

# SOME JAFFREY DAIRY FARMS



# AND THEIR MILK BOTTLES

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**Jaffrey Historical Society Winter Program • Thursday, February 19th  
7 pm • Jaffrey Civic Center • 40 Main Street • All Welcomed! • Refreshments Following**

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DICK SMITH grew up in Jaffrey on the Deschenes Farm, a bit of which—the handsome brick farmhouse—still stands high on the hill behind the D.D. Bean matchplant. It wasn't that long ago that dairy farms were common throughout the town. A generation or two before, they—and farms of all types—characterized the working landscape of Jaffrey. His father, Ted Smith, was an early supporter of our society.

For many years Dick carried on his own business as an electrical contractor; he is now a master electrician at Keene State College. But, at heart, he's an historian. And one aspect of that passion came to be milk bottles of which he is an avid and knowledgeable collector. He's a proud member of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MILK BOTTLE COLLECTORS.

This interest led to his 2002 book *Jaffrey and Rindge, N.H. Milk Bottles and their Dairy Farms* which documents the following Jaffrey dairy farms: East Jaffrey Dairy, Sawyer Farm, Silver Ranch, Charles Jurva, Brechinwood Farm, Overview Farm, Fenerty's Dairy Farm, Sunny Slope Farm and the Monadnock Dairy. (A revised edition in 2004 added the Sunny-Side Farm.) He also includes a brief history of the Milk Bottle and throws in some 'Fun and Information' to top things off. He has also contributed to two books, again related to dairy farming and milk bottles: *New Hampshire Milk Bottles* and *Udderly Beautiful*. He's presently researching a book on the embossed milk bottles of Cheshire County.

He will talk on all of this (well, not the Rindge portions!), the farms and the bottles and perhaps some of his recollections of Jaffrey farms



as he was growing up. He may bring a bottle or two or maybe a photograph along to supplement the historical images he will project for our pleasure. Feel free to do the same. And we will bring up a few things from the Society's collections of an agricultural nature to further enliven the evening.

The speaker will be introduced by Pete Sawyer, who with his wife Ann operates the Sawyer Farm which celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year. 🐄