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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your commitment to the Andover Historical Society. I am proud of what we have accomplished together in the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014.

This report details the impact of our work on the greater Andover community. We ensured the long-term preservation of dozens of objects and photographs, and also created a new written policy to make certain that this vital function of the organization continues in an efficient and responsible manner. We doubled the number of students served by our educational programs. And we broadened participation in our program activities, by strengthening a variety of local partnerships.

This past year also represented Year Three of the Strategic Plan adopted by the Board of Directors in November 2011, and we have made great progress toward the achievement of this plan's four objectives. Our Sustainable Funding efforts have resulted in a stronger and more predictable funding level for our core

operations. We continue to expand our story-telling capabilities, improve our Collections philosophy and practices, and make more effective use of our greatest asset – our beloved 1819 Blanchard House.

Your financial support, your membership, and most importantly, your engagement have been critical to this year's accomplishments. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continued success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Dietzel Cairns".

Jane Dietzel Cairns
President

OUR MISSION

The Andover Historical Society tells the unique stories of Andover to foster a strong community that knows its history, values what it inherits, and takes pride in what it passes on to future generations.

Every activity and program we undertake meets one of our three mission areas: preserving the past, educating for the future, and connecting to our community. Through those mission areas, we create opportunities to connect people to each other and this place to encourage community engagement.



OUR YEAR IN PICTURES



Clockwise, starting at the top: Historical Society staff prepare Civil War flag for exhibit; Community gathers at Cochran Chapel for Drew Gilpin Faust and Ric Burns program; woodworking student in the Blanchard Barn; families enjoy concert at Farmers' Market; 1920's costumes on exhibit for Behind the Seams; Board member, Jim Batchelder gives Memorial Day address, May 2014.



Spring for History

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 180 people gathered at the Andover Country Club for the Andover Historical Society's second annual Spring for History fundraising breakfast. Spring for History is a free event to share the mission and vision of the Andover Historical Society while raising funds needed to support that mission. The one-hour program kicked off with Voices of Andover, a spoken word performance highlighting reflections on Andover through the years. Executive Director Elaine Clements shared her vision for the Historical Society's future, and introduced a new video illustrating the Historical Society's impact in the community. Board President Jane Cairns moved the audience with her personal testimonial of community and inclusion.



Spring for History donors have given us the opportunity to think big – to think beyond the expected boundaries of a local historical society. We look forward to working with our donors and members throughout in the years ahead as we explore big ideas and bring the best of them to fruition. Thank you all for helping make this possible.

In the past two years, the over \$150,000 donated by Spring for History donors, sponsors, and guests has had a significant impact. Legacy Circle members and donors have:

..... given voices to the 85 Civil War era Andover residents in the Faces of Andover exhibit. Their stories are told not only at the Historical Society, but are also accessible to researchers and curious people around the world who can access the exhibit on line.

..... given 46 high school students the opportunity to make personnel connections with the past as they read and transcribe 31-year-old Henry Robinson's original 1862-1864 diary, discovering commonality with a young man who lived 150 years ago.

..... created authentic hands-on historical experiences for over 1,200 students in grades 1 through 12. A recent study conducted by the University of Arkansas showed that students who have access to enriching, participatory museum field trips gain historical empathy and tolerance while developing observation skills and critical thinking, all important elements for success in school and in life.

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PRESERVING THE PAST: THE HENDERSON COLLECTION

Early in 2014, the Historical Society received a donation of family memorabilia kept by the William and Daisy Henderson family for over a hundred years. The greater part of the collection centers on the years 1913-1920 and World War I when William Henderson of Ballardvale Andover served in the United States Army.

The Henderson's story unfolds in letters written by William "Billie" Henderson to his wife-to-be Daisy Burton. Billie Henderson was a faithful correspondent all throughout his training and continued his courtship during his deployment to post-war Germany.

In 1918, Billie Henderson was a smitten young man who wanted to make sure his girl was still his:

Do you still think the same that I want'd to know down under the orange trees that night? That you said you would wait till I come back from the army. For I still think the same and hope you do.

Matrimony was at the least hinted at under the orange trees in Florida:

Say, Daisy. I do so want to see you so much. And all that I can do is to look at your pictures and think of you. I got them stuck in the looking glass and every night I say goodnight Daisy and first thing when I get up in the morning is good morning or hello Mrs. Wm. H x I wish that it was true.

While away in Germany, Billie learned that his brother had some bad news waiting for him when came back from the war, "Did I tell you he got the shut eye from his girl? Yep she married another fellow." In the same letter, Billie reports that his sister "has said yes she'll be his to Clinton."

By April 1922, Daisy and Billie were preparing for their June wedding while Daisy was living in Brookline, Mass. After breaking the news that they didn't get the house in Andover that they wanted, Billie wrote:

Oh Gee Daisy I do hope we can get a place soon soon. For I want to get married and have a place of our own.

As always, he signed his letters, Daisy be good. I am for you. Write to me.

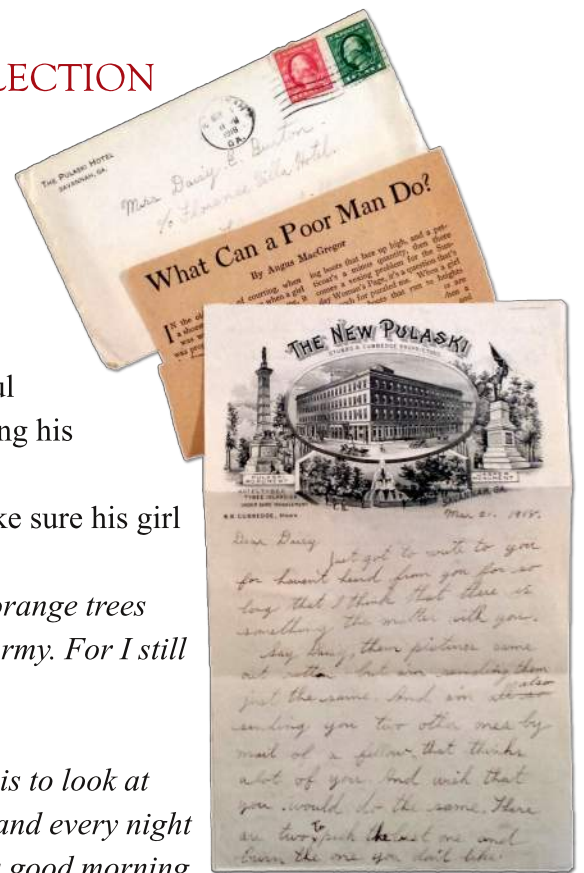
Mr. and Mrs. Henderson went on to become long-time residents of Ballardvale. William Henderson died in 1959, but Daisy continued to save and care for his World War I memorabilia and the letters. This donation came to us through the Henderson's friend, Alberta Davis, who saved the items after Daisy Henderson passed away.

In many ways, the Henderson collection is similar to the family donations the Society receives every year. But each donation is different in the unique story it tells, stories that the Historical Society is eager to share with the larger Andover community.

FRIENDS OF THE COLLECTION

During the 2014 Fiscal Year, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, the following people donated items to The Historical Society. Their contributions included gifts to our photographs, library, archives and objects collections, as well as to our education programs and research resources. We appreciate their support of our mission and the stories that their gifts can continue to tell about Andover's history.

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CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Stories and story-telling is deeply embedded in human beings. It's how we connect with each other, how we create community, and it's the heart of the Andover Historical Society's mission. This year the Historical Society took its mission to connect with the community to a new level.

Spring 2014 saw the results of over two years of planning and collaboration with the town wide program Lest We Forget: Andover in the Civil War. Led by the Historical Society, the Andover community came together to plan, research, and host the series, which was funded in part by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Partners included the Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover Bookstore, Andover Townsman, Andover Veterans' Services, the Center at Punchard, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Memorial Hall Library, Phillips Academy, and South Church.

Volunteer support came from Andover High School and our own corps of dedicated volunteers and Board members including Mike Morris, Jr., Jane Cairns, and Don Robb. Researchers traveled to Gettysburg and the National Archives in Washington, DC, to uncover the story of Andover in the Civil War. Andover High School students scanned photographs and transcribed letters and diaries.

Lest We Forget programs included a brass band concert at Memorial Hall Library, a five-week course on the causes of the Civil War, a discussion of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin and a portrayal of Mrs. Stowe by actress Susan Lenoe. A walking tour of Underground Railroad sites, tours of Memorial Hall Library, a lively presentation on the drummer boys of Andover, and a community conversation at the Addison Gallery rounded out the series. Lest We Forget was also a part of the 2014 Veterans' Services Memorial Day commemoration, as Board member Jim Batchelder gave the keynote address. Two highlights of the series



included a talk by historian Gordon C. Rhea on The Battle of Spotsylvania, and an evening with Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust and film maker Ric Burns as they discussed their documentary Death and the Civil War.

The Andover community responded by filling every program. 3,000 people participated in Lest We Forget events. Many participants did their best to attend every Lest We Forget program. Don Robb's course on the causes of the Civil War was subscribed to the bursting point and Center at Punchard staff made a larger space available to accommodate everyone who wanted to

participate. 1,200 people packed Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy to hear Drew Gilpin Faust and Ric Burns. We are grateful for Phillips Academy Head of School John Palfrey who made that special evening possible.

Lest We Forget set a standard for connecting with our community through Andover stories.

EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

Students from Andover and beyond made their way to the Andover Historical Society in record numbers during the past year. Thanks to the efforts of the Community Enrichment Team (formerly the Life Long Learning Committee,) the Society has been able to double its interactions with Andover students in the first grade as well as the sixth grade. Our long-running program, *Andover at Work in the 1820s*, for third grade students also continued to have an impact throughout the town as more than 500 students visited the Blanchard House and Barn.

The popularity of our signature program has been due in large part to the two hours of hands-on activities that the children participate in. We were able to enhance one of the activities this spring after the Rotary Club of Andover bestowed a grant upon the Historical to purchase reproduction fire buckets to be used by the students.

Hand-made of leather, eight new fire buckets were delivered just in time to be used with students visiting from Andover's Bancroft Elementary School. With sturdy handles and a heftier weight, the buckets were welcome replacements to the yellow sand pails that had been used previously. Students who visited later in the season were also thrilled to try out the new buckets and after passing through the hands of hundreds of Andover children, the Society's buckets still look as good as new.

The Rotary's Clubs insignia appears on the rear of each bucket while the name of a 19th century fire fighter is handpainted on the front following instructions found in the original 1829 guidelines for the Friendly Firefighting Society. Young visitors are truly able to get their hands on local history thanks to this generous gift.

Of course, it's not just elementary school age students that appreciate experiential learning, and our education volunteers act as both teachers and learners. This year we were fortunate to have a local college student and past intern, Katie Corbett, return for her second summer as a volunteer educator. Katie joined the team of twelve costumed *Andover at the Work* teachers and quickly became familiar with each of the hands-on stations from working the century-old printing press and writing with quill and ink to grinding whole spices and yes, even discovering the most efficient way to form bucket brigades. Before students get to know the past, it's our hard-working and always-learning volunteers who are the first to touch Andover's history!



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