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A complete audited financial report for the New Hampshire Historical Society's 2016 fiscal year is available at nhhistory.org or by contacting Director of Finance Ann-Marie Miller at 603-856-0602.

Cover: In this hand-colored photograph titled "Kearsarge & Bartlett Intervale," Charles H. Sawyer (1868–1954) of Concord captured a view of apple trees in bloom below Mount Kearsarge North. The image is one of 70 photographs from a two-volume set that the Society purchased from Sawyer in 1928 and recently digitized. The entire set is now available for viewing via the Society's online collections catalog.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I cannot begin this column without offering my heartfelt thanks to all of you, our members and donors, for your generosity. The Society would not be approaching its 200th birthday without the ongoing philanthropy and interest of our members and friends down through the years.

The past year was eventful. We opened beautiful new gallery space, the Governor John McLane Gallery, on our second floor. This gallery is devoted to the display of paintings from our fine collection of White Mountain landscape art. Its opening exhibition, *White*

Mountains in the Parlor: The Art of Bringing Nature Indoors, displays 36 landscape paintings from our permanent collection—if you have not yet seen it, I commend it to you. At the opposite end of our upper level, in the main gallery, the popular exhibition *Discovering New Hampshire* continues to delight and inform adult and school audiences.

Speaking of school-age audiences, this past year once again the Society presented its educational programming on New Hampshire history to more than 10,000 young people. In addition, last fall we received foundation grants to underwrite the development of a refreshed New Hampshire history curriculum. This will update the widely admired history curriculum created by the Society in the 1990s and will be made available to schools throughout the state.

Revitalizing the curriculum is part of a broader initiative we have undertaken with partner organizations to address the issue of history and civics literacy. Our concerns are prompted by the precipitous decline in historical knowledge that we have observed among our student visitors over the past few years. Many students on school field trips to the Society do not know what country America fought against during the Revolutionary War; in fact, they cannot list in correct chronological order the American Revolution, the Civil War, and World War II. There has been a gradual crowding out of classroom time and attention devoted to social studies, history, and civics, due in part to the demands of "No Child Left Behind" and other similar educational reforms.

To help address this growing crisis, we have been meeting during the past year with other organizations who share our concern—the New Hampshire Bar Association, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education, New Hampshire Humanities, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the State Board of Education—to see what can be done. My expectation is that the Society will play a leading role in the plans that emerge. Our board of trustees will be considering recommendations from our staff in the near future, and I look forward to sharing the resulting plan with our membership.

Collaboration has been a theme in other areas of the Society's work as well. We continued to expand the number of New Hampshire History Network partners and to increase the number of collection items featured in the Network. A jointly sponsored trip with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance last fall introduced members to Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals, a destination with a rich history in a delightful setting. And, as always, our full slate of public programs included author talks, collection highlights talks, our annual spring lecture series, and workshops for genealogists and those working with local historical societies.

Each year we build our collections in interesting and important ways. In fiscal year 2016 we added 197 museum objects, 169 books and pamphlets, and 119 archival collections and items. Some noteworthy examples include an assortment of memorabilia from Salem's Rockingham Park, the celebrated racetrack that had its heyday in the mid-1900s; the Civil War chapeau-de-bras (uniform hat), epaulets, and saber sling of Portsmouth's General Fitz-John Porter; and a Boston and Maine Railroad time recording clock, an object that helps tell the story of the railroad in the early 1900s.

Our collections have been entrusted to us in perpetuity. When items come to us, their care involves cataloging and documentation, as well as safe storage in a climate-controlled environment. Often, care also involves conservation: the process of stabilizing, repairing, and restoring items that may have come to us in a compromised condition. One such conservation project during the past year was that of a ship's passport granted to the schooner *Almira* of Portsmouth, signed by President Thomas Jefferson and Secretary of State James Madison. The passport was donated by Society member Edith Tucker, who also contributed funds to conserve the document. Conservation treatment included humidification to flatten the document, the repair of tears and holes, and extensive cleaning.

All of the activity described above costs money, and I am pleased to report that the Society's financial base remains strong. In the 2016 fiscal year we had revenues of \$1,702,677 and expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$1,743,341, producing a modest operating deficit of \$40,664. Our results were helped by investment gains in our endowment and higher rental income from our commercial real estate, and were hurt by lower revenues from gifts, grants, and fundraising. Generally our operating expenses were well controlled. We received a "clean opinion" from our outside auditors again this year. Anyone interested in looking at our financials in more detail can find them posted on our website.

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In 2016 the Society completed a two-year project to research, catalog, and produce high-quality digital images of more than 1,700 items in the textile collection. The initiative, funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, enabled staff members to reexamine collection objects in order to build knowledge about the items and to set priorities for their ongoing care and conservation. Resulting information about samplers, flags, banners, and quilts is now accessible through the Society's online collections catalog, as are the accompanying images.

At left, an 1884 quilt made by Abigail Ederly Cotton (1807–93) of Holderness incorporates a variety of materials and techniques (including embroidered, appliquéd, painted, and woven designs). New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of the Morrison family.

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The Society's educational programming reaches more than 10,000 students annually. This work has become more critical in recent years, as the Society's teachers have observed a decline in civics, social studies, and history literacy. This year the Society initiated collaborations with a number of statewide organizations that share its commitment to providing resources and training to New Hampshire educators within these fields.



In 2016 the Society purchased this undated label for Amoskeag Plaid Cheviot fabric produced by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. The printed paper label features an image of two people working at a mill and the Latin phrase “Labor, Omnia, Vincit,” which translates to “Work conquers all.”

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This year, thanks to generous campaign support, the Society opened the new Governor John McLane Gallery. The gallery's inaugural exhibition, *White Mountains in the Parlor: The Art of Bringing Nature Indoors*, remains on view at our flagship building, 30 Park Street, in Concord.



The Society lent 17 items to the Currier Museum of Art for its exhibition *Mount Washington: The Crown of New England*, making this our largest loan of collection objects in 2016. The items included works by Benjamin Champney (1817–1907), Thomas Doughty (1791–1856), and John Denison Crocker (1822–1907). Other loaned objects included the Society's recently conserved register for visitors to the Mount Washington Summit House, which contains the signature of artist Albert Bierstadt (1830–1902), and the plate pictured at left, manufactured by William Adams Sons in Staffordshire, England, c. 1831, featuring an image of Mount Washington as seen from Conway. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of Martha E. Durgin.

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The Edward & Julia Tuck Society honors the legacy of Edward Tuck (1842–1938) and his wife, Julia (1850–1928), who helped ensure the Society's long-term stability by establishing its endowment and creating its landmark Park Street building. Members of the Edward & Julia Tuck Society continue to serve that legacy, leaving their own mark on the Society's history. These watercolor portraits, painted in 1895 and attributed to Elizabeth Gardner Bouguereau (1837–1922), were a gift to the Society from the Tucks' grand-nephew. New Hampshire Historical Society, gift of S. LeRoy French.

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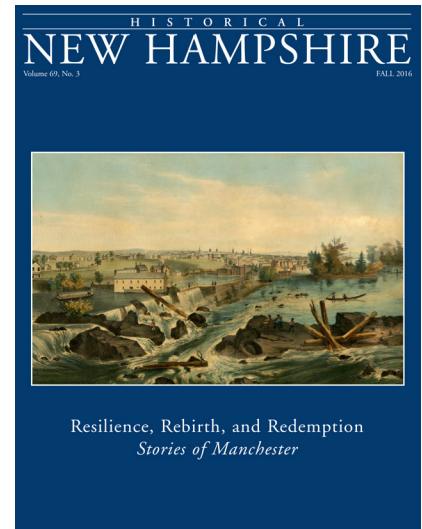


The Better Farming Train toured New England in 1906 to promote better agricultural practices. More than 50,000 people gathered at train stops to see exhibitions and hear brief talks and demonstrations given by accompanying experts. Purchased for the Society in 2016 with support from the Katharine Prentis Murphy Fund, this oil-on-cardboard sign was posted on the train and was likely hand-painted and hand-lettered by a worker in one of the car shops of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

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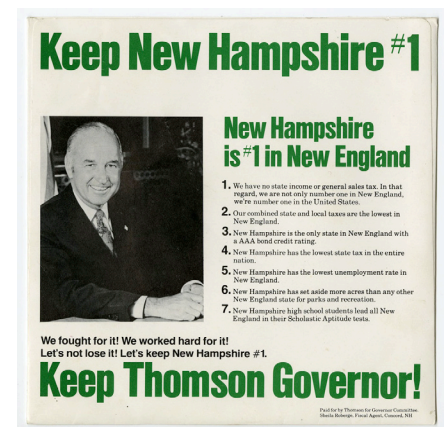
Images of dozens of the Society's objects and photographs, including this stereograph of President Ulysses Grant (1822–85) visiting Mount Washington, are featured in a new exhibit on the history of the Mount Washington Cog Railway, on display at its headquarters in Bretton Woods. In this image taken by S. F. Adams on August 27, 1869, Grant and his wife, Julia Dent Grant (1826–1902), are seated center front, with their daughter, Nellie, seated before them and son Jesse leaning on his father's left arm. Also in the group are several other persons of note, including New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Ira Perley (1799–1874), U.S. Senator George Gilman Fogg (1813–81), and New Hampshire Governor Onslow Stearns (1810–78).

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2016 Total	2015 Total
REVENUES					
Contributed support					
Contributions and memberships	\$ 249,747	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,747	\$ 264,652
Grants, gifts, and fundraising	-	28,964	17,779	46,743	985,665
Contributed goods and services	20,571	-	-	20,571	31,181
<i>Total contributed support</i>	270,318	28,964	17,779	317,061	1,281,498
Earned revenues					
Earned income and special events	93,304	-	-	93,304	70,188
Rental income	529,195	-	-	529,195	385,571
<i>Total earned revenues</i>	622,499	-	-	622,499	455,759
Investment income					
Kimball Trust, Watson Trust, and Hubbard Trust income	129,729	-	-	129,729	94,171
Other investment income	130	-	-	130	206
Endowment spending draw in accordance with spending policy	329,140	304,118	-	633,258	574,084
Additional draw from board-designated funds	-	-	-	-	556,512
Release of current-year endowment draw for satisfaction of program restrictions	287,998	(287,998)	-	-	-
<i>Total investment income</i>	746,997	16,120	-	763,117	1,224,973
TOTAL REVENUES	1,639,814	45,084	17,779	1,702,677	2,962,230
Net assets released from restrictions:					
For satisfaction of program restrictions	129,677	(129,677)	-	-	-
EXPENSES					
Program service expenses					
Museum	231,421	-	-	231,421	231,710
Education, exhibitions, and publications	258,467	-	-	258,467	226,921
Library	281,403	-	-	281,403	256,821
Museum store and visitor services	4,776	-	-	4,776	18,158
Buildings, grounds, and security	39,266	-	-	39,266	33,389
<i>Total program service expenses</i>	815,333	-	-	815,333	766,999
Library and museum collection items acquired by purchase	78,942	-	-	78,942	46,816
Supporting services and general expenses					
Membership, development, and public relations	292,654	-	-	292,654	203,180
Administration	217,988	-	-	217,988	188,239
Depreciation expense from operations	370,306	-	-	370,306	169,063
<i>Total supporting services and general expenses</i>	880,948	-	-	880,948	560,482
Rental expenses, including depreciation of \$44,756	383,180	-	-	383,180	375,322
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,158,403	-	-	2,158,403	1,749,619
<i>Increase (decrease) in net assets from operating activities</i>	<i>(388,912)</i>	<i>(84,593)</i>	<i>17,779</i>	<i>(455,726)</i>	<i>1,212,611</i>
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Capital campaign					
Capital campaign contributions	-	101,330	-	101,330	477,146
Capital campaign expenses (project-related and fundraising)	(247,754)	-	-	(247,754)	(560,643)
Net assets released from restrictions for capital campaign expenses and reclassification of donor gift	816,071	(814,985)	(1,086)	-	-
<i>Net capital campaign</i>	568,317	(713,655)	(1,086)	(146,424)	(83,497)
Investment return					
Realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	326,695	398,149	-	724,844	(910,430)
Investment expenses	(24,406)	(32,422)	-	(56,828)	(62,983)
Investment income, actual dividends and interest	201,087	236,509	-	437,596	581,127
Change in present value of charitable remainder unitrust	-	(43,888)	-	(43,888)	(9,438)
Change in value of beneficial interest in a trust	-	-	9,406	9,406	(93,406)
<i>Total investment return</i>	503,376	558,348	9,406	1,071,130	(495,130)
Less endowment spending draw	(329,140)	(304,118)	-	(633,258)	(574,084)
Less additional draw from board-designated funds	-	-	-	-	(556,512)
<i>Total investment draw</i>	(329,140)	(304,118)	-	(633,258)	(1,130,596)
<i>Increase (decrease) in net assets from non-operating activities</i>	<i>742,553</i>	<i>(459,425)</i>	<i>8,320</i>	<i>291,448</i>	<i>(1,709,223)</i>
<i>Increase (decrease) in net assets</i>	<i>353,641</i>	<i>(544,018)</i>	<i>26,099</i>	<i>(164,278)</i>	<i>(496,612)</i>
Net assets, beginning of year	11,325,007	3,443,958	6,149,480	20,918,445	21,415,057
Net assets, end of year	\$ 11,678,648	\$ 2,899,940	\$ 6,175,579	\$ 20,754,167	\$ 20,918,445