

THE JAFFREY MEETINGHOUSE DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

What: A free public presentation on the Jaffrey Meetinghouse Documentation project.

When: Sunday, September 13, 2015, at 4pm.

Where: The Jaffrey Meetinghouse. Two miles west of downtown Jaffrey on Route 124.

Why: To report on the project and to encourage other New Hampshire communities to document their historic meetinghouses and churches.

In 2014 the Town of Jaffrey received a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources to fully document the Jaffrey Meetinghouse. The frame of this historic building was raised on the day of The Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. It has served as church, place of town meeting, town offices, school and since 1923, a venue for meetings, exhibits, dances, lectures, concerts, festivals & fairs, patriotic gatherings, weddings and funerals.

The Documentation Project, now nearing completion, involves three activities: Production of ...

- 1) Measured architectural drawings;
- 2) Black & white large format photographs; and an
- 3) Historical Narrative.

The consultants for this undertaking are: Catlin + Petrovick, *Architects*, Keene; Paul Wainwright, *Photographer*, Atkinson; and Mae Williams, *Architectural Historian*, Meredith.

Extensive information on this project—including draft and final products—may be found at <http://www.rs4l.org/CLG/clg.htm>

To see numerous photographs and images relating to the Jaffrey Meetinghouse go to <https://rs4l.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/Meetinghouse>

Town and church staff and volunteers who are involved or interested in Meetinghouses and Historic Churches are encouraged to attend this presentation. It will be a chance to see what has been done in Jaffrey and an opportunity for you to tell what's been done in your town.

For more information or to pose questions, contact: Robert Stephenson, Project Manager
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This project is funded in part with funding from the National Park Service and the NH Division of Historical Resources. Each year grants are available to Certified Local Governments in New Hampshire as part of the NHDHR's obligation to the National Park Service. Under an agreement with NPS, to receive Historic Preservation Funds, the NHDHR agrees to offer grants totaling 10% of Historic Preservation Fund award each year.

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