

The original location of Bean Fiber Glass on Peterborough Street near the entrance to the present-day Rivermill Condominiums. (Formerly Jaffrey Mills. It was probably the last of the White Bros. structures to be built on the site that was for many years Jaffrey's major employer.) The company later moved to 26 Union Street, which had been built in the 1920s for the New Hampshire Match Company and later used by W. W. Cross. The building stood where the new ballfield is today.

### BEAN FIBER GLASS, INC.

BEAN FIBER GLASS, INC., manufactures a woven fiber glass mat for use as the principal raw material in fiber glass molded products. It is used by molders throughout the country in the manufacture of a wide variety of products such as boats, tanks, shelters, cargo containers, missile housing, concrete forms, bath tubs, silos, and car bodies. None of its products is used locally.

The company was founded in 1957 by William Coleman and Joseph Manning with financial backing by D. D. Bean & Sons Co., Inc. Starting as a division of D. D. Bean & Sons, Bean Fiber Glass became a separate corporation in 1959. The parent company remained as majority stockholder until 1961 when their interest was sold to an outside group of investors. Coleman and Manning, both graduate engineers, have been chief operating and executive officers of the company since its founding. The company's production equipment was designed by them.

The company is located on Peterborough Street in one of the former White Brothers' storehouses.

Source: Volume III of the Town History.

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## Jaffrey Historical Society

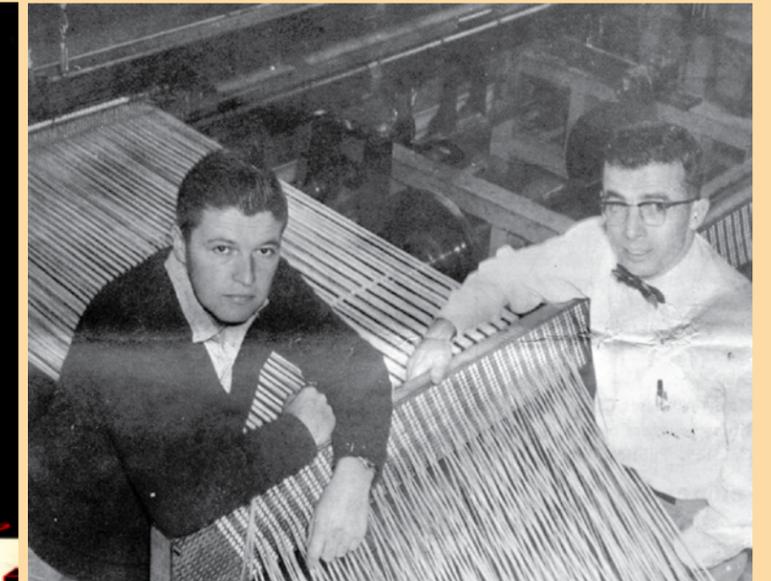
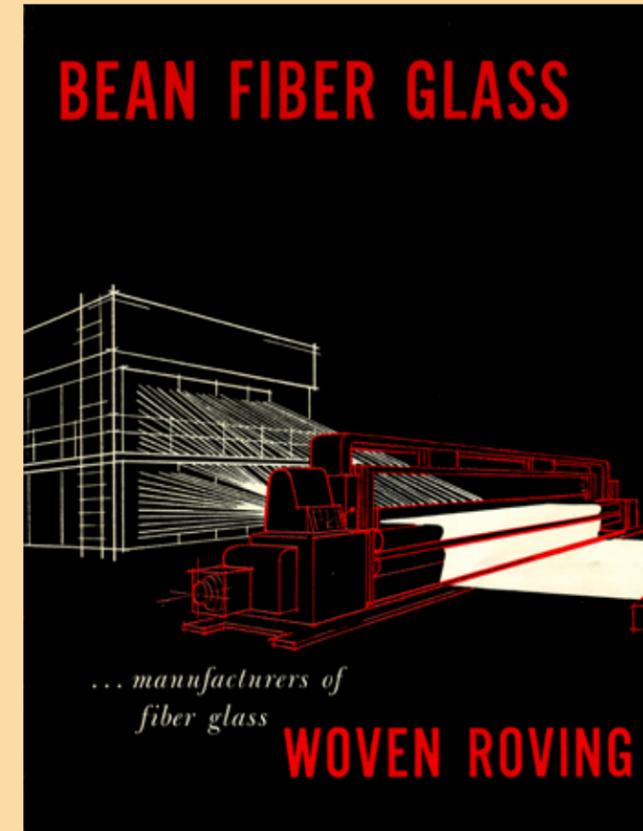
Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452

2015

**Bill and Joe**

**Thursday, April 9, 2015, 7 pm. Jaffrey Civic Center.**

**Bean Fiber Glass**



We know it's hard to believe but here are two young entrepreneurs—**Bill Coleman** and **Joe Manning**—at the start up of Bean Fiber Glass. This photo appeared on the front page of the very first issue of the new *Monadnock Ledger*, November 21, 1956.

They'll tell us about the early days of the company and how it developed over the years.

**WHAT** were they thinking when they wanted to start a new textile mill in New England? All other textile mills were either moving south or had 'gone south.'

**WHAT** was the reason they chose Jaffrey?

**WHAT** did they do to convince D. D. Bean & Sons to back them?

**WHAT** were the ups & downs of the enterprise over the years? And what the heck is 'woven roving?'

Bill and Joe will cover almost a half century of Bean Fiber Glass history in 30 minutes or less. Don't miss it!

### Looking ahead —Upcoming Programs

**THURSDAY APRIL 23:** FRIENDS OF THE JAFFREY LIBRARY program on John Winant, 6:30 at the Library • **SATURDAY JULY 25:** Riverfest & JHS Pop-up Museum • **THURSDAY AUGUST 13:** Annual Meeting, Mark Cournoyer on *Cournoyer Funeral Home Centenary* • **SUNDAY OCTOBER 18:** Annual Autumn Outing, *Francetown* (tentative) • **THURSDAY DECEMBER 10:** JHS-Civic Center Christmas party • **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2016:** Pot Luck • **THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2016:** Scott Edwards of Scott's Clock • **THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 2016:** Annual Meeting John Peard, Sr. on Red's of Jaffrey (tentative) ☺

## News of your Society

GREETINGS TO ALL,

OUR February Pot Luck was a pleasant and well-attended gathering wedged in between snow storms. Each table had an item from the Society's collections to identify. We also has a Jaffrey Quiz with the wining table receiving Valentine's Day chocolates. Try your hand at the Quiz at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/quiz.pdf> We'll include the answers in the next Newsletter.

Our **Hearse House** project is taking a temporary breather. The Selectmen have decided that placing it on Town-owned land will require a warrant article at the next Town Meeting. As a consequence the Officers and Directors decided to withdraw our application to the Historic District Commission. The extra time will allow us to study other location options. We are planning to hold a 'charrette' on site sometime this summer. The architecture/engineering class at Conval is still using the Hearse House as this year's project. It is now focusing on the timber frame. (You will find some further information at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/hearse.htm>)

Our **Dean Murder Project** is progressing well. (The main working website is at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/dean.htm>) The first meeting of the Dean Murder Research Group was held at the Civic Center on February 23rd. (See <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/dmrg.htm>) The next one will likely be in September. The scanning of original documents continues. Progress can be seen at <http://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/Dean-Murder>. New information is continuing to develop.

The Society's new **Facebook** page now has 77 'likes.' Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/JaffreyHS>.

We have a number of **volunteer opportunities** for those with the time and interest: Indexing the various Town histories; periodically picking up ephemera from around Jaffrey (business cards, flyers, menus, etc.); photography (there's one particular project we have in mind); becoming involved with Ebay on the Society's behalf; biographical indexing of the Dean Murder; and so on.

**Scott Edwards** of Scott's Clocks in Peterborough paid a visit to the Civic Center recently and gave our Laban Ainsworth tall case clock a once-over after it was moved to allow for re-decorating the conference room. The clock will be cleaned and serviced by Scott, a process that he will describe in a Jaffrey Historical Society illustrated program in April 2016.

The Society is once again co-sponsoring a program with **The Friends of the Jaffrey Library**. On Thursday April 23rd John Hesse will present 'John Winant: New Hampshire Man of The World -The Forgotten Giant.' Winant was a three-term governor and served in many national and international capacities including that of US Ambassador to Britain for most of World War II. At the Library at 6:30pm.

I look forward to seeing you on April 9th at the Civic Center to learn about Bean Fiber Glass.

Rob Stephenson, *President*

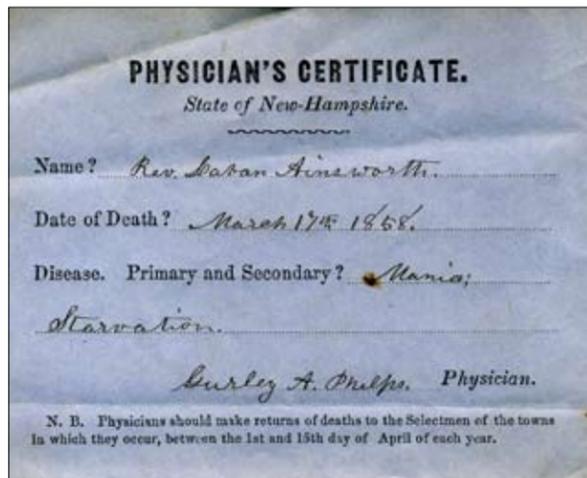
PS: If you receive a membership envelope with this newsletter it means that your dues haven't been received yet. Please renew your membership!



Jackie Johnson explaining a bullet mold from the Society's collections at the February **POT LUCK**.



The Laban Ainsworth Clock now residing at the Civic Center. It was donated to the JHS in 1978 by Joseph R. Coolidge. Inside is mounted Laban's silver coffin marker! The clock was presented to Laban in celebration of his 80 years of preaching, thought to be the longest in Congregational Church history.



Laban Ainsworth's death certificate, March 17, 1858, recently unearthed in the Society's archives. *Cause of death:* Mania and Starvation! The Society will be publishing his biography, written by Jean Parker Waterbury, in a year or so.



The Little Red Schoolhouse, the former District 11 schoolhouse once located on Dublin Road and dating to 1822. Back then it cost \$200 to build. It is owned by the town but maintained by the Society which moved and renovated it in 1960.



Jaffrey's Quartoseptcentennial parade, August 21, 1948. The fire engine in the center is the 1938 Chevrolet/Bufalo (still owned by the Fire Department) and the tail end of the 1931 Seagrave which the JHS has at its fire museum in *Monadnock 4* on Main Street.

### Little Red Schoolhouse

Jackie Johnson, *Chair*

OUR historic one-room schoolhouse will be opening again this summer on weekend afternoons from 2 to 4pm. If you'd like to be a docent, contact Jackie Johnson at 532-7379. ☺

### Monadnock No. 4

Bill Driscoll & Dave Kemp, *Chairs*

AT THIS TIME of year things are pretty quiet at Jaffrey's Fire Museum. THE MONADNOCK 4 brochure may be seen at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/monadnock4.pdf> ☺

### Acquisitions & Accessions

Dick Boutwell, *Chair*

RECENT accessions include: • Straight razors owned and used by Charles Burpee and a family picture album (1800-1900s) and other Burpee/Bacon/Chamberlain pictures, donated by **Bob Chamberlain**. • Duncan/Coolidge family photographs, donated by **Hancock Historical Society**. • A fine photographic portrait of Joel Poole, donated by the **Rindge Historical Society**. • Two boxes of Cross Tacks, donated by **Katherine Carpenter**. • A variety of photos pertaining to **Albert & Marguerite Morin** including a photo album of Albert's retirement party (long-time Jaffrey Town Clerk). ☺



### Membership

Marcie Manning, *Chair*

WE WELCOME the following new members: **Kathlene & Andy Card, Bruce Hill, Jeannette & Al Misuraca and Michelle Stahl.**

And we are saddened to lose long-time members **Richard Cunningham and Dick Grodin.** ☺

### Officers & Committee Chairs

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*Monadnock No. 4* William Driscoll & David Kemp  
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