

# Campton Historical Society

SPRING 2008

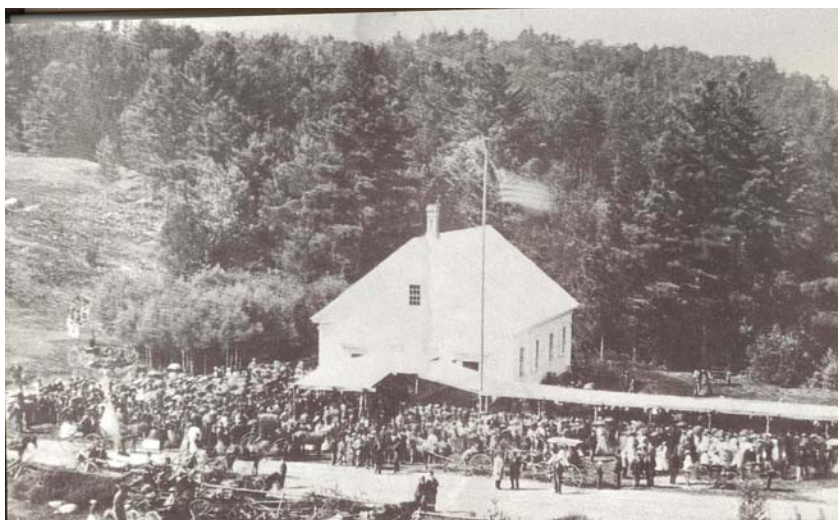
## Town House and Grange Memories

Do you have memories or photographs to share about the Town House and Grange? I will present in November, "Campton Town House and Grange: Then and Now." I am in search of your memories or photographs of the Town House and Grange. Please contact Julie Quesnell at 726-8820 or [jaquesnell@roadrunner.com](mailto:jaquesnell@roadrunner.com). To jog your memory, here are a few questions to think about:

What was town meeting day like?

What was a grange lunch or dinner like?

Were there plays or presentations on the stage?



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Music in the Spring

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Concert at 7:30 p.m. featuring

**Susie Burke and David Surette**

(Check them out at [www.burkesurette.com](http://www.burkesurette.com))

Admission \$10 per person - \$8 for paid CHS members

Ham and Bean Supper 6:15 p.m.

\$6 Adult, \$3 Children under 12, or \$15 per Family

**The supper and concert are limited seating events.**

Advance purchase is recommended by calling 726-3813

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# Would you like to be a Docent?

**“BE A DOCENT!**  
*It is a fun and rewarding way to help your Campton Historical Society.”*

**One of our missions is to make our artifacts, documents, and other information available to others.**

One of the ways we can do this is to be open and staffed on more days for more hours. We are hoping to do this every Saturday from mid-May to Columbus Day weekend, and more if possible. Hours would be 11 to 3, in two-hour shifts. But we need more people to help us accomplish this.

If you can donate 2 hours at least once a

month, please contact our Curator, Walt Stockwell, at 726-3813, or by e-mail to [flagman13@roadrunner.com](mailto:flagman13@roadrunner.com).

We will have a 1-2 hour training session on a weekday evening, or on a Saturday morning in the spring. This will give you a detailed explanation of our collections, and our activities, and the story of our historic Town House and adjacent buildings. Those of us who have done this get to meet people from many places, and to share our wonderful heritage with them..

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## Campton Oral History Project

The Campton Oral History Project is currently underway. Our first interviewee for the project is Lester Mitchell. We have met at least three times and will meet again to continue to learn about Campton and Lester. The next step is to transcribe all the interviews. If any member is interested in becoming a part of the Campton Oral History Project, please contact Julie Quesnell at 726-8820 or [jaquesnell@roadrunner.com](mailto:jaquesnell@roadrunner.com). This would include being interviewed, interviewing other residents of Campton, or transcribing the interviews. There will be a presentation about the oral history project at Heritage Day 2008.

### CAMPTON TRIVIA

Our town boundaries were not always as they are today. In 1855, as part of debts owed, Campton purchased a plot of land from Thornton. And in 1860, Campton transferred a farm lot to Plymouth as a result of a petition.

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## CAMPTON TRIVIA

The first telephone service was in 1886.  
The dial telephone came in 1952.  
Direct dialing arrived in 1967.

### 2008 Calendar of Events

Sat. 4/19	Antique Appraisal Day 9:30 - Noon
Mon. 4/21	Program - Susannah Johnson - An English Captive among the Abenaki and French. - Presented by Marcia Schmidt Blaine
Mon. 5/19	Program - Better than a Poke In The Eye - Speaker Rebecca Rule
Sat. 6/7	Concert featuring Susie Burke and David Surette, plus Ham and Bean Supper
Mon. 6/16	Program - A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story - Living History presented by Sharon Wood
Mon. 7/21	Program - Covered Bridges of New Hampshire - Speaker Glenn A. Knoblock
Sat. 7/26	Leah Gray Picnic and Tours
Sat. 8/12	Bus Trip - watch for mailing and newspaper articles for further details.
Mon. 8/18	Program - Civil War Stories and Artifacts from Leonard J. Nyberg
Sat. 9/13	Heritage Day and Silent Auction
Mon. 9/22	Program - A Woman that Keeps Good Orders: Women, Tavern Keeping, and Public Approval - Speaker Marcia Schmidt Blaine
Mon. 10/20	Program - to be announced
Mon. 11/17	Annual Meeting and election of officers Program - to be announced
December	No program meeting

*Note: programs and events could change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

*Check our web site at [camptonhistorical.org](http://camptonhistorical.org) for updates*

## CAMPTON TRIVIA

Did you know that Campton had 2 MICA Mines during the 1940's? To see where, and how the mica was used, visit our exhibit at the Old Town House.

## CAMPTON TRIVIA

Did you know that in 1895, the Selectmen entered into an agreement to lease land for a Lobby for the town? WHAT IS THAT? Simply the old name for a jail!

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## In Memory of David Dearborn

This past winter we lost a past president and active member of Campton Historical Society. His presence will be missed and the front left of the hall will have a void during program nights. Here are a few reminiscences of Dave by Jessica and Ian Halm. Please send us your memories so we can add them to his legacy.

- \* Dave's love of steam engines and his infamous steam engine shows helped put Campton on the map (well, at least among other steam engine buffs).
- \* Dave and Jacquie's home was like an historical museum itself, with so many unique antiques, and Dave's charismatic explanation of each one.
- \* Dave would have been an excellent candidate to interview for the oral history project, and his untimely death makes the importance of this project really hit home.
- \* Dave was always wanting to share his knowledge and love of steam engines. He often remarked how he wished a youngster (or two or more!) would stop by and "apprentice" with him.
- \* Dave was a skilled machinist. He could fix anything, and more importantly, he had the patience to do so!
- \* The best days in Campton were marked by seeing Dave and Jacquie driving around in their 1909 Jackson Model H Touring Car.
- \* Dave was one of the nicest and most tender-hearted crotchety ol' fellas we've ever known!

