

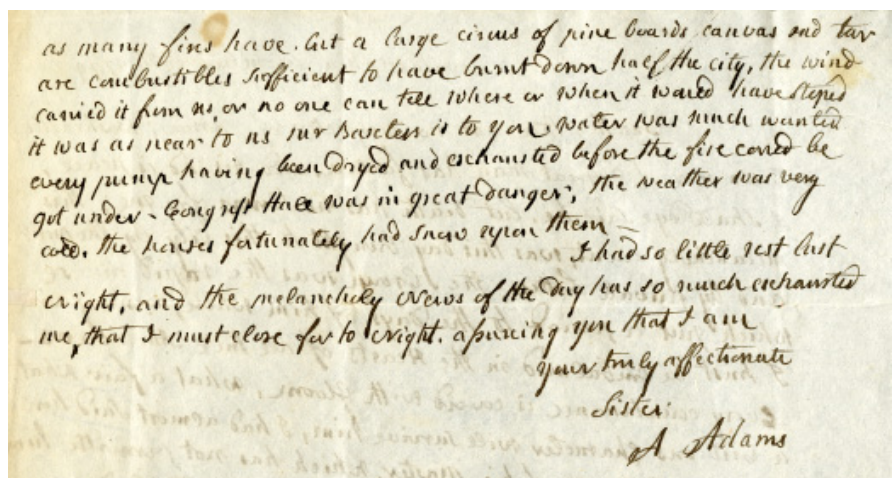
particular; and was very successful in preserving and rescuing from destruction old papers and memorials of past time.” Sarah Hibbard was the daughter of Salma Hale of Keene, one of the earliest members of the Society and its president from 1830 to 1832.

The Hibbard Collection holds many interesting pieces of correspondence written by and to New Hampshire citizens. Among the more outstanding items are an 1818 letter from Thomas Jefferson to Salma Hale wherein Jefferson states his thoughts regarding Calvinism and faith and a 1799 letter written by Abigail Adams to her sister relating the news of George Washington’s death.

A finding aid to the Hibbard Collection is available on the Society’s website (nhhistory.org), and images and transcriptions of the Jefferson and Adams letters will be accessible this fall in the new online collections catalog.

MAKING COLLECTIONS MORE ACCESSIBLE

One of the most exciting aspects of making catalog records and digital images available online is that many more people throughout New Hampshire and the world will learn about and have access to the Society’s collections. This is especially true for some of the Society’s less well-known treasures. A case in point is the Hibbard Collection, created by Sarah King (Hale) Hibbard (Mrs. Harry) of Bath and donated to the Society in 1881 by her brother George S. Hale of Boston. At the time of her death in 1879, she was described as having been “for several years interested in the study of history, and that of her own state in



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A key part of the Society's energy efficiency plan involves the building's 11 skylights covering 40 percent of the roof area. The objectives are to eliminate light that is damaging to the collections, better manage temperature levels (also to benefit the collections), and reduce heating and air conditioning expense. These benefits will be achieved by constructing within each skylight a barrier that is invisible from the exterior and interior of the building. New LED lighting, installed in each skylight, will mimic natural light.

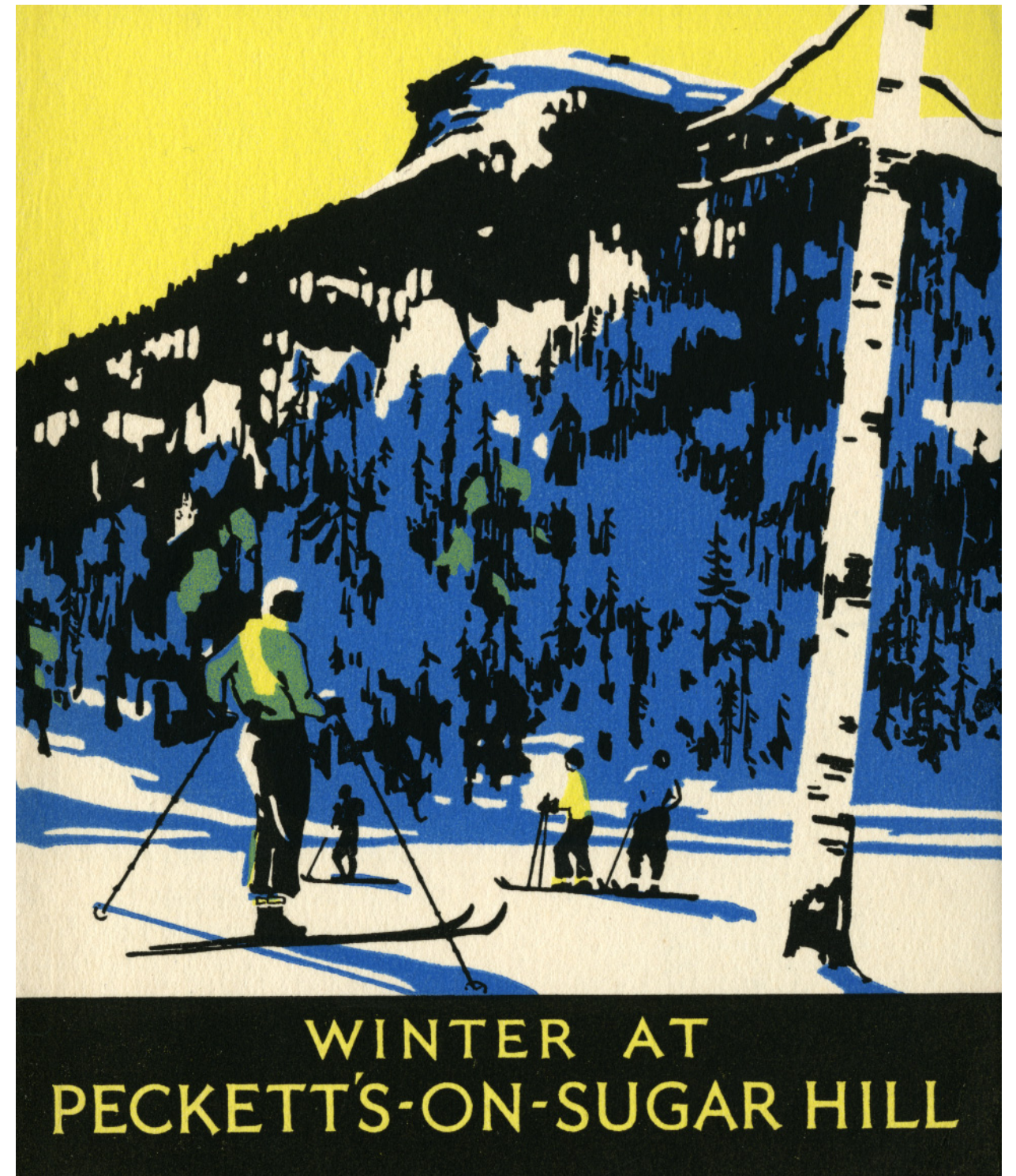
PRESERVING COLLECTIONS AND SAVING ENERGY

If you've stopped by the Society's Park Street headquarters lately, you've surely seen the parking lot full of trucks and a myriad of workers in and around the building, including HVAC engineers, plumbers, lighting designers, electricians, and painters—all coordinated by Milestone Engineering and Construction. You also may have seen a large crane in the parking lot used by roofing crews to work on the building's skylights. All of this activity, made possible by funds raised through the capital campaign, will better protect the collections and improve the building's energy efficiency and heating and cooling systems. The upgrades, designed to be invisible to the eye and respectful of the building's historic fabric, are expected to result in a 50 percent reduction in the Society's annual energy costs and a 75 percent reduction in our carbon footprint.



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2014 Annual Report

A complete audited financial report for the New Hampshire Historical Society's 2014 fiscal year is available at nhhistory.org or by contacting the Society's Director of Finance Ann-Marie Miller at 603-856-0602.

Cover: Promotional brochure for Peckett's-on-Sugar Hill, undated. Gift of Patricia S. Meyers, in memory of Mary Carpenter Manning.

Touting the beauty of winter, the exhilaration of winter sports, and a location "on the great slope of Sugar Hill . . . with a panorama of the ever-changing Presidential and Franconia ranges," Peckett's-on-Sugar Hill, which helped popularize skiing in the 1930s, lured guests with the promise: "Here, if you seek rest, you'll find it. There's peace in the hills, a quiet, never-ending delight in their snow-blanketed beauty, in the loveliness of the blue skies and the changing colors on the unbroken snow. There's health in the crisp, invigorating air. Hours of comfort indoors by the crackling fireplaces—hours of companionable ease, reading and playing. Nights of deep unbroken sleep under the frosty stars."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is my pleasure to report that the Society had another eventful and successful year.

We closed fiscal year 2014 with total net assets of \$21,415,057, an increase of \$2.4 million over the prior year. This increase was largely the result of two factors: favorable investment results for our endowment funds and the continued success of our capital campaign. During the year capital campaign gifts and pledges totaled nearly \$1.8 million. This generosity is extraordinary, and we are humbled by it. Noteworthy campaign successes

were grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and LCHIP (the state's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program).

As always, there are nuances behind the numbers. Despite the healthy increase in net assets our annual operating budget remained tight, consistent with the experience of recent years. As usual we are intent on managing our expenses as closely as possible, and I am pleased to report last year's operating expenses were modestly reduced versus the year before. Yet we were able to maintain programs at prior levels.

The heart of the Society is the collection, and last year we added 215 museum objects, 107 books and pamphlets, and 109 archival collections (including manuscripts, photographs, and ephemera). These materials add to our capacity to preserve and share the history of our state. While it is difficult to single out specific acquisitions, a few deserve mention.

Notable additions include a Franklin Pierce peace medal, generously acquired for the Society by trustee Q. David Bowers, and 105 drawings by White Mountain artist Benjamin Champney, funded through the generosity of 17 individual donors. The Society purchased at auction paintings and prints from the Sawtelle Collection, a private collection which helped document the maritime history of Portsmouth and the Piscataqua River region. The papers of Nathaniel and Armenia S. White, which chronicle the activities of a prominent Concord family, including their participation in abolition, temperance, and women's suffrage movements, were donated by family members of late trustee Stephen W. Winship, a White descendent. The family also has provided funds to catalog and digitize the papers to make them available online.

Our education programs once again thrived, as we served a total of 16,261 elementary students from 291 schools in group visits or classroom outreach programs. Our Advanced Placement Conference for U.S. History, held annually in March, was attended by 152 high school students. And our spring history course, *Eyewitness to History: First Person Accounts*, featured eight prominent New Hampshire people sharing recollections of their roles in important public events over recent decades.

Last year we closed the galleries at the Hamel Center in Eagle Square and began the transition to make our Park Street building the public hub for exhibitions and educational programs. The Hamel Center continues to serve as our primary facility for museum collections management, and a portion of the building, designated for commercial rental, will generate additional revenue for the Society beginning in fiscal year 2016.

As of this writing the capital campaign, led by trustees Bill Veillette and Kurt Swenson, has raised \$6.6 million from our members, trustees, staff, volunteers, corporate donors, and foundations. The campaign is underwriting key priorities: digitization of the Society's collections to make them more widely available; implementation of the online New Hampshire History Network to facilitate sharing of collections by local historical societies around the state; additions to endowment; installation of new exhibitions; and climate control and energy efficiency renovations at our Park Street headquarters to help preserve both the building and the irreplaceable collections housed here. Since the start of the campaign in September 2011 my references to these goals have been made mostly in the future tense, so it is very gratifying now to be able to report that the projects are fully underway. All will be completed by calendar year-end.

On-site work for the climate control and energy efficiency renovations commenced in March. At the outset the archival collections were sealed for their protection, exhibitions were removed, and office areas relocated. Demolition of the old infrastructure (ductwork, air-handling equipment, steam piping, etc.) marked the beginning of the construction. As construction concludes, new exhibitions will be installed and opened this fall.

Development of the New Hampshire History Network, a project of bits and bytes rather than bricks and mortar, is nearing completion after more than two years of work. It is exciting to be seeing actual web-page designs and formatting on a computer screen. We are grateful to the ten local historical societies that are the network's initial participating organizations for their enthusiasm and commitment.

From the beginning a key component of the capital campaign has been the goal to secure \$2 million in new additions to our endowment. Helping us to meet this goal was former trustee Stanley A. Hamel's substantial bequest. As the Society's longtime treasurer and someone who took the long view, Stanley understood the importance of the endowment to the Society's strength and stability. Due largely to Stanley's foresight and generosity, this campaign goal has been met.

Thanks to thoughtful planning, the generosity of members and donors, and the efforts of staff, trustees, and volunteers, the Society's ability to fulfill its mission is greatly strengthened. On behalf of the Society, our profound thanks to all of you for your contributions and support.

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The Society's annual Advanced Placement Conference for U.S. History provides high school students with an opportunity to meet together for a day of presentations and activities using primary sources. Last year's conference was funded, in part, by EdvestinU and the Society's John L. Frisbee Education Fund.



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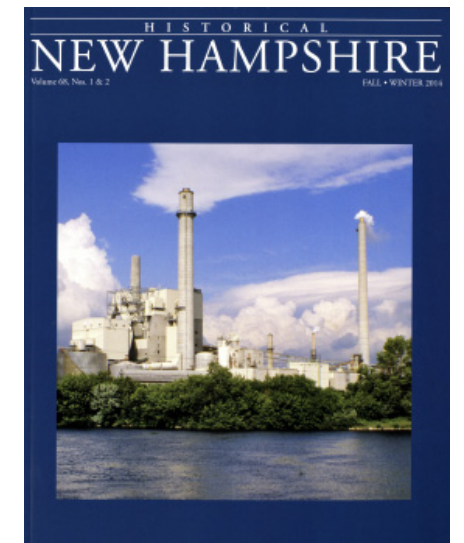
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2014 Total	2013 Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
REVENUES					
Contributed support					
Contributions and memberships	\$ 319,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 319,912	\$ 305,157
Grants, gifts, and fundraising	73,897	7,451	834,062	915,410	855,390
Contributed goods and services	18,773	-	-	18,773	12,155
<i>Total contributed support</i>	412,582	7,451	834,062	1,254,095	1,172,702
Earned revenues					
Earned income and special events	137,942	-	-	137,942	176,337
Rental income	371,612	-	-	371,612	542,181
<i>Total earned revenues</i>	509,554	-	-	509,554	718,518
Investment income					
Kimball Trust and Watson Trust income	88,063	-	-	88,063	80,704
Other investment income	331	-	-	331	133
Endowment spending draw in accordance with investment policy	291,939	240,264	-	532,203	473,928
Release of endowment draw for satisfaction of program restrictions	178,277	(178,277)	-	-	-
<i>Total investment income</i>	558,610	61,987	-	620,597	554,765
TOTAL REVENUES	1,480,746	69,438	834,062	2,384,246	2,445,985
Net assets released from restrictions:					
For satisfaction of program restrictions	20,952	(20,952)	-	-	-
EXPENSES					
Program service expenses					
Museum	187,905	-	-	187,905	231,561
Library	276,285	-	-	276,285	282,727
Education, exhibitions, and publications	355,168	-	-	355,168	348,418
Museum store and visitor services	65,553	-	-	65,553	97,010
Buildings, grounds, and security	25,131	-	-	25,131	27,763
<i>Total program service expenses</i>	910,042	-	-	910,042	987,479
Library and museum collection items acquired by purchase	102,180	-	-	102,180	72,799
Supporting services and general expenses					
Membership, development, and public relations	228,801	-	-	228,801	326,090
Administration	172,222	-	-	172,222	187,692
Depreciation expense from operations	192,872	-	-	192,872	191,441
<i>Total supporting services and general expenses</i>	593,895	-	-	593,895	705,223
Rental expenses, including depreciation of \$44,398	337,313	-	-	337,313	370,689
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,943,430	-	-	1,943,430	2,136,190
<i>Increase (decrease) in net assets from operating activities</i>	<i>(441,732)</i>	<i>48,486</i>	<i>834,062</i>	<i>440,816</i>	<i>309,795</i>
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Capital campaign					
Capital campaign contributions	-	1,769,478	27,845	1,797,323	818,907
Capital campaign expenses (project-related and fundraising)	(461,625)	(11,789)	-	(473,414)	(259,038)
Reclassification of donor restriction	-	100,000	(100,000)	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions for capital campaign expenses	514,422	(514,422)	-	-	-
<i>Net capital campaign</i>	52,797	1,343,267	(72,155)	1,323,909	559,869
Investment return					
Realized and unrealized investment gains	147,996	168,721	-	316,717	1,023,028
Investment expenses	(26,563)	(30,061)	-	(56,624)	(25,169)
Investment income, actual dividends and interest	470,732	415,673	-	886,405	469,816
Change in present value of charitable remainder unitrust	-	(45,372)	-	(45,372)	-
Change in value of beneficial interest in a trust	-	-	94,802	94,802	209,017
<i>Total investment return</i>	592,165	508,961	94,802	1,195,928	1,676,692
Less endowment spending draw	(291,939)	(240,264)	-	(532,203)	(473,928)
<i>Increase in net assets from non-operating activities</i>	<i>353,023</i>	<i>1,611,964</i>	<i>22,647</i>	<i>1,987,634</i>	<i>1,762,633</i>
<i>Increase (decrease) in net assets</i>	<i>(88,709)</i>	<i>1,660,450</i>	<i>856,709</i>	<i>2,428,450</i>	<i>2,072,428</i>
Net assets, beginning of year	10,609,876	3,879,161	4,497,570	18,986,607	16,914,179
Net assets, end of year	\$ 10,521,167	\$ 5,539,611	\$ 5,354,279	\$ 21,415,057	\$ 18,986,607

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Tom Fisk of Concord is the Society’s 2015 Volunteer of the Year. Tom is a man of many talents and interests, most notably music, teaching, history, and meeting people. He was the music teacher at Merrimack Middle School, retiring in 2009, and also served as the Commander for the 39th Army Band for the National Guard.

Tom began volunteering at the Society as a museum docent in 2009. He says he loves meeting people and often learns something new from visitors he meets at the Society. He particularly enjoys talking with those who are visiting New Hampshire from other parts of the county and world. In addition to serving as a docent, Tom has added to his volunteer duties by helping to transcribe letters and documents from the archives collection.

In an email to the Society about Tom, a visitor wrote: “My family and I visited the museum and were greeted by a gentleman docent volunteer who treated us just short of the most important people on Earth! He gave us a tour that we will not forget since we’ve never been in a museum where we were treated better. I wanted you to know that not only is your museum a treasure, but so is the gentleman who knows so much about it and enjoys sharing that knowledge.”

We agree. Tom Fisk is a treasure!



PERSONNEL NEWS

Sarah Galligan, a member of the Society’s staff since October 2013, has been promoted to the position of library director. Since joining the staff as projects archivist, Sarah has been responsible for cataloging archival collections, assisting with the development of digital resources, and leading the process to update and expand the Society’s finding aids. In addition to cataloging hundreds of individual manuscripts, maps, and special collections items, Sarah has completed the cataloging of several large and major collections including the papers of John Stark, Josiah Bartlett, Samuel Lane, and Sarah Low. She also serves as a key member of the staff working to redesign the Society’s website, create the New Hampshire History Network, and develop a new and integrated catalog for the Society’s archives, library, and museum collections. As library director, Sarah is a member of the Society’s senior management team, responsible for leading and managing the library and overseeing the development, care, use, and interpretation of printed, manuscript, and special collections materials.

Sarah majored in history at Dartmouth College and holds a master’s degree in library and information science from Simmons College, with a concentration in archives management. Prior to joining the Society she held internships related to archives, special collections, and museum education at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Historic New England, the Museum of Printing, the American Museum of Finance, and the Fells.

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New air conditioning equipment, part of climate control and energy efficiency renovations underway at the Society's Park Street headquarters, became operational in early July. Members of the building renovations team include, from left, Rich Frizzell and Mark Goldstein of Milestone Engineering and Construction, Society President Bill Dunlap, and Society Trustee Jim Garvin. A noted architectural historian and preservation consultant, Jim has been an invaluable resource to project staff, engineers, and construction managers. He also helped write the application to the National Endowment for the Humanities that resulted in a grant of \$350,000 for the project. See related story on page 2.