

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SUMMER

THC celebrated its 70th on August 6 with an elegant Victorian Tea – complete with cucumber sandwiches, scones and clotted cream, and even sugar cubes! We welcomed close to 60 guests. The table hosts pulled their grandmothers' china from the attic, ironed table linens, and arranged flowers. The servers were many and efficient. And despite the heat, Kandie Carle's demonstration of Victorian dress – "From Corset to Gloves" – was both historically accurate and entertaining. It was a party to remember.



Dowsing with Dannie Wasson. Amy Carter on the job.



Folks of all ages joined Grant Prillaman and his draft horse, May, for wagon rides one Sunday afternoon.

UNPICTURED EVENTS

Our ever-popular antique car rides, and Jim Shea's well-attended workshop on fixing old windows.



With her usual flair, Marion Posner explained proper tea party manners a week before our Victorian Tea. Success! No lemon was incorrectly speared, no teacups rudely rattled, no ghastly faux pas uttered - though we may need further coaching on how to pronounce 'scone'.



Quilter Norma Grasse gave a talk and demonstration on basic quilting techniques to a rapt group. Here she whips together nine small squares.



Our annual First Grade visit, in September

UNION HALL, SOUTH TAMWORTH

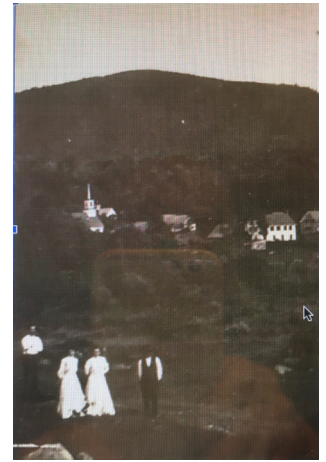
On August 6, 1894, The Union Hall Association was established as a NH Voluntary Corporation. Article I reads: *We agree to associate ourselves together...to promote the causes of Temperance, Religion, Education and Music among ourselves, our associates and successors, and for the general good of the Public.* The signers' last names were Mason, Downs, Boyd, Ames, Perkins, Clough, Kimball, Pettier, Moody, Smith, and Remick.

South Tamworth was a thriving community in 1894. Since its early days, the string of water-powered mills along the rushing Bearcamp had made South Tamworth a center of industry, and 'the South Road' was a busy east-west west route. The Bartlett Rake Factory, founded in the 1850s, exported rakes all over the world, via the Mt. Whittier train station. A sawmill and turning mill operated on Cold Brook above the Village. Upland orchards shipped freight carloads of apples to Boston every fall. The prosperous Perkins Farm raised and traded beef cattle. A general store and grain store supplied basic goods. The Methodist Church was an active center of community life. On Sunday afternoons, the citizens relaxed with brass band concerts up in "Cold River Park", a dramatic section of Cold Brook where they had built rustic bridges and benches, like those at the Shaws' Ossipee Mountain Park in Moultonboro.

Now the residents wanted to build a meeting place where they could gather for civic and church meetings, bean suppers and dances, and musical and theatrical events - home-grown or presented by the many traveling troupes and bands of the day. And so they set out to do so, on a small, central donated lot. They named the building for the American Union confirmed by the recent Civil War.

Since then, "The Hall" has seen continuous use for multiple gatherings and events. In the 1980s a new foundation, updated kitchen, plumbing, heating and safety systems were added. Today the re-energized Union Hall Association is working hard to make improvements so that activities there can again help enrich South Tamworth and the larger community.

View of the Village from a farm field across the Bearcamp, c. 1910. Union Hall at right. R to L: Ern Mason, his wife Leafy, her sister Gert, unknown man.



E.G. Bartlett house overlooking Rake Mill dam, 1906



Bemis School (formerly Bartlett house), 1940. Front row: Phil and Charlie Ames at left, Marilyn Larrabee (later Mayno Evans) and Bob Floyd at right. Priscilla Stacy, later McAdams, behind Phil.

NEXT SUMMER at THC:

We plan a collaboration with the Tamworth Outing Club, the Wonalancet Out Door Club, and the Chocorua Mountain Club. We picture a one-room exhibit on each of their long histories here, and joint programs centered on trails, hiking and related outdoor fun.

NEW AND DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome two new board members.

Jennifer Reed, a longtime South Tamworth seasonal resident, is a retired school librarian; she loves history and is involved with archeology digs in Boston.

Lisa Remick has lived in Tamworth for over 30 years; a recently retired Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent, she has been active with numerous organizations in Tamworth - including THC, a few years back! Both Lisa and Jennifer bring us strong skills and "Tamworthiness" - Welcome!

Sue Stowbridge joined THC as Recording Secretary in January 2016. Since then she has taken meeting minutes, organized our mailing list, coordinated mailings, building and administrative details, housed part of our collection, acted as docent, photographer, Farmers' Market and Tea table host, loaned us her wonderful collection of old games, led activities at KA Brett, and kept us on track in countless generous, organized and far-sighted ways. Now, with two grandchildren in southern Maine, and other interests and responsibilities calling, she is stepping down. With gratitude for her dedication, perspective, and wry humor, we wish her all the best.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

It has been an exciting time to join the venerable community anchor that is the Tamworth History Center! When I started as executive director in the spring, I joined a well-established team of devoted board members working on our many projects and programs. I was impressed to learn about their long-term vision, including the renovation and future plans for the town jewel that is the Hall-Dyer building. At a meeting of area historical societies in Bartlett last spring, I was able to learn from creative neighbors what they are doing to keep history alive in their towns. I was also reminded what a special place Tamworth is, with the collaborative atmosphere of our vibrant downtown, the History Center's rich collection preserved by so many over the years, and the incredible community support we enjoy. I look forward to supporting our continuing community programming and exhibits, and expanding our capacity to preserve and document our many town treasures - and to further opportunities to come together, over tea (or coffee if you prefer!) and share the stories of Tamworth that help us understand where we have come from. I believe understanding these stories can help support our visions of where we want to go!

- Alice Posner

THANKS TO THE FOUNDATION

In September we received the first annual distribution to our Endowment Fund, made possible by the Tamworth Foundation and generous donors. This sum will go to operations this year, allowing us to focus on fund-raising for programming and renovation. Thanks, too, to the Foundation for underwriting the salary of our Executive Director this year. This extraordinary support makes much possible.

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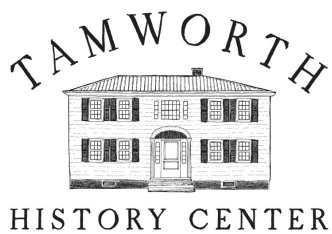
Clotted cream

Alice adds: I love perusing old cookbooks from the 17-1800s, with their inexact and conversational recipes. In this spirit: **A RECIPE for CLOTTED CREAM**, as enjoyed at our August 6 Tea:

Acquire the heaviest cream you can find. Of course Tamworth cows have the best milk, but if you must buy cream from elsewhere, make sure it is not ultra-pasteurized or homogenized. Set your oven to 180°F, or stoke a warm, but not hot, fire in your cookstove, perhaps with your least dry wood. Pour two pints of your cream into a heavy dish - up to somewhere between your first knuckle and the top of your pointer finger. Set the dish uncovered in your oven overnight, or for about 12 hours.

Take out your dish and cool in the kitchen, undisturbed and away from cats. Then cover and put in your refrigerator or ice box for another 10 hours or so. Then scoop the thickened cream into a container, and put back in the refrigerator. You can give any watery milky cream at the bottom of the pan to those cats.

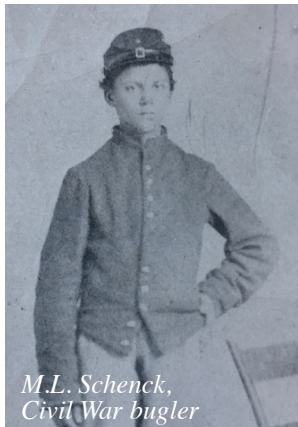
Spread your clotted cream on everything! Toast or scones, perhaps from a local bakery, or savory dishes - even your winter coffee cup - or anything to which you want to add a bit of decadence!



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Jim presenting Schenck memorabilia, with wife, Connie.



*M.L. Schenck,
Civil War bugler*

TAMWORTH CIVIL WAR DONATION

In September, THC was honored by our old friend Jim Sutherland's gift of Tamworth-related items from his extraordinary Civil War collection. Jim's great-uncle Martin Luther Schenck enlisted in the Union Army from New Jersey at 15, and with his Cavalry company fought in battles in five southern states. He later moved to Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. His sword, canteen, medals, and military papers were handed down in the Hidden-Sutherland families. Jim, first cousin of Sam and John Hidden and 7th great-grandson of Parson Samuel Hidden, has been a Civil War devotee all his life. (It began with a Tamworth July 4th parade he saw at age 6 or 7: he was fascinated by a marcher in Civil War uniform.) Many will recall THC's 2019 'Tamworth in the Civil War' exhibit; Jim's many loaned items brought it to life, and his 1st New Hampshire Light Battery's Encampment on our lawn was a highpoint of the summer.



*Queen post and hip framing
of our 1830s roof.*

RENOVATION

This winter, we'll be fund-raising to renovate the remaining 2/3 of our second floor. With a plan in place from architect Norman Larson and builder Rich Benton, we will develop an estimate for friends and grant-making organizations, to augment the funds already in place.