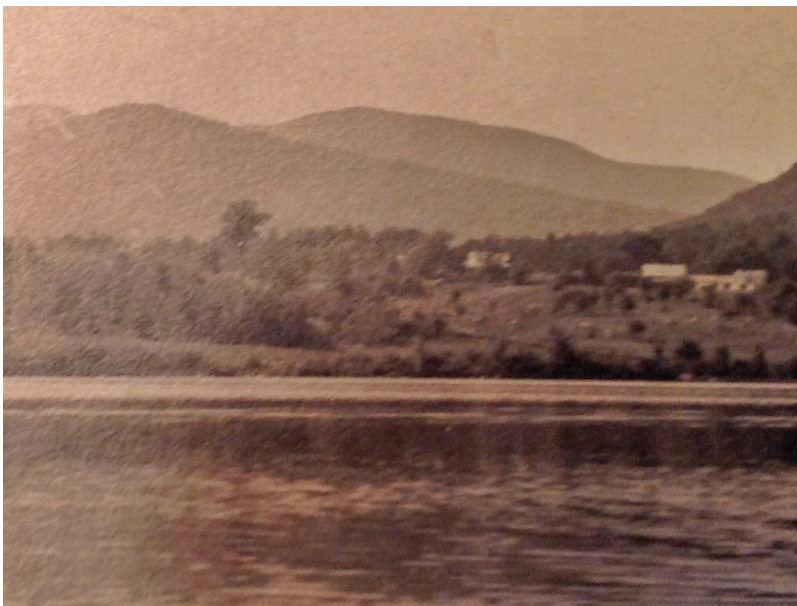




THE ANDERSON FARM



Anderson Farm From Camp



George Anderson

Dick Anderson's Family History in South Chatham

In September 2018, Denise Stanford and Jeanne Eastman visited with Dick Anderson at his camp overlooking Upper Kimball Pond to talk about his family's history in Chatham. The following article notes some of Dick's memories.

Edward Anderson came to Chatham from Windham, Maine. His son, also Edward, built the Anderson Farm (at what is now 2372 Green Hill Road) in the 1830's. His son, Osborn, born in 1842, fought in the Civil War.

Dick remembers his great-uncle George living at the Farm. He married Ann Hutchins of North Fryeburg.

Dick said, "There was one barn with twenty cows. There was a 40-foot silo beside the barn for corn ensilage. It was blown in the top, and taken out the bottom. In the 1930s Uncle George built another barn for twenty more cows. The milk room was off the kitchen, and later attached to the second cow barn. A milk truck would come and take the 10-gallon cans of milk. At one time they had forty cows, sixty pigs, and one hundred chickens. They sold eggs, and they also sold cows. Saturday you'd see a chicken running around with no head – going to be Sunday dinner. The pigs were fenced in down over the hill. Behind the house were the upper and lower pastures. There was a bull with a ring in his nose, and Dick and Harry, the work horses. There was an ice house down by the lake. There was a garden on the left going down to the pasture. They grew potatoes and every vegetable you could imagine. We always had ice cream, and there was always a barrel of hard cider. They also had a gas station: a Shell pump."

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Notes from the President

There are so many people to thank. Without those who help with organizing, writing, technology, remodeling, baking, heavy lifting, research, photography, and doing whatever needs doing, we could not do what we do. We are always ready to welcome new members and new workers. Many hands make light work, and many talents and interests are key to helping keep our Society strong. If you have skills to share, or a little time, please let us know!

We are also so grateful for those who support us financially. Some gifts are larger, and some are a few dollars tacked on to your dues or purchase. In all cases: Thank you!

We count our November Holiday Bazaar a great success. We are thinking about how we can make it even better next year! Many thanks to those who helped that day, and to those who donated beautiful handmade items to our sale and raffle tables. We also had eight other local artisan rent tables to sell their goods; they too thought it was a successful day. Another big hit of the day was the food from the kitchen. We served Hungarian Mushroom and French Onions soups as well as corn chowder. People were pleased to have lunch provided, and some even did take-away.

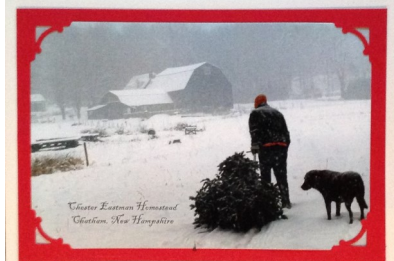
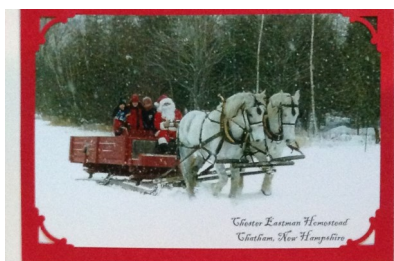
We are really pleased with our new Chatham greeting cards. There are just a few left on our sales table for this season. Also, if you know someone who has some history in Chatham, or simply loves Chatham, please consider giving them a gift membership to the Chatham Historical Society this holiday season! We can promise four interesting newsletters each year, and many opportunities to take part in making history in Chatham today!

Our program at our bonfire will be very interesting. Kenyon King will tell how his business, Log House Designs, began, grew, and....well, I don't want to spoil it for you! If you worked for Kenyon, helped build his log houses, or loved his products please join us on February 1st and share your stories and photos.

We apologize for record keeping errors we've made in updating our membership list. As we have transitioned to new officers and new technology, we have worked as best we can. I believe we have corrected everyone's information. Thank you to those who contacted us to help us out. You are all valuable members! In the future, we'll write membership expiration dates on the address labels of your newsletter so you'll know when to renew.

Happy Winter, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year to all!

Jeanne Eastman



Holiday Bazaar Set up Crew left to right: Emily Fernald, Bev Aiman, Sue Crowley, Jeanne Eastman, Jane Nesbitt, Judy Bailey and Lonnie Lewis

Sale Items

Chatham Greeting Cards (seen at the left) \$2.50 each, 3 for \$6.50 or 5 for \$8.50
Antique Milk Crates \$10
Boot Jacks \$10
Coverlet \$50
Book, History of Chatham \$35
T-Shirts \$12

In 1930, the students at the Eastman School in North Chatham put on a Christmas Program for the community. Following is the report of the event written by student, Louise Garland, and a rhyme created and recited by student, Erma Andrews. They were both 12 years old.

The Christmas Entertainment

A Christmas tree was got by Harold Andrews a week before Christmas.

It was very pretty and the children made decorations for it.

Then, there was a Christmas entertainment at Eastman School on Christmas nineteen thirty, at which there were twenty five visitors.

It began with a Victrola record of, "Silent Night," followed by responsive reading from the Bible.

Recitations were given by Erma Andrews, Henry Hutchins, Pauline Emerson, followed by the reading of a poem written by Willis Boyd Allen of Massachusetts and sent to one of the pupils. It was read by Shirley Emerson.

There were more recitations by Harry Crouse, Edna Hanscom, Harold Andrews, Junior Heald, Louise Garland, Albert Hutchins, and Shirley Emerson.

Another Victrola record was played.

A monologue by Hazen Wiley.

Still more recitations were given by Erma Andrews, Louise Garland, and Albert Hutchins. That was all the program. The tree was unloaded by Henry Hutchins who was dressed as Santa Claus.

A good time was had by all. Then all returned home for a vacation.

Reported by Louise Garland

My Christmas Order

Oh! Santa dear, bring me sled,
Another dog, for mine is dead.

This time, bring me a Saint Bernard
And pin on him a Christmas card.

Urb wants a new horn-handled knife.
Ang thinks he'll learn to play a fife.

Harold wants a brand new twenty-two
To shoot the things that scare him blue.

Bring Loren some new jokes to tell
To make the neighbors laugh and yell.

Ma wants something, whatever you choose.
Pa wants some pink pills for the blues.

Now on the scholars I'll begin,
and tell the presents they must win.

Louise tells me she wants a hat,
and Hazen tall, desires a bat.

Henry would like a pair of skis.
Albert most wants a hive of bees.

Shirley begs for a new barrette,
Edna wants some sort of a pet.

Bring Junior a new sled, to slide,
Bring Harry a wee bike to ride.

Teacher most needs a stick or rule
To make us children good at school.

Now this gay rhyme I must soon close
Or else you will be in a doze.

Original rhyme
Erma M. Andrews

Revolutionary Veterans, Elijah and Samuel Phipps

by Judy Bailey

When Elijah Phipps (aged 56), wife Sarah Fletcher Phipps and their son Samuel (aged 32) came to Chatham in 1783, they settled along Langdon Brook on a hill where later was the "Binford Place," and still later the "Marshall Place." Samuel had a 5 year old son with him, also named Samuel. Polly Phipps, perhaps Samuel's wife or daughter, would later be the first White Person buried in Chatham, and another son, Elijah, named after his grandfather, would be the first male child born in Chatham.*

Both veterans of the 12th Massachusetts Regiment, Elijah and Samuel had fought at Bunker Hill, in the Siege of Boston, at Lake Champlain, at Saratoga, and Philadelphia-Monmouth.** The 12th Massachusetts Regiment, organized spring 1775 under Colonel Edmund Phinney, also fought at Valley Forge, although we don't know for sure that the Phippses were there. The 12th Massachusetts Regiment was disbanded at West Point in 1781, two years before the Phipps family came to Chatham.

The 1790 census lists the Phipps household members as: 2 males over 16; 2 males under 16; and 4 females. The 4 females must have included Sarah, Elijah's wife, and probably Samuel's wife and daughters. It is interesting in the census that the females were not identified by age, as were the males.

In the 1805 tax record/inventory, the Phippses are taxed for: 1 horse 5 years; 1 horse 2 years; 2 oxen 5 years; 1 cow 4 years; 2 stock (cattle) 3 years and 1 stock 2 years; 1/2 acre orchard; 1/2 acre arable land; 1 acre mowing land; 1 acre pasture; 197 acres wildland; 1 house and 1 barn. The county taxes totaled 12 shillings and 5 pence; the town taxes were 1 pound 23 shillings; the school taxes were 1 pound 34 shillings for a grand total of 2 pounds 68 shillings.*** Although it is hard to convert money values, one pound was worth @\$4.42. Adjusting for inflation, it was probably worth > \$30.00. The tax bill was roughly \$150, not a great sum by today's measures, but significant in 1805!

Between 1805 and 1834, Samuel Phipps Jr. served 21 years as Town Clerk and 12 years as Selectman. His brother, Elijah was Selectman three of those years. Another Samuel Phipps, perhaps the son of Samuel Jr, was a Selectman in 1834 and 1835. A William Phipps served as Town Clerk in 1859 and 1860.* The Phipps family was last listed on the census records for Chatham in 1860.

Our investigations into the Phippses started with Carl Perry's noticing two veterans' graves in the front row of the Center Chatham Cemetery. Further sleuthing on Carl's part yielded more information on them, and Jeanne Eastman, Barbara Eastman and several others have added immeasurably to our knowledge. The deceased Phippses (Elijah in 1805, Samuel 1830) would have been buried near Polly at their homestead, and later memorial markers placed at the Center Chatham Cemetery when it was established in the late 1800's on land donated by Ithiel Clay. Although they do not have pavers in the Chatham Veterans' Memorial yet, Samuel and Elijah Phipps are our most historic veterans. Piecing together and organizing information on them has been a group effort, the way we like to do things in Chatham!

*History of Carroll County, compiled by Georgia Merrill. This information is prefaced by: "The history of the early days was taken down by Ithiel E. Clay, Esq., in 1861, from Samuel Phipps, Jr, who came with his parents to the town in 1783."

**Ancestry.com

*** Information from Chatham Town records



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They also grew corn in a lot of fields around, for ensilage and sweet corn for the canning factory in North Fryeburg; Dick would ride around with Uncle George to check on the corn fields.

Elsie Small and Eva B (daughter of George and Ann) would make doughnuts at the farm every Saturday. Inez Hill, just down the road, knit for Carroll Reed, and she knit Dick a ski sweater every year.

Uncle George took in Mert York, who was homeless. He lived at the farm and took care of the animals. After Mert married Esther, a school teacher, Fred Paine took care of the cows. If a cow was sick he'd stay up scratching her back. He loved animals. (Later Fred's son, Leith, married George's daughter, Reba Jane.) Eddie Johnson also worked at the farm.

Dick also remembered as a child staying overnight at the apartment over the Hutchins' Store in North Fryeburg. In the morning he'd come down and there would be ice cream and candy around!

At one time, the Andersons owned the property that had been the Boston Cooking School. "My Uncle Gordon turned the carriage house into a chicken farm – he had 500 chickens." Dick's grandfather built the two houses on the hill (Hill Street). "I remember as a young lad staying there. There was newspaper insulation between the walls. There was a horseshoe set – that was big in those days." The Anderson property included Mack Hill and the Bert Stiles camp. "I remember going with Uncle George with a horse and wagon, bringing provisions to the Stiles camp so they could stay for a couple weeks. There were pastures and cows, and apple orchards." They also had property on Little Chatham Road, where Dick's father built a cabin.

Dick grew up in Melrose, MA with his parents, Harry and Grace. He remembers, "When we first started coming here (their camp on Little Chatham Road) they never plowed this road. We'd park by the dam and ski or snowshoe. There was no electricity. And there were no phones – only at the post office. In 1937, I was sitting on the steps with my mother. Dad had a twenty-foot ladder and was topping a big birch tree. He had tied himself to the ladder. When the top finally let go, it kicked back. A couple of rungs of the ladder busted, and my father slid down the ladder with the rope. His chest was all blood. The reason – electricity! He put a propeller on top of the birch tree, and under the camp he put a motor, called 'Little Joe.' Batteries, and bingo – electricity!"

"Uncle George and Ann would come across the (Upper Kimball) pond in a canoe to visit us. Uncle George had a great laugh. And he'd have great cookouts at the camp on the lake. They had a big stone outdoor fireplace."

In 1949-50, Dick stayed with his kids at the cabin in the lower pasture. "Cows were all over! Holsteins and Jerseys. They'd come right up to the windows!"

Dick also remembered working at Baxter Canning, the corn factory where the North Fryeburg fire station is now located. And he'd go over Robbins Hill to ski at the rope tow behind the Royce House in North Chatham. The Parker brothers, Lester and Lindsey lived on Robbins Hill. They were "real mountain boys," and the subject of several unprintable stories!

Also on Little Chatham Road, was Chatham Woods, the girls camp run by Kit Bishop. Dick's father used to pick Miss Kit up at the train station in Fryeburg in his car when he was sixteen (1917). There were Saturday night dances down at Chatham Pines, and the girls from the camp went down there. "And I went down once in a while myself."



Pauline Emerson Libby, an alumna of Chatham's Eastman School, celebrated her 100th birthday in October 2019.

Happy birthday, Pauline!!!

(see the article page 3)



Chatham Historical Society Christmas tree at the Red Jacket Hotel
Festival of Trees at the Red Jacket Hotel in North Conway, NH.

Chatham 30 years ago

Chatham historians explores local gems

Reporter 10-4-89

The Chatham Historical Society enjoyed Orman McAllister, Sr., as their speaker at the September meeting. Orman is most knowledgeable about the gem stones found in various locations in Chatham as well as some of the neighboring towns.

It was not known to many of the members that where the Cold River Campground is located was the site of the Lone Star mine. Langdon Brook has quartz crystals which Orman said are very peculiar in appearance.

Watson Brook also has quartz crystals with a long vein not too far from the brook. A slight tracing of gold was found at the Watson Brook around 1870 and a shaft was sunk. As no vein of gold was discovered, the shaft was filled in and it is not known today where these gold tracings were found.

Other excellent areas are on Baldface for topaz and beryl crystals as well as Deer Hill. The Deer Hill area has been so picked over and dug that it resembles a bombed area with splintered trees and broken rocks. Hurricane is known for the topaz found there and is another well-searched area.

The first Field Trip was held on September 10 with Ken Small as

the trip leader. A walking tour was made on the Little Chatham Road which is also known as the Ridge Road. A viewing of the old cellar holes as well as the Town Pound were investigated and photographed by the members. One interesting item pointed out by Ken Small is that the town line was moved between South Chatham and Conway. One of the early settlers didn't like having his land in Conway so somehow managed to have the line moved to its present location which put his land into South Chatham.

Another interesting fact pointed out by Ken is that Upper Kimball Pond is entirely in Chatham and contains about 75 acres. Lower Kimball contains about 100 acres and is about one-third in Chatham.

Society members participating in the trip were Ken Small, Elsie Small, Hilda Lusky, Doris Kennett, Mildred Heath, Jim Maloney, Winnie Maloney, Arthur Hill, Norma MacPherson, Herbert Eastman, Kathryn Eastman and Jason Eastman.

Raising money for various projects is always a challenge for any group or society. A successful bake sale was held on September 23 which was sponsored by the

Chatham Community Library, the Chatham Congregational Church, and the Chatham Historical Society. The sale was held at Arthur Lutte's in Fryeburg who so generously donated space for the sale.

Those serving as sales persons or donating baked goods or cash contributions were Barbara Eastman, Hilda Lusky, Doris Kennett, Elsie Small, Jean Curtis, Polly Lutte, Flick Lutte, Ola-Mae Wheaton, Mildred Heath, Judy Bailey, Roberta Wilfong, Martie Eastman, Susan Logan, Bonnie Garland, Ruby Watson, Jean Bryant, Claire Perry, Norma Macpherson, Paula McInnis, Louise Mann, Clara Thurston, Kay Lusky, Louise McKenzie, Donna Hennessy, Valerie Wilfong, June Hubley, Sandy Dorner, Paula Foster, Polly Ryan, Gwen Tarbell, Kathryn Eastman, Aloah Wood, Sally Rand, and Jane Paine.

Proceeds of the sale are to help the three cooperating societies carry on with their commitments to the Community of Chatham.

The Second Field Trip will be held on Sunday, October 17 and all interested should be at the Kimball dam at 1:00 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your camera.

Cold River Camp, One Hundred years ago!



Local Destinations or Hikes

Please send us photos of your hikes or travels to local destinations. Please include any interesting facts you discover. We may print your photo/story in an upcoming newsletter!



Sheryl Emery and Louise Maillet hiking
Shell Pond Trail.

Up Coming Events

February 1, 2019

Bonfire 4:30 PM

6PM slide show by Kenyon King on

The life of a Chatham Business:

Log House Designs

At our school house, 1061 Main Rd, Chatham

March 21 & 22

Maple Weekend at

Nate and Kate Hutchins' Sugar House

2102 Green Hill Road, South Chatham

Our Society will be selling hot dogs and Chili

New Members

Paul Loscocco
Corrinne Waite

Welcome!

In Memory

We extend our sympathy to the families of these friends and community members that we have lost this fall:

Irene Dunham Sept 3
Paul Mulherin Sept 21
Lois Falkler Sept 30
Russell Allen Oct 6
James Smith Sr. Oct 11
Bernice Smith McInnis Oct 13
Normal Charles DiPierro Nov 8
Randy Wales Nov 12

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Membership Form

\$10.00 /person/year

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Award Fund for High School Seniors
Veterans' Memorial (\$100 for a paver with a veteran's name)

Thank you!

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