

INVENTORY

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ARCHIVES GROUP

Volume 9, Issue 1

Spring/summer 2006

There was no Fall/Winter 2005 issue

Outreach Through Technology & Digital Imaging Basics

Speakers: Gilman Shattuck, Hillsborough Historical Society, Susan Fischer, Historical Society of Amherst, NH, & Eleta Exline, University of NH

NHAG Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 17, 2006
at the
Fox Forest, Baldwin Center, Hillsborough, Concord, NH

9:00 am to 3:00 pm plus tours of the Franklin Pierce Homestead

A brief business meeting will include election of new members to the Executive Board.

If you have not received the flier, please call the Inventory editor at 774-0612

President's column: Shared Communications

NHAG Board Members met with Officers and Directors of the New Hampshire Assoc. of Historical Societies. We discovered that both organizations have been thinking of how we might support each other, learn from each other and share the expertise of our mutual members.

NHAG is an institutional member of the Association and we think several of us are individual members. The Association hosts a web site for their membership and for a nominal fee, NHAG is able to utilize their site which gives us access to their membership.

In return, the Assoc. is interested in knowing NHAG members who would be willing to speak at their meetings. We agreed to developing a Shared Communications Plan between NHAG and the Assoc.

We will discuss this mutual venture further at our business meeting during the Spring NHAG meeting. This is an opportunity for the historical community to collaborate, share

resources and support each other in our little corner of the globe. I invite you to suggest ways that we can discover how mutual beneficial we can be for each other.

See you on May 17th in the forest!

Barb Miles

Changes at the NH Division of Archives & Records Management: “You want to put the sprinkler heads where?” by the Editor

Ground was broken on May 2, 2005 for additions & changes to the New Hampshire State Archives Building. The construction has three major agency components brought together with an imposing new entrance which will incorporate architectural features similar to the 1819 NH State House building.

The first component comprises changes & additions to the State Archives. The major addition is 30,000 new cubic feet of storage space for state agency records boxes. While this is an increase of 50 percent over the previous storage area, much of the space is already spoken for by boxes which have been waiting at agencies to be transferred over. The net gain of actual growth room will be about 10% of the overall space.

Major improvements include more storage area for microfilm, a dry pipe fire suppression system, and more space for staff & processing.

There will also be a new research room shared with the Division of Vital Records, now part of the Secretary of State's Office, and moving from the Heights to the Archives building. The second component is construction of new work spaces Vital Records staff. This move should will simplify research for genealogists who now can stay on the west side of the river working between the Archives and the NH State Library.

The last component is new work space for offices for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) staff. New training rooms, an elevator, and improved access for the handicapped are shared improvements.

Congratulations to the Archives Staff on getting some breathing room for staff and storage!

Moose Plate Grants now have a January deadline

call: Janet Eklund at 271-2393 or watch the NH State Library web-site at www.nh.gov/nhsl/moose.html for further information.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Preservation Assistance Grants for Small Institutions: Grants awarded in NH from 2003-2005. Check the program

guidelines at neh.gov/grants/guidelines. See if they are a good fit for your institution:

2003 Crotched Mountain Foundation, Greenfield, NH \$5,000

Attending a "Managing Preservation" workshop, as well as the preservation assessment and purchase of environmental monitoring equipment, shelving, and storage supplies to care for the archives of a foundation that document charitable services to disabled children and adults in New Hampshire during the 20th century. (18 months)

2004 Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH \$5,000

The purchase of rehousing supplies, disaster supplies, and storage furniture for the collections of the college archives, which consists of family, town, and county records dating from 1790 to 1970. (18 months)

2005 New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society, Manchester, NH Outright: \$3,810

A preservation assessment of artifacts, art, and archives related to the history of aviation in New Hampshire. (18 months)

2005 New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH \$4,891

A conservation assessment of 2,500 19th century broadsides in preparation for an exhibition. (18 months)

2005 New Hampshire State Library, Concord, NH \$5,000

A conservation assessment of the state library's New Hampshire and New England map and atlas collection from the 18th and 19th centuries, and the purchase of storage furniture and preservation supplies. (18 months)

New Hampshire Archives Group Membership Renewal (2006-2007)

Membership in NHAG runs from June 1st through May31st.

We hope you will continue to support the mission of NHAG and participate in our efforts with your membership renewal. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Name: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail address: _____

Individual Dues (\$10) _____ Institutional Dues (\$15) _____

Please make checks payable to New Hampshire Archives Group and mail to:
New Hampshire Archives Group
Elizabeth Slomba
Milne Special Collections
University of New Hampshire
18 Library Way
Durham, NH 03824-3592

The Inventory
Betsy Hamlin-Morin
44 Old Fort Lane
Dunbarton, NH 03046

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED