

# Potluck!

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noun

used in reference to a situation in which one must take a chance that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable : he could take potluck in a town not noted for its hotels.

• a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish : [as adj.] a potluck supper.

Everything "...available will prove to be good or acceptable..." at the Society's Annual Potluck Supper on

**Thursday, February 13,  
2014 at the Civic Center.**

**Gather at 6 p.m. for  
socializing. Supper at 6:30.  
Program at 7:30 p.m.**



For the Potluck Supper please bring your choice of *hors d'oeuvres*, bread, salad, main dish, sides or dessert. The Society will provide coffee, tea, wine, etc. **IMPORTANT!** Contact **Marcie Manning** at 532-7452 or [mcm9210@gmail.com](mailto:mcm9210@gmail.com) to say you're coming and what you'll bring.

# Jaffrey Memories

WELL SATED from the Potluck we will now turn our attention to a bit of reminiscing on the Jaffrey of years and decades ago. We have a knowledgeable panel of Jaffrey, mostly native-born, "old timers" to get the memory juices flowing: **Dick Boutwell, Charlie Royce, Joe Manning, Sam Hackler, Lorraine "Toot" Parent and Pauline Ricard.** They will impart their expertise but we need your participation, too. This will be a very informal evening with lots of audience involvement. We'll flash a selection of images on the screen to get the conversation going. And we'll have few artifacts from our Archives to show and for you to guess what they are and where they came from. And there just might be a surprise or two! 🍷 🍷 🍷

# News of your Society

GREETINGS TO ALL,

I HOPE we will see you at the Society's February 13th **Potluck Supper** and at the program following, described on the other side. Enjoy some good food and drink and then be transported back in time to an earlier Jaffrey.

The Society is having a busy winter: Work in the Archives continues with two work sessions a week, Monday and Thursday mornings. Two of our recent accessions are shown and described on the right.

Your Directors are well into exploring the feasibility of either relocating the original **Hearse House** back in or near its previous location at the Old Burying Ground or building a replica as authentically as possible. (See the photo to the right.) If this is a successful effort, we will finally have a way of displaying the two historic hearses in our possession. We should know far more later in the year.

The Society received a second generous donation from the Bean Family Foundation to assist in appropriately commemorating the centenary of the **Dean Murder** in 2018 This and the donation in 2012 will, among other things, support an exhibit and a website. An informal committee of the Directors is meeting with Mark Bean to explore some of the commemoration possibilities.

A project that has just commenced is the scanning of the Society's collection of local newspapers. These are issues dating back to the 1920s that have special Jaffrey interest. Savron Graphics is doing the work and later this winter we should be putting these on-line so they can be accessed by all.

The Society has no stand-alone **website** although this may change in the next year or so. For the moment, I'm hosting on my own site a section devoted to the Society. The address is: <http://www.rs41.org/jhs.htm>. Have a look. Among the contents: Meeting notices; past Newsletters; past Presentations; Resources; Videos; and Projects.

WE WELCOME AS NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS: Richard & Heather Ames, Harold Davis, Cindy Foley, Karl Putnam Peggy & Reed Ueda.

And a reminder. The annual dues envelope is enclosed. Please help the Society by paying promptly.

Rob Stephenson, *President*

## Upcoming Programs

**THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2014:** Robert Goodby, *12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State* • **THURSDAY JUNE 12, 2014:** Paul Wainwright, *New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and their Impact on American Society* • **THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 2014:** Annual Meeting. • **A SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER:** Annual Autumn Outing (tentatively a visit to Sam and Jason Hackler's NEW HAMPSHIRE ANTIQUE CO-OP and the MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY). ☘



The Meetinghouse from Cutter's Hotel. Photo by J. A. French, 1894. The Hearse House is shown at the end of the Horsesheds. The Society is now investigating building a new Hearse House to house and display our two historic hearses.



The World War II medals of John Fuller and the flag from his coffin. He was the only Jaffrey resident to have received the Silver Star. This was a recent gift to the Society from his widow, Olive Fuller Bourque, and their daughter Bett Fuller Chase.



A rare stereo card recently donated to the Society by Dan Johnson. It's view south along the Contoocook to Main Street with the Jaffrey Mills on the right. It was published by F.W. Woodward of Rochester, NY. Appearing in the margin: No. 878, "Falls at Jeffrey [sic], N. H."