

Campton Historical Society

Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00

"The Yankee Peddler in Early America"

Presented by: Calvin Knickerbocker

From the mid-1600s in New England to the rise of the automobile after WWI, peddlers were a major factor in getting items to remote locations. First travelling with backpacks, later with carts, and finally with large wagons, the peddler not only brought needed goods to the frontier, but served as a source of news and brought back information on what locations were good ones for people on the move to select as a new home. There were general peddlers and many who specialized, including tailors, cobblers, artists, etc. The presentation will include where they went, how they travelled, how were they paid, who became a peddler, where did they stay while on the road, how were they viewed, what ended most peddling, and more!

I am an electrical engineer by training, graduating from Union College, Schenectady, NY in 1957 as class valedictorian. I spent the next 30 years with IBM's marketing divisions (in Schenectady, NY; Poughkeepsie, NY; Bethlehem, PA; and Dallas, TX). Nearly 20 of those years were spent in education, 16 managing education programs. Following that, I taught presentation skills and business writing at the University of Texas, Dallas, TX for four years. My wife of 59 years, Barbara, and I moved to Nashua, NH in 1998.

Special Events:



The presentation will be at the Old Town Hall in Campton, which is handicap accessible, and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Society, check our web site at www.camptonhistorical.org



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