



LISBON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

preserving and promoting the history of Lisbon, Lyman & Landaff, New Hampshire

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2023 IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR

The Lisbon Area Historical Society is planning to welcome visitors to its new museum in the spring of 2023. Renovations and cosmetic improvements are taking place now, the most important being the changes to make our building handicap-accessible. A permanent home for our museum has been a long time coming, but it was worth the wait. Purchasing the historic former Lisbon Congregational Church Parish House made for a perfect match. We now own a historic property that is listed on the NH State Register, and it will house our museum and events and will be an ideal base of operations as we continue to work to preserve and promote the history of Lisbon, Lyman, and Landaff.

Over the last year, we raised \$21,800 through our annual fundraising/membership appeal. Since last year's newsletter, our Capital Campaign has grown to \$252,122. The Campaign funds allowed us to purchase the building and gravel parking lot and will cover some of the renovation costs. Our Capital Campaign is ongoing, and we will also seek available grants to cover the remaining renovation costs. We have worked diligently to make the careful and best use of this generous financial support from our members and friends. Highlights of endeavors to meet our mission during the last year include:

- ❖ Holiday Sweets bake sale;
- ❖ Annual Meeting/free public program: Michael Bruno, author of *Cruising New Hampshire History*;
- ❖ Free public program: History of Lisbon's Shoe Industry by Greg Connors, former President of White Mountain Footwear;
- ❖ Design and printing of updated Lisbon Area Historical Society brochure;
- ❖ Sales of baked goods, plants, books, and outreach and building tours during Lisbon Lilac Time;
- ❖ Preparation of History of Lisbon Regional School slide show and Trivia Contest and gift basket, Parish House tours, preparation of History of Lisbon Historic Railroad Station slide show and staffing Railroad Station Open House during Lisbon Regional School Alumni Reunion;
- ❖ Professional conservation by Curtains Without Borders of three historic painted stage curtains owned by the Town of Lyman and purchase of special window shades and custom-built display rack through a \$14,867 Moose Plate Grant administered by the NH State Council on the Arts and awarded to Lisbon Area Historical Society;
- ❖ Design of new LAHS logo and letterhead;
- ❖ Custom-designed LAHS tee-shirts and hats to sell;
- ❖ Free public program: History of NH State Library and State System by Michael York, NH State Librarian;
- ❖ Professional removal of poplars with tree rot and trimming of bushes and trees on Parish House lawn;
- ❖ Painting fire hydrant in front of the Parish House during Town-sponsored hydrant painting contest;
- ❖ Removal of carpeting and preparation for refinishing original maple flooring, interior painting, handicap-accessible restroom, and installation of handicap-accessible lift and architectural enclosure;
- ❖ Installation of exterior security cameras;
- ❖ Lawn care, building maintenance, and regular observation of premises;
- ❖ Ongoing accessioning of new donations of items for our museum and updating of our database;
- ❖ Ongoing research assistance and scheduled appointments;
- ❖ Monthly Moments in History, regular Facebook posts of historic images, and updating of our website;
- ❖ File sharing for Lisbon Regional School student history projects.

DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2021

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HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT ARTIFACT DONATIONS



This beautiful 9-1/2" antique souvenir plate shows the Lisbon Public School that was built on Highland Avenue in 1891 by Lisbon architect and builder Sylvanus Dayton Morgan. The old school was a typical wooden school building and had worn out its usefulness and safety when it was torn down in 1992 to make way for a modern school building. The bell tower was salvaged and is a gazebo across the street from the school. The plate was donated to the Lisbon Regional School Alumni Association by Ann Clement, Lisbon High School Class of '63 to be raffled off during the 2022 Lisbon Regional School Alumni Reunion. Phil Clark, LRS Class of '72, Lyman, won and generously donated the plate to Lisbon Area Historical Society.



A Lisbon High School Band uniform jacket c. 1960s is pictured at left and students are pictured above c. 1967 in the same uniform with Littleton-based band director and music teacher, C. George McLure standing at far right. McLure traveled around New Hampshire and Vermont schools from the 1930s-1979 directing and teaching music to students. Those who excelled were chosen to travel with him to music festivals, concerts, fairs, and other venues locally and as far away as Mardi Gras and Washington D.C.'s Cherry Blossom Festival, New York City World's Fair, and into Canada to perform as McLure's Student Band. The band jacket was recycled as a "Redcoat" costume during the years Lisbon elementary students performed Revolutionary War skits as part of the New Hampshire history curriculum. The jacket was donated by Lisbon Regional School. The band photo is part of our museum collection.



The wood-framed original Certificate of Marriage of Harry E. Poor of Landaff and Agnes E. Holmes of Landaff who were married on January 1, 1901 in Landaff by Agnes's father, Rev. Willis Holmes and witnessed by Agnes's mother, Ella Holmes, is pictured at left.

Harry Poor (1875-1964) was born in Landaff. Agnes Holmes was born in Whitefield, NH on Christmas Day of 1881 and died in 1937.

Willis Holmes was the minister at Landaff Methodist Church, the family having moved there in 1899 from Milan, NH. Harry and Agnes Poor purchased the 60-acre Eaton farm on Allbee Road where they raised their seven children. The grandparents Holmes lived upstairs. Harry was a farmer and Agnes kept house and helped raise the couple's children. Prior to her marriage, Agnes was a schoolteacher.

The Poores had a typical small but busy family farm with a herd of 12 cows and young stock as well as horses, hens, and pigs. They made butter to sell, and they did a good share of logging, too. After Agnes's sister, Nettie, married Harry Poor's brother, Perry, in 1904, the two sisters decided to add

an "e" to the family name, and it has been Poore ever since. The framed original Certificate of Marriage was donated by Reginald and Claudia Lavoie who owned the former Poore farmhouse from 1993 to 2022.



Baptismal gowns and cap from the Bronson family of Landaff, are pictured at left. One set was used for the christening of Howard Bronson (1907-1986). Howard was a direct descendant of Jonathan and Susanna Bronson, who came to Landaff from Connecticut in 1782. The gowns and cap were donated by Howard's son, Richard Bronson, Landaff.



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Lisbon had a movie theatre building on North Main Street from 1914 to 1974. Sometimes a live music production would entertain theatergoers before the featured movie attraction. An example of this is the advertising postcard pictured at left, for Rusty Reuben Boys, a hillbilly music group, appearing at the Lisbon Playhouse on July 19, 1934. The card was donated by Dale Merrill, West Hartford, CT.