

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ARCHIVES GROUP

### Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting - September 9, 1998

The Executive Committee met at the State Archives Building. **Present:** Peter Parker (President), Joan Bishop, John Harris and Nancy Merrill. **Absent:** Alan Rumrill, Rob Stephenson and Sherry Wilding-White.

The President called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. **Minutes** of the annual meeting on May 13, 1998, were approved as circulated.

The President reported the resignation from the Committee of **Tom House**, who is leaving UNH for a position at the Ohio Historical Society. Tom recommended **Mylynda Woodward** as a replacement. It was agreed that the President will ask Ms. Woodward to join the Committee for the unexpired portion of Tom House's term.

As agreed at the last Committee meeting (April 8, 1998), the President has asked **Ann Ostendarp** and **Betsy Hamlin-Morin** to join the Committee. Ann has declined. Betsy questioned whether she would be an appropriate addition, since she is leaving her job as manuscripts curator at the New Hampshire Historical Society. The Committee felt, however, that she would still be a valuable addition, and the President will ask her again. It was also agreed that a historically-minded town clerk would be a good person to have on this Committee.

The President has arranged the **Fall meeting** for Wednesday, October 14, at the Portsmouth Athenæum. The themes will be genealogy and local history. The program will be as follows:

Morning: Coffee & registration

Tom Kemp, Librarian at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will be the keynote speaker. His topic, as yet untitled, will be the care and feeding of genealogists.

A panel on ethnic and minority genealogy will follow, composed of:

Martha Jebb, a librarian at the Athenæum,  
Elbert Hamill, President of the Canadian-American Genealogical Society in Manchester, and  
A Jewish genealogist (or failing that, a staff member from Strawberry Banke)

Lunch - one hour. It was agreed that in a place like Portsmouth there was no need to recommend restaurants.

Afternoon: Lynn Aber, Director of the Athenæum, perhaps joined by John Mayer, formally Director of the Manchester History Association and now at Strawberry Banke, will talk on preserving local history.

The meeting will adjourn at 2:30 or 3:00 p.m.

A site and topic for the **Spring meeting** were discussed, one possibility being a program on photographs at Plymouth State College, centered on the College's collection of Brown Co. photographs. It was suggested that the idea of a joint meeting with the Town Clerks' Association be revived for the Fall of 1999. Other groups mentioned to whom NHAG might reach out were Registers

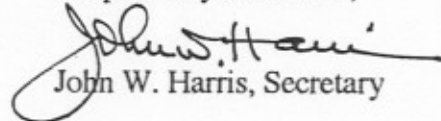
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of Deeds, Registers of Probate and surveyors. It was noted that Brian Burford, of the State Archives, is also President of the N.H. Surveyors' Association.

A **Nominating Committee** was appointed, consisting of the President (Peter Parker), the President-elect (Alan Rumrill) and Joan Bishop. They will nominate a Vice-President, a Secretary / Treasurer \* and one member-at-large of the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John W. Harris, Secretary

\* [Secretary's note: Under the by-laws the present Secretary /Treasurer, having served two two-year terms, is precluded from re-election.]