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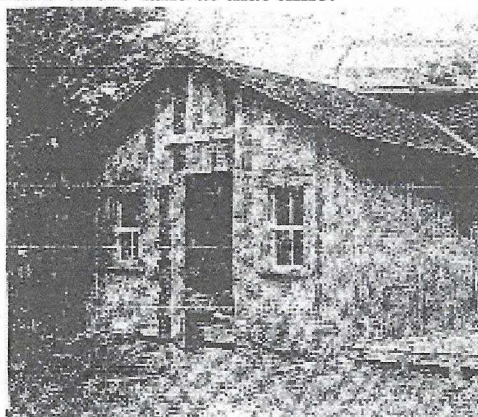
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### Camp Asquam Now Deerwood

"A daily sunbath is a potent means of storing up health and strength....the penetrating sunbeam reaches bone and sinew, muscle and nerve, and the vital organs of digestion, excretion and breathing, and make them almost glow with vitality....the brownest body gives the toughest nerves...."

These are the words of Dr. Winthrop Talbot, a recent Harvard graduate, who wanted to start a camp for boys. As a medical doctor, he knew of the importance of giving boys a good opportunity to develop in these ways. He had run a camp for two years in Southern New Hampshire but in 1887 moved the camp to Squam Lake, and named it Camp Asquam, the name of the lake at that time.



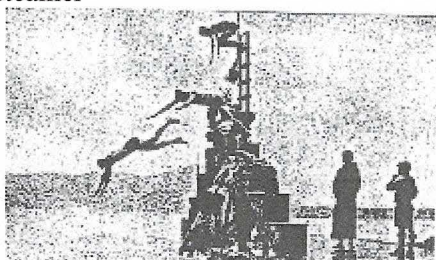
*Aristocracy Hall*

The best way to develop these qualities, according to Dr. Talbot, was to grow strong by learning to hike, swim, sail, and go camping just as youth of today do. He had great plans to teach boys to hunt, trap, care for horses, raise chickens, fell trees....

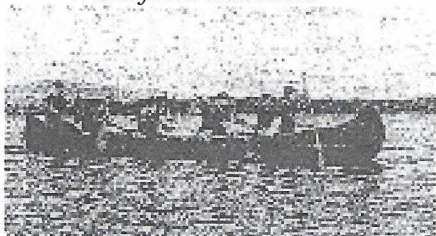
Within two years of Camp Asquam's beginnings, the camp constructed the first 'camp dormitory'. Aristocracy Hall is believed to be the oldest camp dormitory still being used in North America.

More buildings were added as the camp grew, and for fourteen years, Camp Asquam had very successful summer sessions. For example, in 1901 from June 27 to September 1, the camp provided the following activities:

- \* During the first full day at camp: Aquatic sports, patriot exercises and fireworks!!!
- \* Aquatic sports: swimming, diving, ....
- \* Waterfront activities, using rafts, towers, rowboats, canoes, barges and a 36-foot lake steamer

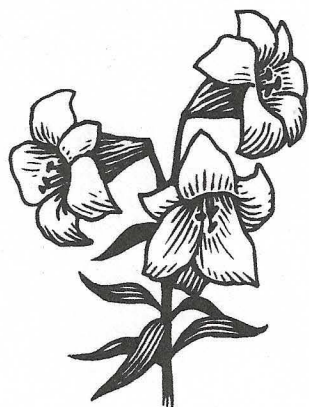


*Waterfront Activities*



*Canoeing*

- \* Tennis (The clay court was built in 1888!)
  - \* Track
  - \* Trips
  - \* Baseball or water sport games with campers from Groton, Harvard (on Squam) and Pasquaney,
  - \* All kinds of competitions within the camp and others, carnival of launches and barges
  - \* The Long Trip
  - \* Academic classes including math, astronomy, nature and woodcrafts
- What an opportunity for the boys who attended!*  
The whole camp participated in the "Long Trip" each year. It was an important character-building experience. The hikers were met by the camp wagon carrying food, blankets and tents. Sometimes, the boys traveled by trains and lake



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## **The President's Corner**

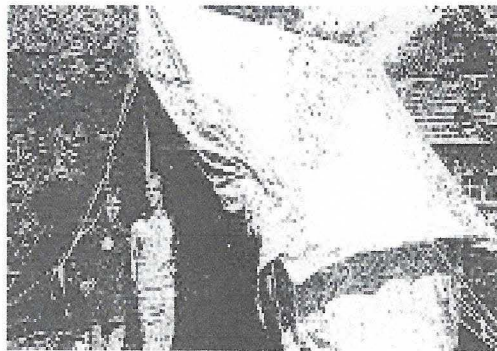
**The Art & Memorabilia of Helen Nicolay** (The paintings are on loan compliments of Patty Sue Salvador.) and the **dugout canoe** discovered in Squam Lake in 1939 will be exhibited. This summer the museum will be open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 noon.

An ongoing project is a collection of pictures and stories of Holderness historic buildings. Please share your stories with us. If you have any information that you are willing to contribute to this collection, it would be most welcome and will serve to preserve our town's history and give it perspective. The work of cataloging our books and pamphlets to make research simpler continues. Our library area allows people to research families, cemeteries, camps, historical events and places. Several DVD's including Holderness 250th will be available for viewing in the museum this summer.

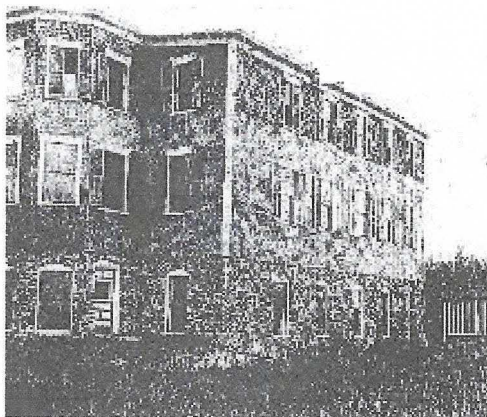
Thank you for your continued support by way of membership dues and contributions. If you have not renewed your membership for 2021, please use the enclosed envelope to do so. Your ideas, suggestions, and help will be enthusiastically welcomed. Please contact me or any other board member if you can help or for more information.

Linda Foerderer

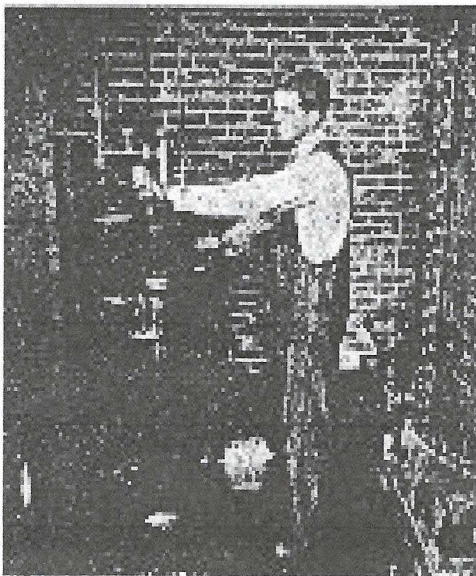
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mid April to mid November or (561) 279-9720 mid November to mid April.



*The Long Trip*



*Winter quarters and classrooms*



*Machine Shop*

steamers on both Squam and Winnepesaukee Lakes.

Since no real mountain was nearer than 20 miles, they would row across the lake and began hiking on the Sandwich Notch Road. These trips included hikes to the Sandwich Range to climb such mountains as Chocorua, Paugus, or Passaconway. Other less rigorous hikes included:

- \*Walk to the Weirs, Camp Idlewild and Leeds Mills

- \*around White Oak Pond

- \*walk to Centre Harbor

- \*walk to Wanancet Farms

- \*hike up Rattlesnake Mountain

Dr. Talbot also had plans for making the camp year-round. To complement the summer program, in 1902, he built a three storied school house where the boys would sleep and be schooled. Other new buildings appeared including a stable, blacksmith forge, carpenter and machine shops. The boys would learn to make cider in the fall and maple syrup in the late winter, to use tools machinery, and they would take part in many of the winter activities of today: skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and trapping small animals! What a vision!

As much as the Winter Camp expanded the camp, it also was blamed for the camp's downfall by 1911. Because of a few slow years, the cost of the added buildings and the approaching Great War, Dr. Talbot sold the camp to Tom Farnum, a former camper and controller at Yale University.

The camp had a new name, Camp Woodcrest, but it, too, folded in 1916 as the Great War put a strain on the economy and the older campers were headed off to fight. For a short time, Tom Farnum used the property as his own getaway, enlarging some of the buildings and entertaining his many guests during the summer. Hired help maintained the buildings and did the cooking and housekeeping. Ice was harvested and stored in the icehouse. In 1917, the upper two stories of the school house were

torn down and a new roof was constructed over the first-floor stone frame.

Tom Farnum passed away in the late 1930's. The property and building were left in his will to Yale University and the property remained uninhabited during the World War II years.

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Then in 1945, Ferris Thomsen who had been a head counselor at a camp in Maine, was looking around for property so that he could start a camp. At the suggestion of their realtor, Ferris and his wife, Helen decided to look at a piece of property not yet on the market. On snowshoes they trekked down to where an abandoned lodge sat with the most gorgeous view of the lake and the mountains to the north. They knew they had found the spot!

A daunting task stood before the Thomsens. Vacant for many years there was much work to be done inside and out. Hastily, they procured surplus army cots, updated the kitchen equipment, and produced a brochure giving them the opportunity to open in June. The camp would now be called Camp Deerwood. There was no electricity but an icehouse filled during that winter provided the necessary refrigeration.

That first year, all the campers came from a school in Baltimore. (Even today many of the campers, staff and active alumni come from Baltimore.) They worked in the mornings and played in the afternoons. New activities were added every year. A great new plan was to introduce water skiing! In 1946, a traveling group of Cypress Garden skiers came from Florida to Deerwood to demonstrate and sell equipment. After an hour of demonstrations, Ferris (known as Buck) told them, "...if you can manage to get my all-American lacrosse goalie up on skis, we'll buy".

Camp Deerwood continues to be an excellent place to send a boy (8-15) for either one of the two 3 1/2 week sessions or the full 7-week program. Scholarships are also available. Adult counselors work with the boys and counselors-in-training (CIT's), and an excellent cook are also an essential part of camp life. They return year after year providing a valuable resource for the camp.

At the end of the Deerwood season, Singing Eagle Lodge, a girls' camp, formally located on Bean Cove, joyfully uses the facilities for two weeks. Camp Deerwood has also made the camp available for other groups for shorter periods in September.

Georgene Fabian

Sources: Excerpts from *Asquam and Deerwood* by Heather & Len Thomsen, Photos from *Asquam, Pasquaney's Parent Camp* by Charles Platt III, pp 58, 68, 147.

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Object ID: 1992.040.01 a-b  
Creator: Halsy, Joseph  
Place of Origin: Boston, MA  
Date: 1747

Description: Compass, Surveying. Wood with glass face. Complete, including two wooden sights. Glass cracked. Printed paper card with sailing ship pictured in center within hand-colored red ring. Maker's name printed in ring: "Made Sold by JOSEPH HALSY [North?] Street BOSTON New Engd." Inscribed "S.L. 1747" on bottom of compass. With removable wooden cover. Ink inscriptions on underside of cover, very worn and illegible.  
A. Compass  
B. Cover, 6.75" x 4.9" x 0.2"

Material: Wood, Glass, Paper  
Dimensions: H-4.4 x W-5 L9.1 inches

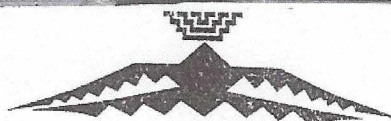
Provenance: Used by Samuel Lane (1718-1806) of Stratham, NH, A tanner, shoemaker, and Surveyor by trade. His papers including diary, are at NHHS. His surveying equipment (1992.040), drafting tools (1992.066), globe (1925.010.02) and leather money pouches (1994.510.02-.03) are also at NH Historical Society' 30 Park St., Concord. In 1750 Samuel Lane surveyed the 6 square mile area which became Holderness.

## More Dugout News

A 12 foot long pine log will shortly be placed behind HHS to show how dugouts started and will be used to demonstrate the process.

UNH Cooperative Extension Service forester R. Gagne tested our dugout for species (white pine) and its age (226 years). Carbon testing placed the time the tree was cut as mid-17<sup>th</sup> century.





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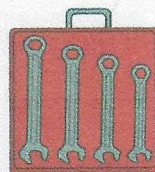
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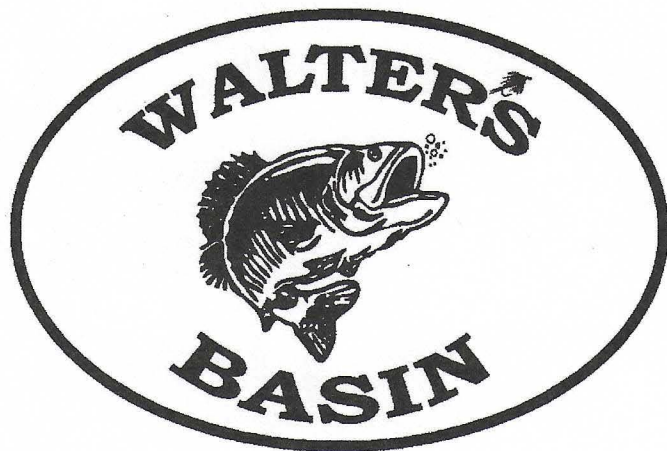
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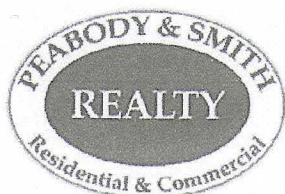


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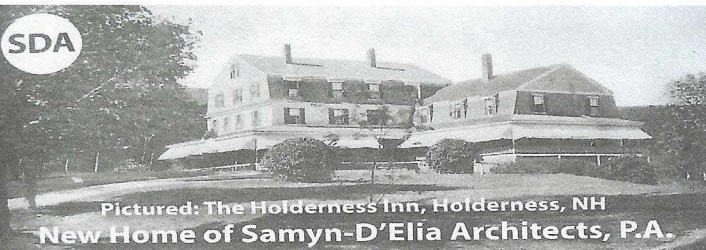
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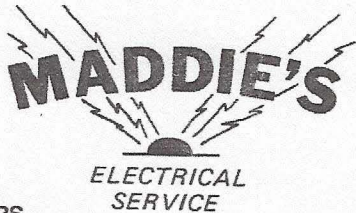
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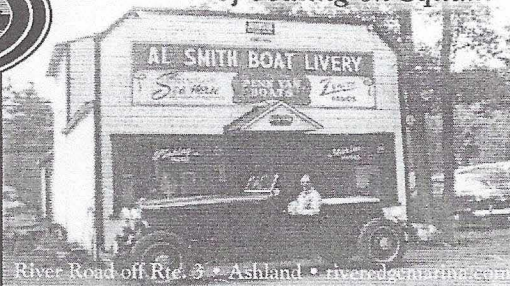
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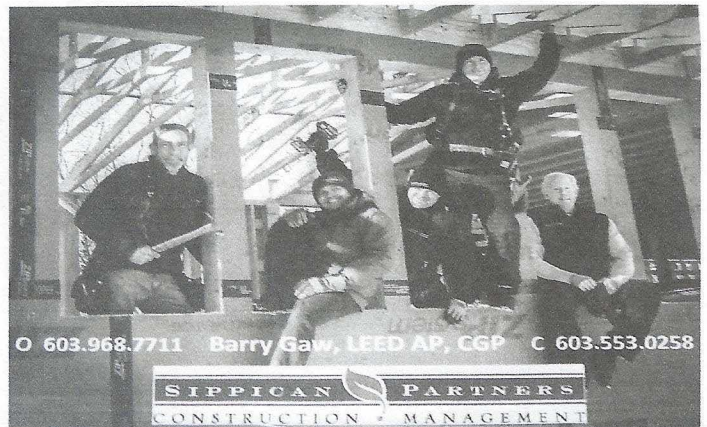


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### Flowers on the Bridge

Jane Huntoon has taken on the flower job this summer. She chose pink and purple Supertunias with pink alyssum. She prepped the boxes, including the new one built by Ron Huntoon and planted on May 15 with an assist from Dodie Greenwood, Georgene Fabian and Missy Mason.

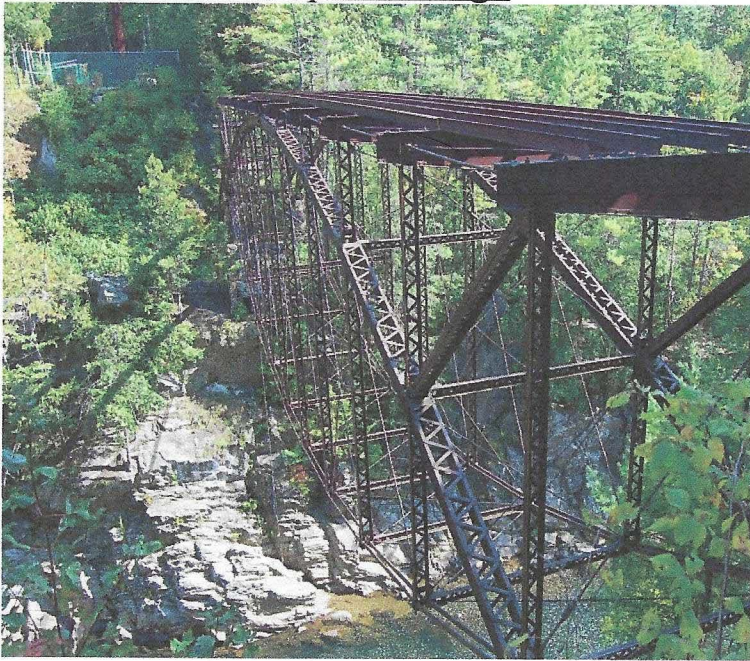
Thank you to Tom and Sally Daigneault at Squam Boat Livery for hosting the pump and irrigation system.

Thanks, too, to those who donated funds for the flower project.

Margy Garesche, Anne Lovett and Steve Woodsum, Margie and Charlie Emmons, George Noyes, Patty Sue Salvador and Bill and Melanie Nesheim.

If you would like to donate, please make out a check to the Holderness Historical Society with "Flowers" in the memo line.

### Pumpkin Bridge



Efforts are underway to preserve the 1866 wrought iron bridge across the Pemigewasset River at Livermore Falls State Park in Holderness. An architect has submitted renderings of how this structure could be repurposed into a public viewing platform, but funding will be required to accomplish this. Under federal infrastructure funding to states money is being provided to New Hampshire's state parks which may be applied.

### Treasurer/Membership Report

Thank you to those who have who have joined or donated this year for your support. Our 2020 reports to the IRS and the NH Attorney General's Charitable Unit have been filed and accepted.

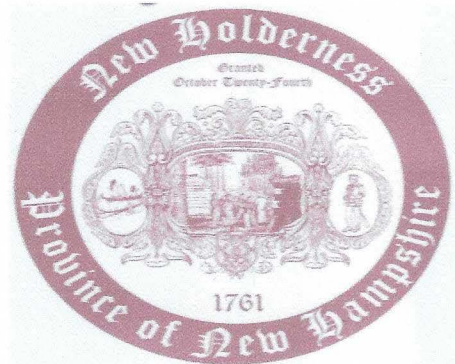
As you may imagine, the cost for postage, printing and building maintenance are our major expenses. This year we used the remainder of gifts made in memory of Connie Ross to buy a new computer.

Thank you to Georgene Fabian for helping to acknowledge our donors.

### Historical Society Flower Box

Many thanks to Earl Hansen for providing red geraniums and white petunias again this year!

### Holderness Celebrates Its 260th Year



This special town seal was created in 2001 to celebrate *Holderness 250<sup>th</sup>*. It depicts the town's founding by an early settler, its first informal town meeting, and the Native Americans already here.

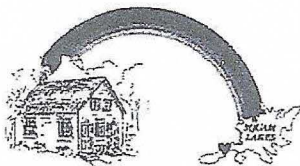
### Additions to the Collection

Two framed posters of the cast of the movie "On Golden Pond", which was filmed on Squam Lake in 1982 were donated by Barbara Currier.

### Museum Summer Hours

The museum will be open this summer from 10 AM to 12 noon on Saturdays, June 19 - September 11.





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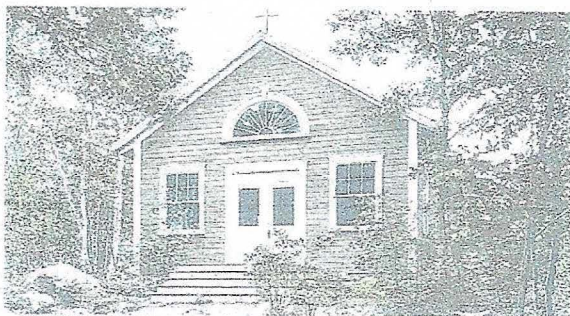
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Until the late 90s the building was Sacred Heart Chapel, used in summer for many years. Its last pastor was Father Joe Mahoney.

### Transformation

The building, known as Little Church Theater since it was bought by Austine and George Howard in 2010, was sold in 2020 for use as a private home. It now has three bedrooms and 2.5 baths. It also has water frontage on the channel between Big and Little Squam and is advertised for rent on Airbnb.

Little Church Theater was a town gathering place for nine years presenting a cabaret with local talent, singers