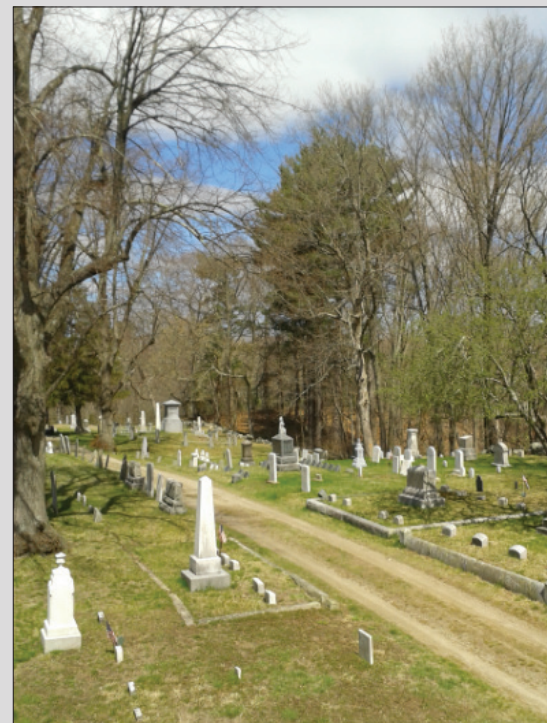


Spring

# Jaffrey Historical Society

Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452

2017



**Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7pm  
at the Civic Center.**

## *Conservation & Repair of Historic Gravestones— Preserving a Record of our Past*

**A program by Kai Nalenz *of* Gravestone Services of New England**

“Based in New Hampshire, GRAVESTONE SERVICES OF NEW ENGLAND travels throughout Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania—and Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and beyond in the Winter months—to clean, repair and assess gravestones and monuments on site.”

*I got started as a child in Germany cleaning our family's old gravestones with my Mom. My wife's family is from Vermont and has a long history of working in the granite industry making gravestones. This inspired me to do research on how to properly clean and preserve historic gravestones. I found the Association for Gravestone Studies in Greenfield Massachusetts, and it put me in touch with one of its members. I ended up getting my training from Fred Oakley, a pioneer in gravestone conservation and one of the best there was. Fred passed away a few years ago but his kindness and passion for gravestone preservation inspires and drives me to this day. I have preserved around 14,000 gravestones and monuments since I started GRAVESTONE SERVICES OF NEW ENGLAND in 2004.*

*“Show me your cemeteries and I will tell you what kind of people you have.”*

– Benjamin Franklin

GREETINGS TO ALL,

WE LOOK forward to seeing you at the Society's next program on April 13th when **Kai Nalenz** tells us about his work as a gravestone conservator.

Our annual **Potluck** on February 9th went well with lots of conversation about 'Winter Scenes' in Jaffrey and the dog sledding that was popular in the 1940s and 50s. It was accompanied by an exhibit in the display cases.

Our collections keep growing. Among the recent additions are a trunk from **Randy Cournoyer** which at one time was owned by **Jule Durant**, a well-known Jaffrey worthy. More Cutter family papers from **Mildred Cutter**'s estate came our way as well as a pair of skis from the Red Mill Inn which complement the toboggan we have from the Inn. Both were displayed in our recent exhibit.

**Mary Jo Marvin** is working on a revision and update of the **Hannah Davis** booklet and work is progressing on bringing out a biographical sketch of **John Conant** that was written by **Clare Sullivan Forcier**. A major biography of **Laban Ainsworth**, written some time ago by **Jean Parker Waterbury** and never published, is now in production, probably to appear before the end of the year.

The Officers & Directors held their most recent meeting at the Jaffrey Library where we discussed with **Librarian Julie Perrin** how the Society and the Library might work together to make the history of Jaffrey more accessible to all.

A database prepared by **Vicki Arceci** of every program and event since the Society's inception in 1958 can now be found at <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/programs.htm>

We welcome new members **Karen Ayres** and **Cathy & Joel Proulx**.

**And a reminder.** The Society's membership year coincides with the calendar year; if you've yet to pay your dues, you'll find a return envelope enclosed. Please help the Society by paying promptly.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS 2017

**THURSDAY APRIL 13:** Kai Nalenz, *Conservation & Repair of Historic Gravestones—Preserving a Record of our Past* • **SUNDAY, JUNE 18:** *An Old Burying Ground Walking Tour* (with the Jaffrey Cemetery Committee) • August Exhibits: *Dear Auntie...Jaffrey Postcards from the Past* and *W. W. Cross* • **THURSDAY AUGUST 10:** Annual Meeting. Phil Cournoyer, *W. W. Cross* • **SUNDAY OCTOBER 15:** *Annual Autumn Outing* (Winchendon & the Harvard Forest Museum—tentative). • **THURSDAY DECEMBER 14:** *Annual Christmas Party* with the Civic Center. ❧



Time for dessert at the Society's annual Potluck in February.



We combined two related themes in our February exhibit at the Civic Center: Jaffrey's connection to dog sled racing back in the 1940s and 50s and Winter Scenes, particularly ones associated with the annual Jaffrey Winter Carnival.



This trunk donated by Randy Cournoyer was once owned by Jaffrey's greatest benefactor. Notwithstanding, it was sadly filled with old newspaper clippings and not crisp hundred dollar bills.