BHS Curator's Report—BHS Curator Kathy Howard

The latest news is that the new website is live! Stories and photos from the old website are now available for you to explore at *www.BartlettHistory.org*. Clicking on "*Exploring History*" on the new website will allow you to search our collection of previous website stories and information on books, artifacts, photos and archival materials held by the Bartlett Historical Society.

Our holdings of over 500 books, 200 artifacts, 250 photos and almost 800 archival documents are now searchable through our new website. Here you will find full descriptions and location information for every item. In some cases, an image of the item or photo images related to the stories told have been added to the records. "*Exploring History*" also allows the user to browse "*Random Images*" where photos and postcard images are displayed for view. Clicking on the image takes you to the catalog record where a description of the image and, in many cases, a full story about the image is posted. Users can now search our "*People*" records. This is an extensive listing of over 10,000 mini-biographies for people with Bartlett, Hart's Location or Livermore connections. We also have listings for approximately 100 items (artifacts and archival papers) held by the Bartlett Public Library.

This database is currently "a work in progress" with changes and additions happening almost daily. Our goal is to review and update all current records to make sure that the user is getting the most accurate information available in their search. We know there are typos to correct and information to verify! New records are added each time a "piece of history" is added to our collection. The BHS collection currently contains hundreds of items, photos and documents that have yet to be cataloged. We are working on adding records as quickly as possible but could use your help.

One of the features in the database allows us to add "images" to the records. A very small percentage of our database records display a full photographic image of the item. Most of the current records show a simple icon depicting the item. We hope to eventually photograph all artifacts in our collection so that the image of the actual object is there for the user to see. We can scan copies of newspaper articles, obituaries, archival documents, and photos and display these images with the informational record. Users could then read these complete documents online. We are in the process of cataloging our postcard collection and have completed records for over 150 cards but we have yet to add a scanned image of each postcard.

The means to attach images to our records exist but we lack the manpower to finish the task. This is where we could use your help. If you can operate a simple "point and shoot" camera we could use your help as a photographer. If you know how to press a button to make a photocopy, you can help us scan images to be added to records. The work is easy to do and we will provide the training! We can work with you to find times that fit your schedule. An hour or two a week would help us attack the mountain of work to be done. In the process, you'll be sure to learn more about the history of Bartlett and the Mount Washington Valley. Why not give it a try? We would love to have you join the team and help us continue our goal to preserve the history of the area. If you can help, please contact us at bhscurator1890@gmail.com.

Help Wanted At the Museum!!

We are looking for help with tasks related to cataloging our collection of artifacts. The main tasks are scanning items and photographing artifacts. If you'd like to be a part of this effort, please drop a note to BHS curator1890@gmail.com or Phil@BartlettHistory.org.