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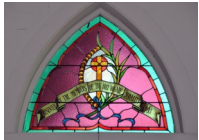
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The Bartlett

Historical Society

The Campaign Continues...Thank You For Your Continued Support

Thank You to all who have given to our museum renovation project. Your support has made it possible for the Bartlett Historical Society, your historical society, to take on a project that, at the beginning seemed, to some to be impossible, yet, here we are making it a reality. With each newsletter, we are proud and pleased to tell you of progress made with the renovation effort. That progress toward the completion of the project is only possible because of the dedicated and continued support of our members and donors. Without your support, this project would have been impossible but, as you'll see when you continue reading this newsletter, we are making great strides toward fulfilling our vision of having a museum to celebrate the history of Bartlett, Hart's Location and Livermore. We thank you for your continued help, support and encouragement.



Reaction to Our Project From a Recent Visitor: Recently, Anne Pillion, one of our BHS Advisors and the President of the Jackson Historical Society, brought Maggie Stier, Advanced Projects Coordinator, for the NH Preservation Alliance to the museum building for a tour with Phil Franklin. Her reaction upon seeing our progress and hearing our story of membership and community support was typical of the reaction often heard from others who have toured our building—amazement at what has been accomplished, praise for our members and donors for their support, and encouragement to continue forward. Phil has shown the building to others who have stopped by. Standing in the building, visitors see our vision about the potential for this museum as a real asset to the community.

Renovation Update: We've included a special Renovation Update section with this newsletter. In the update, we'll review our progress to date, current renovation focus and path to completion. We'll also fill you in on a new development that we encountered a new development in the renovation process.

Campaign Progress: To date, with the generous donations of 412 people, grants and businesses, many having made multiple donations, we have raised \$375,475 out of a \$585,000 campaign goal! Our expenditures for capital improvements, building maintenance and administrative costs are about \$302,242; of that total, \$279,286 in real capital value has been added to the building. We are estimating that we need to raise \$209,525 to complete Phase 2 and open the museum. *How can you help get us to this goal?* First, any donation you can make to the project is greatly appreciated. Second, if you know of anyone who is interested in adding their name to our growing list of donors, please contact Phil Franklin, at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you.

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President's Message

As we approach another spring season in the White Mountains, we bid farewell to a rather mixed-up winter that brought some, but not our usual amount of snow, along with bouts of bitter cold and wind followed by periods of unusual warmth. Mud Season is slowly coming to an end. Despite the changing weather, we remained busy at the Bartlett Historical Society with our main focuses on our museum renovation project and plans for the future of BHS.

In February, we welcomed Scotty Mallett to the BHS Board of Directors. Scotty was raised here in Bartlett and has a deep affinity for the town. For the past couple of years, he's been heading up our Railroad Committee doing the research on the railroading history of Bartlett and the surrounding area. He'll continue with that work. Scotty is founder and now vice president of the Bartlett Roundhouse Preservation Society. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Mount Washington Valley Promotions organization, of which BHS is a member. We welcome Scotty to the BHS Board.

For the past three years, we've reported on the Bartlett History Project with the 8th graders in the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School. This year, fall-out from the post-COVID era has forced us to pause the program but it's important to note that we are not cancelling the program. I had a very good meeting with Joe Yahna, JBES Principal, where we discussed post-COVID issues being managed in the school. In the end, we felt it was best to restart in 2023 when things are hopefully calmed down.

Our museum project is continuing to move forward. The generosity of members and non-members helps keep this project very active. These donations, your donations, have helped us keep this project moving forward. On behalf of the BHS Board of Directors, I continue to thank all of our donors for your generosity and continued support. We've included a full rundown of the project status in the museum status supplement in this newsletter. It's safe to say that exciting things are happening with the project!

Our 2022 BHS Membership Drive is receiving a lot of positive response. So far, we have welcomed 30 new members to BHS and enjoyed receiving membership renewals from 165 members. If you have not renewed your BHS membership yet for 2022, please send in your renewal so we can continue to count you as one of our members. If you are not a BHS member but are receiving this newsletter, please consider joining as a member. Your membership helps BHS demonstrate to foundations and donors that this is an organization worthy of their support. Your membership also helps keep this organization moving forward as we remain focused on our mission of preserving the history of Bartlett and Hart's Location plus offering opportunities to learn about this rich history. We welcome your support.

In 2021, we raffled off a beautiful red, white and blue quilt that was made by my wife, our BHS treasurer, Sue Franklin. From the ticket sales, we raised \$1,100 for the museum project. With the success of that raffle, Sue made a queen size quilt for a 2022 raffle. More information on this raffle is available in the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation as well as that of the BHS Board of Directors for all of the support given to us by our membership and donations. BHS exists because of your support. We are very happy to be the stewards of our local history because, simply put, history matters. We learn from it, we make decisions because of it and, on a daily basis, we create it. As always, if you have a question, ideas or comment about BHS, please drop me a note at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

President, Bartlett Historical Society
Phil@BartlettHistory.org

News and Requests

It's Back—The 2022 BHS Golf Tournament! Saturday, June 11, 2022

Our Golf Tournament Committee of Norm Head along with Hadley Champlin and Rachael Brown (all three former members of our Board of Directors) are hard at work making the arrangements for the BHS Golf Tournament. The tournament date is Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Linderhof Country Club in Bartlett. Here's some of the tournament details:



Tournament Format: 9-Hole, Shotgun Start	Tee Time: 12:00 noon Registration: 11:00 a.m.	Greens Fees per player: \$65 Corporate Sponsorship for \$280 includes greens fees for a foursome, course signage
Prizes will be awarded to the winners of tournament	Are Carts Available? — Unfortunately, we will not have carts available so this will be a “walking tournament”	Refreshments will be available prior to the start Bar-b-que and raffle following play at the club house

All proceeds from the tournament will be directed to our BHS Museum Fund for our museum renovation project. Watch for more details and signup information coming soon!

Are You One of Our Local Historians? What Stories Do You Have To Tell?

Bert George, Charlotte Teele, John Cannell, Dale Mallett, Ben Howard, Dwight Smith, Gail Paine, David Shedd, Dave Eliason, George Howard, Peg Fish, Bill King, Ellen Hayes, Gene Chandler, grandchildren of Hattie Evans, Hannah Chandler—What do all of these people have in common? The answer is simple—At different times in the past few years, they sat with us to “tell their story.” From each of them, we learned not only about their lives but the lives of family members, events in and around the towns of Bartlett, Livermore and Hart’s Location, and a few folktales. Quite often, we’ve had people say, “I don’t have a lot to say” or “Nothing important happened in my life” and then we’d spend two hours or more listening to their wonderful stories of their childhood in town or how they came to town, their time working for one of the mills or the railroad, reminiscing about family and friends, and confessing those things that they did when their mother’s told them “Don’t you ever do that!”



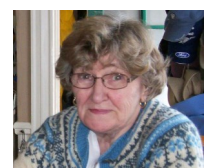
We’re still looking for people to tell their stories about of their lives, the stories of Bartlett, Hart’s Location and Livermore of days past, their families and memories of things that occurred long ago. We know there’s a lot to talk about and many stories to tell.

All too often, when someone passes, you hear someone say “I wish we could have had them tell us about ...” Once a person is gone, the memories and history they knew go as well. It’s a sad thing to think about but it makes it that much more important to get those stories recorded now.

We’d welcome the opportunity to sit with anyone who is willing to tell us “their story” or the story of their family members or things that happened in the area, memorable characters, incidents big and small. Even if it’s a short story, we’ll still capture that memory, that history, for years to come and future generations to listen to and learn from that story. Your stories become a part of the larger puzzle that makes up the history of the area so please tell us your story! To make arrangements to meet, please contact Phil Franklin at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. We look forward to meeting with you.

A Sad Note with the Loss of a Long-Time Member

On February 4, 2022, Lorraine Jones passed away. Lorraine was full of life, had a strong faith in God, had definite opinions on many things and loved to chat. She was a BHS member for 10 years and, with a smile, often told Phil Franklin to “hurry up and get that museum open!” We’ll miss her humor and seeing her at BHS events. May she rest in peace.



Historical Research Futures

As we look forward to the opening of the Bartlett History Museum, we are also thinking of the many possibilities for expanding our local historical research projects. Over the past couple of years, Scotty Mallett has led the effort to take a deep dive into our local railroad history. Information generated from that research has been enlightening. This is just one example of the many historical research projects that await us as we open the museum.



In the early years of BHS, research committees were formed to study our local cemeteries, contributions made by local men and women to our military history, local schools from our many one-room school houses to our current schools and several more studies.

The BHS Board of Directors is currently assembling a list of topics that we would like to explore and invite the participation of volunteers in this exploration. If you have any ideas on topics that we could explore, please let us know. We'll have more on this topic as we get closer to opening the museum.

8th Grade Bartlett History Project – Update

For the past three years, BHS representatives and the 8th grade faculty at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School (JBES) have worked cooperatively to engage the students in the “Bartlett History Project.” As we attempted to get the program underway in 2022, we found that “post-COVID” impacts are overwhelming the school’s administration, faculty and students in very unexpected ways. This seems to be happening in schools across the nation.



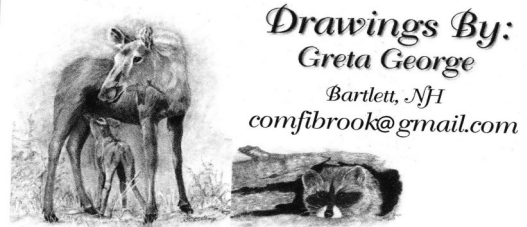
In February, Phil Franklin had a very good meeting with JBES Principal, Joe Yahna, to discuss the future of the program. Mr. Yahna made it very clear that the school wants to continue with the project but issues being managed in the school are already stretching the limits of what they can handle. We explored different alternatives to try to keep the program going this year but nothing seemed to take hold. As a result, we are going to hold off the program for 2022. While this is a disappointment for all, it is better that we allow the school to focus on their core learning process. We'll get back to the Bartlett History Project in 2023.

100 Years Ago ...

It would be quite a shock to see the note below in a 2022 school report but this was reported 100 years ago ...

The school board purchased new Victrola records so that “pupils and teachers are taking regular exercises by music and the result is very noticeable in the improved physical condition of both pupils and teachers.”


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ANNOUNCING 2022 BHS Quilt Raffle

After the success of our 2021 BHS Quilt Raffle, Sue Franklin, our treasurer and master quilter, has made another quilt for a 2022 raffle. This year, Sue made a queen-sized quilt in blue and green with brown accents. A color picture of the 2022 quilt is on our BHS website at www.BartlettHistory.org.

Sue has been sewing for decades and in the past twenty years focusing mostly on quilting. She's a member of a quilting group in central Connecticut where she lived before moving to Bartlett. Locally, she is very active in The Material Girls quilting group, a part of the RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) in the Mount Washington Valley.

Our 2022 Quilt Raffle tickets are available by sending in a ticket request to BHS, Quilt Raffle, PO Box 514, Bartlett, NH 03812. Please include the number of tickets you'd like to purchase and a check for those tickets. We'll mail the tickets back to you at your return address. Tickets will also be available at all BHS events. The drawing date for the quilt is October 19, 2022 at our final 2022 Quarterly Presentation Series event. Tickets are:

- * 1 for \$5.00
- * 5 for \$10.00
- * 15 for \$50.00.

All proceeds from the raffle will be directed to the BHS Museum Fund for the renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building, transforming it into the Bartlett History Museum. We thank you for your support.



Here, Sue is holding the quilt over the balcony railing in her home



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All donations are greatly appreciated and we thank you for your continued support.

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2022 BHS Quarterly Presentation Lineup!

We have a great lineup of presentations for 2022 with a mix of local history and regional topics. Again this year, we will be holding our presentation events at the Bartlett Congregational Church, corner of Route 302 and Albany Avenue in Bartlett. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the leadership of the Congregational Church for making their church available to BHS for our presentations.

We Kicked Off the 2022 Quarterly Presentation Series with a Great Talk by Pete Limmer



On Sunday, January 9, 2022, a snowy and icy day, about 40 people came to hear Pete Limmer talk about the history of the Peter Limmer & Son's Hiking Boot company. Pete took us back to Germany where the tradition of boot making began in his family. He traced their path to Boston and then Bartlett. Pete spent a good deal of time explaining the details of making hiking boots while entertaining us with stories and tales of being only one of three custom boot makers in America. He talked about the world-wide fame of his boots and his desire to stay behind the scenes referring to himself as "Pete LaFoote" when someone recognizes his boots while hiking in Europe or America. The Q&A session brought out more stories and information. This was a great start to the 2022 presentation series.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022: "The History of the Hodgkins Family" with Ray Hodgkins

Ray is a retired US Army Colonel with his roots here in Bartlett. After a long, successful career in the US Army, serving in many different posts world-wide, Ray is back in Bartlett. He'll talk about his family history in Bartlett and their history in service to America in the military.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday, June 15, 2022: "Cruising New Hampshire History" with Michael Bruno



We've all seen those signs along the highways and byways of NH, green with white letters, telling the story of the historic site at that location. Michael Bruno will tell us about the history behind these signs and point out some of the more interesting sites.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022: New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and The Reality with Steve Taylor (NH Humanities speaker)

In the 1700s, 1800s and even early 1900s, one-room school houses dotted the countryside. Bartlett had six schools across different town villages. Today, most are gone but a couple are still here, in disguise and used for other things. Steve will talk about the "lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today."



Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. We gratefully accept donations at the door. All donations are directed to our Bartlett History Museum project for the renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building. Please join us for these interesting presentations.

What Topics are of Interest to You?

We are always interested in hearing from our members and guests about presentations topics that are of interest to you. We are already thinking about the 2023 Quarterly Presentation Series. We have a couple of interesting topics in mind but no solid plans yet. We'd like to hear from you if you have a particular topic that interests you. Let us know by emailing us at BartlettHistoryNH@gmail.com or Phil Franklin at Phil@BartlettHistory.org.



Hannah Chandler

From Schwabach, Germany to Bartlett, New Hampshire

By Phil Franklin

On the rather rainy day of March 7, 2022, I had the opportunity to chat with Hannah Chandler in the living room of her home here in Bartlett. The room is filled with numerous things that are important to her, family photos, mementos from her homeland of Germany, and symbols of the US Army, where her husband, Mike, and son, Karl served. I've been friends with Hannah for a little over seven years. This was the first time, however, we had a focused conversation about her. It was a very interesting and relaxed couple of hours in which Hannah told "her story."

Family and Initial Thoughts

Hannelore "Hannah" Chandler was born in January 1947, on, as she described it, a cold winter day in one of the coldest winters in German history. "I almost froze to death," she exclaimed. She was the only child of Rosa and Karl Schlötzer. Her father was a master carpenter and cabinet maker. He was drafted into the German army at the beginning of World War II. He served on the Russian front including in the "Kettle of Kiev" or "Battle of Kiev." Her mother's family was in the business of making porcelain dishware. Rosa worked in a porcelain factory and did platinum etching on the Royal Bayreuth line. Hannah's grandfather was the administrator of the factory.



Example of Royal Bayreuth

The Schlötzers lived in Schwabach, Germany. Schwabach is a town of about 40,000 residents (today) in the Franconian section of Bavaria in southeast Germany. The town is immediately south of Nuremberg. Hannah lived there until she was 20 years old. Schwabach is a long way from Bartlett but this is the beginning of Hannah's story.

When I asked Hannah to describe herself today, she used short phrases – "pretty well rooted in where I live and what I do"; "someone who says if I can, I will"; "steady." I've known Hannah to be quite direct in her comments and opinions, in keeping with her German heritage. But she is also willing to listen to different viewpoints if presented with compelling facts to support the alternate position. Still, some might call her "stubborn" (including herself).

Growing up in Post-World War II Germany

Hannah grew up in the post-WWII reconstruction period. Schwabach was the target of allied bombing being near Nuremberg and having a German military base in the town. Other towns in the region were fire-bombed so the area suffered a lot of devastation. When I asked what it was like living in Germany during the reconstruction, she responded with one word, "hungry." She said food was rationed at the time. Living in the American sector, things may have been a little better than living in other sectors but still, things were tough. Illustrating the scarcity of food, Hannah said that they were allotted one half pound of meat per week for three people. To survive, people started going to work on the local farms to be paid for their labor with produce in lieu of money. Hannah said as a child she picked potatoes in exchange for a small amount of food. She had her first taste of a banana at four years old. After the war, her father had a good reputation as a craftsman. Higher ranking American officers living in homes in her town would occasionally supplement payment for furniture made by her father with some food. That banana came from an American officer's family. No other children in the area were afforded the same luxury. It was not an easy time.

Hannah talked about other impacts of the war on the Bavarian area. In the house where she grew up, on the outskirts of town, there was an unexploded bomb in the field behind her house. That bomb was eventually removed. She explained that while bombing in her family's immediate area was less frequent, houses were still damaged as they were constructed of stone. The allied bombing shook the ground so hard that cracks developed in the buildings. For as many times as the cracks were repaired, they would soon reappear. When she was young, out playing and exploring, she discovered a bag containing hand grenades in a culvert near her home. While the war was over, the impacts lasted for years.... continued on next page

Hannah Chandler continued ...

The School Years

Hannah described herself as a good student. She said that her schooling in Germany took her through elementary school to seventh grade. She clarified the grade levels by saying that you would normally go through the elementary grades to eighth grade and then select your future occupation or career interest. From eighth grade German children would, based on their choice of a career, go to the appropriate collegiate school. She added that there is no high school as we know it in Germany. Because Hannah did very well in school, she chose to skip the eighth grade to enter Commercial College. This would train her for a career in the business world. Other collegiate options included going to trade school, junior college or “gymnasium” (a preparatory school for going on to the university). She finished Commercial College when not quite 18. And, from there, went into the working world.

Hannah confessed that she was considered the “principal’s pet” in elementary school. Her school principal was a childless woman who took a liking to Hannah. She was willing to pay for Hannah to go on to the university to study to be a doctor. Not being fond of the sight of blood, however, Hannah decided to follow the business path, much to the disappointment of her principal. To this day, however, she is interested in the medical field but only from a diagnosis perspective. Her family calls her “Doctor Chandler.”

In school, she liked all of her classes with a couple of exceptions. The curriculum included writing, German, arithmetic, English language training, and religion. She dropped classes in Spanish and French because she didn’t care for the languages. She confessed that she found religion classes to be boring. She also disliked German class because she knew the language, could speak it, write it and read it. In Commercial College there was a prescribed curriculum included typing, stenography, letter writing. She said English is a hard language to learn because our sentence structure is different plus, we have many synonyms (e.g., flour and flower; how you can bake bread with flours that bloom in your garden).

More About the Impact of World War II in Europe

We talked about how the topic of WWII was taught in school, especially so close in time to the conclusion of the war. She said the subject of WWII was approached in a matter-of-fact manner. You learned “what took place without omissions and the notable things were covered.” The personal side of the war was not discussed. To learn the impact on the people and soldiers, “the nitty-gritty”, you had to talk with the people who lived it.

In Schwabach, the German military base was taken over by the US Army occupation force and called O’Brien Barracks. This base, built in the 1936 – 1937 era, was originally the location of German Signal Battalion 17. The American 4th Armored Division occupied the base through the Cold War era. Eventually, short range missiles were installed there as a part of the Cold War defense plan. In 1992, the base was closed, turned over to the town and transformed into a local history museum and site for other local businesses.



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Hannah recalled visiting her mother's hometown on the West German, East German border – next to the “Iron Curtain.” The Iron Curtain was a term coined, actually revived, by Sir Winston Churchill in a 1946 speech in Fulton, MO (it was used in other places and times as well prior to 1946). It was built by the former Soviet Union to politically and economically separate itself and its satellite states from the western European countries which were mostly non-communist and aligned with NATO or neutral. Initially the 7,000-kilometer Iron Curtain was a line on a map but it soon became a physical barrier. Hannah described it as barbed wire, land mines and guard towers. Looking across from West Germany she said there was a 50’ to 100’ wide plowed strip of barren land; next you encountered a large barbed wire fence; next was another 50’ – 100’ strip of land seeded with pressure triggered land mines; then a second large barbed wire fence; finally, there was another plowed strip of empty land. There was no legal or safe means of crossing of the border although youthful impulses would occasionally override common sense. A test of “bravery” was to sneak through this forbidden zone and back without getting caught by East German guards or stepping on a landmine. Her cousin was one of the “brave.” In the winter, from her grandmother's house, she said that you could see the mines explode as they were compressed by the frozen ground.

Employment, a Visit to Bartlett and a Chance Meeting

Hannah's first job was at the Nuremberg/Erlangen Commissary which served about 5,000 US military families. While still in her late teens, Hannah had a very responsible position as she oversaw the processing of Class 1 ration paperwork and facilitated a payroll for 110 employees at the commissary. At the same time, Hannah had a pen pal, Leah Parker, who lived on Jericho Road here in Bartlett. At the invitation of Leah's father and after receiving permission from her father, Hannah made the trip to Bartlett to meet her pen pal.

In 1965, she flew into New York and then Boston where she was met by Leah's father. She stayed one month with the Parkers. About two weeks into the visit, she was invited, with Leah and several other friends, to an evening fishing party on Conway Lake. At this party, she met a young US Army soldier who happened to be home in Bartlett on leave. This began a romance with Mike Chandler. At the time, Mike was stationed in Georgia working as a helicopter mechanic. Hannah and Mike were only together for two weeks before Hannah went back to Germany and Mike returned from leave to Georgia. For the next two years, they corresponded by mail; they never talked on the telephone during this time. As their relationship grew, Mike eventually proposed marriage to Hannah in a letter; and she accepted in a letter.

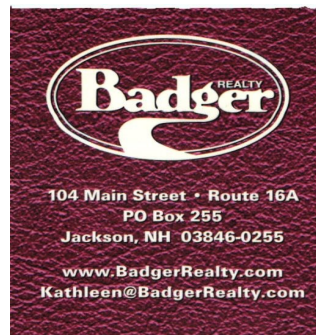
All the while, Mike and Hannah were trying to get back together in one location – Germany. The base commander where she worked encouraged her to have Mike request a transfer to the base in Germany. Mike was simultaneously submitting

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transfer requests to his commander in Georgia. After two transfer requests were denied and with only seven months to go in his tour of duty, Mike's commander told him that if he submitted one more request, he was going to be shipped off to Viet Nam. If Mike could have gotten the transfer, Hannah said that he was ready to reenlist for another four-year hitch. With no transfer possibilities in sight, however, Mike was honorably discharged from the Army at the end of his tour of duty.

Marriage and Moving to Bartlett

Mike returned to Bartlett, got a job and saved his money so he could go to Germany to collect his bride. With the funds eventually in hand, Mike made the trip to Germany. Now, a mountain of red tape and family considerations were before them. There, Mike first met Hannah's father who would not approve the marriage until they sat and talked. Fortunately, this went well. Then, as Hannah was still a minor at 20 years old, her father needed to sign over legal guardianship of Hannah to Mike. This hurdle was passed successfully, although, Hannah, with her strong will, was not ready to ask Mike's permission to do things but they worked that out. Finally, there was the permissions needed from the US Embassy in Munich, Palace of Justice in Nuremburg and US government in the USA. Finally, in May 1967, with all the "I"s dotted and "T"s crossed, Mike and Hannah were married in Germany, first in a civil ceremony and again in a church ceremony. Mike returned to Bartlett in June while Hannah followed on July 27, 1967 after she fulfilled a requirement to give three months' notice of her resignation from her job. Finally, after years of correspondence dating, months of red tape, gaining permission from her father and two governments, Hannah and Mike moved into a house on Allen Road in Bartlett.

Integrating into Bartlett, coming from a city environment in Germany to the "sticks" on Allen Road, Hannah said her initial thought was this place was "incredibly scary." At the time, they were renting their home, there was nothing around the house but trees, animals that she normally sees in the zoo are walking around freely (i.e., bears) and she was home alone all day. She mentioned that in this small town and, as in many small towns, family ties are often inter-twined by marriage. While she didn't have personal ties in Bartlett, Mike did and through those ties, she also got to know people. She said she would treat people with kindness and over time, she was accepted as a member of the community. Her strong German accent and her King's English pronunciation of certain words brought chuckles but she learned the local pronunciation of certain words. Over time, Hannah became a Bartlett personality.

Citizenship and Working in the Area

Hannah obtained her American citizenship in 1995. She said that she regretfully needed to renounce her German citizenship as she obtained her US citizenship. She described the US government's requirement of renouncing her German citizenship as a "bone of contention" with the immigration and naturalization rules at the time. If dual citizenship was available, she would have taken it.

Hannah's first job in the area was with Bill Levy and his Yield House advertising agency. Other jobs included working for North Conway Bank and the state of NH's Health and Human Services Department. She worked at the Kearsarge Peg Mill as a "pointer" and "splitter" on the peg making production line.

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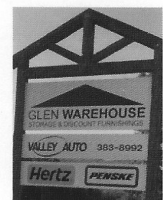
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Hannah Chandler continued ...

Mike also worked at the mill at the same time as Hannah. His job was to grade, scale and organize the wood to feed it into the mill for processing. Hannah also worked for Newton Howard at the Howard Oil Company. When she worked for Howard Oil, she worked directly for “young” Jim Howard as their bookkeeper and office manager. She said that it took three years for Newton to finally recognize that she worked for the company but he must have known that she was his employee. She mentioned that she would cross paths with Newton almost daily as they both visited the post office (the post office was then on School Street). No words were ever spoken, however, one day, that all changed. Newton stopped her in her tracks at the post office. He confirmed that she did, in fact, work for his company and added that “she had worked for the company long enough to now call him ‘Gramps’.” Acceptance into town comes in different ways!

In 1992, Hannah also worked for and eventually owned MMC Resort Rentals and Real Estate, a property rental and real estate business. After 21 years working for and/or owning the company, she closed shop and retired in 2013.

Volunteerism

Along with her working career she was involved in non-profit volunteer work. Hannah was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, over time, holding the positions of treasurer, local chapter president and the District 7 Director for 14 northern NH chapters.

In 2006, Hannah joined the Bartlett Historical Society. She explained Norman Head invited Mike and her to a meeting at Norm’s house to talk about the historical society. She learned that the treasurer at the time, Mike Kirk, wanted to move on from the position. During the meeting, Norm reviewed a list of proposed BHS Board members and casually mentioned Hannah as the Treasurer recalling him saying, “Are you guys alright with Hannah as treasurer?” No one objected. And so, Hannah was “drafted” as the treasurer of BHS. Hannah worked with Frank Siek, then a local CPA, to get the historical society’s financial books loaded into Quick Books software. She established our initial banking processes and managed the BHS finances until October 2017 when she became the Vice President of BHS. Through the years, Hannah has been involved in the Cemetery Committee; she’s been a key member of committees for fundraising events; and is now looking to restart a Military History Committee to document the various contributions Bartlett’s men and women have made to the United States armed forces.

Concluding with a Few Final Topics

Throughout our conversation, Hannah spoke often of her husband, Mike, who is a general handy man and jack-of-all trades. She also talked proudly about their son, Karl Dieter Chandler, born in 1974. Karl attended the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School and Kennett High School. He received an ROTC scholarship from the US Army. He fulfilled his obligations went on to flight school and became a Blackhawk Helicopter Medivac pilot. Once he returned to Bartlett, he was the maintenance person for Stonehurst Manor in North Conway. A couple of years ago, he moved on to the new Yogi Bear Ellis River Campground (formerly Glen Ellis Campground) as their Facilities’ Manager. Ironically, Karl hired his father as one of his employees. Karl still is quite active in military affairs in the area and wears his uniform with pride.

Finally, we talked about Hannah’s hobbies and interests. She enjoys gardening and her yard is always well kept with flowers through the warm seasons. She also likes “fast cars.” She and Mike are members of a local car club. Hannah purchased a yellow 1974 Mercedes Benz that only comes out in the summer. Mike drives it in Bartlett’s Hellen Hayes Fourth of July Parade sporting his Oktoberfest Alpine hat. Hannah pointed to the ribbons in her living room that the car has won at different car shows. All-in-all, Hannah lives a very active life but admitted that it takes a little more time to get on her knees to plant and weed her flower beds and a little time to get up again.

With that, we concluded our conversation. Hannah continues to be a member of our BHS Board of Directors and we truly appreciate her support at leadership in the historical society. I thank Hannah for taking the time to meet with me and tell “her story.”



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New Bartlett History Book In The Works

Toward the end of 2021, a representative from Arcadia Publishing contacted Phil Franklin about the possibility of writing a book on Bartlett's history. Arcadia Publishing is known for their "Images of America" series of books containing numerous photographs each with a caption describing the scene. Books from this series have already been written on Story Land, Jackson, The Conways. Phil is looking for your help with this project.

Phil sees this as another opportunity to display the history of the area and promote the Bartlett Historical Society. He has also pledged to donate all royalties from the book to BHS.

Phil is in search of old original photographs that reflect the history of Bartlett, Hart's Location and Livermore. The publisher has very specific rules about the type and quality of the photographs. For example, they cannot be copied off the Internet, or out of books and newspapers, or photographs of photographs. They need to depict scenes that are more than 30 years old. The publisher also limits the use of postcards, illustrations and maps. Phil can explain the rules in more detail if you contact him.

Phil is looking for scenes of buildings, inns and hotels, or landmarks; he's especially interested in scenes showing what people did in our past (e.g., working on the railroad or in one of the local mills, people recreating, people in family settings and children playing – people doing what they did in years past to work and play). With each photograph, information for a caption describing the scene will be needed (Phil will write the final caption).

He has proposed the following chapter titles (subject to change):

- Birth of a Town in Northern New Hampshire
- Villages of Bartlett
- Hart's Location, the Smallest Town in the State
- Livermore, Once a thriving Logging Town; Now Unoccupied, Vacant, Mysterious
- Trains, Logs & Tourists
- Accommodations, Food & Entertainment
- Odds & Ends, Trivia & Folklore



Several people have already loaned Phil historic photographs but his search continues. If you have any old photographs depicting scenes of area history and would like to be a part of the creation of this book, please contact Phil at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. He'll discuss the details of how your photographs will be handled and returned. His first draft of the manuscript by May 2023; the final manuscript is due September 5, 2023. Publication will be in early 2024. Time will pass quickly so please contact Phil if you can help.

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