and said, "Young man, you're hired. I have talked with Mr. Gerry and he said you were just the fellow to send up to Madison, that you could be trusted with anything, even my pocketbook. That's good enough for me."...

Carroll County has eighteen or twenty towns ranging from Conway with more than 3500 population to Chatham with less than 300. Madison has around 400, and except for the summer folks on Silver Lake, the most part of them are farmers. Almost everybody has some good cows, and corn and potatoes are raised on any good interval land. In winter logging is still done in the woodlots and along the mountain slopes where there are some fine stands of spruce and hardwoods, especially maple and birch. There are a number of mills in this part of Carroll County and they are always hollering for this maple and birch to make dowels and small furniture.

Mr. Seavey was in a great rush to get about five hundred thousand feet of old growth pine and spruce from a swamp there that was very muddy and couldn't be crossed in summer. I hired a crew, then went to Ben Bickford for teams. The teams came and went to work, four teams, two ox-teams and two horse teams, and Ben's boys were driving. Take the whole lot it was the best crew I ever had. The swamp was near the MADISON BOULDER and there were some enormous old growth white pine, many with a thousand feet in a sixteen foot butt cut. It was fun to cut those big trees, and get them loaded on to the oxen. Mr. Seavey came up once in a week or two and he was well satisfied with the progress we were making. I went to Dover every two weeks with the time, and the bookkeeper made up the payroll in cash.



## ABOUT THE MADISON BOULDER, page 62

This Madison Boulder I speak of is a great single boulder, and is one of the tourist attractions in this part of the county. It is eighty-three feet long, thirty-seven feet wide, and twenty-three feet high. Some geologist has estimated it at more than 7500 tons, and there's more than one theory about where it came from and how it came to set so lonely, so far from mountains or ledges, in the midst of a black alder swamp. It is plainly a leftover from the glacial age. Similar stone is found in Albany two miles north, and the sharp cleavage of its sides and polish on all its surfaces show that it may have been broken by ice pressure from an Albany ledge and brought down to its present location when warmer weather forced the ice sheet back. It was a Madison man, and he was speaking of this boulder, who answered the city slicker's trick question, "And where is the glacier now?" with "Gone back for another boulder."



## ABOUT ENOCH DREW, AN OLD VETERAN, page 62

I can never think of Madison without remembering too one of the old veterans who died there in 1934 at the age of ninety years, Enoch Drew. His ancestors and descendants had fought in every war of this country beginning with the French and Indian. Enoch served his term in the Civil War and when his time was up he came home to find his married brother was expected to go. Enoch made him an offer, "Give me two dollars and I'll go in your place!" Enoch served his brother's term as well as his own, and came out unhurt. He was a remarkable old man, very active and with a good memory. He stood well over six feet and had a head of thick white hair. He was a stone-cutter and bridge-builder and had studied civil engineering. During my logging for Seavey I went to him many times to have him show me the lines of different timber lots in the town. I think he knew every line in Madison.

Town Officers, 1917	
<i>Chairman Board of Selectmen,</i>	Enoch L. Drew.
<i>Selectmen,</i>	
C. Ralph Kennett,	Albion L. Twombly.
<i>Town Treasurer,</i>	
Samuel J. Gilman.	
<i>Town Clerk,</i>	
Sydney D. Gilman.	
<i>Tax Collector,</i>	
Roscoe G. Greene.	
<i>Supervisors of Check List,</i>	
Ernest E. Kennett,	Edson S. Nickerson,
George E. Chick.	
<i>Town Auditor,</i>	
Isaac W. Frost.	

About a year before he died, Enoch asked me if I could get him a quart of liquor. I told him I'd try and I got him a quart of Bacardi rum. He was sitting in the doorway of the barn when I brought it. He told me he would just take a taste of it and hide it in the barn. A few days later I happened along and found him sitting in the same place. I asked him how he liked the rum and he answered, "Well you darn near got me into a heck of a mess. I tried that rum and it was so good I took another taste, and then another, till I found I was nigh to getting drunk.

Then I hid it away and sat down here. The next I knew was a doctor they had called, as they thought I had had a shock. But the doctor knew better and he asked me where I got my drinks. I told him that an old friend had given the liquor to me and that I had quite a

lot left, and I said I would try and not get drunk on the balance. But you know, Jim, I tasted just as natural as it did when I was a young man, but of course, nowadays it don't take as much to do the job. I guess I ain't as good as I was."

## From Our Cookbook

Published in late 2015, it has contributions by over 30 historical society members and friends with selections from the circa 1950 Silver Lake Woman's Club "Favorite Recipes" - The book itself is 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11", 66 pages, spiral bound, with mylar protective cover.—\$10 plus \$3.00 media mail postage

Here is a sample:

### PUMPKIN BREAD by Sally Perrow

#### Ingredients:

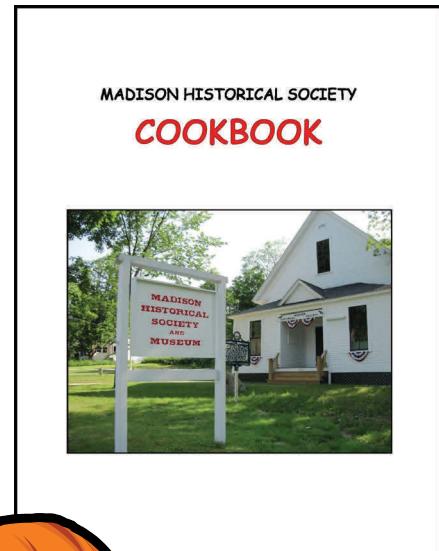
3-1/2 cups flour  
2 cups packed brown sugar  
2/3 cup white sugar  
2 cups mashed pumpkin  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2/3 cup coconut milk  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1-1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

#### Directions:

Combine all together.

Fold in 2/3 cup flaked coconut and 1 cup chopped walnuts.

Grease two loaf pans and cook at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 hours. Cover tightly with foil for ten minutes and then remove foil and turn out on cooling rack.



Historical Society Museum circa 1980  
From old slides Donated by Jan & Michael Connolly

#### MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President—Linda Smith

Vice President—Mary McIntosh

Secretary—David Wilkins

Treasurer—Penny Hathaway

Curator—Karen Lord

Directors—Ann Wilkins, Betty Fernandes, Sally Perrow

# **“HONORING OUR MILITARY HISTORY”**

## **Madison Historical Society**

More information will follow, but we are hoping for a Memorial Day weekend opening. As with our last exhibit, we are asking YOU / your family and your friends for items to loan to the historical society for the summer of 2017. If you have something interesting (not just uniforms—but we need those too), please use the form below and mail it to Karen so she can begin to see what types of items we can use from our community.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) description:

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Is there a story behind the above mentioned item(s) that we might use? \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to: Karen Lord, PO Box 179, Silver Lake, NH 03875

Or email her the details: [karentiques@gmail.com](mailto:karentiques@gmail.com)

Membership dues are payable July 1st.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM:**

**Single Membership - \$10.00**

**Family Membership - \$15.00**

**Junior Members (under 18) - free**

**Senior Members (over 80) - free**

**Donation**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Seasonal Address (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would prefer your  
Newsletter by email: \_\_\_\_\_

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