

CHAPTER XIX

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

“Man seeketh in society comfort, use, and protection.”

- BACON

At the annual Town Meeting of 1991 Helen (Mei) Griffin read the following resolution:

“Whereas the Town of Jaffrey has been most fortunate to have had in each generation an abundance of citizens who have given unselfishly of their time and effort not with motive for profit, but with a sincere desire to improve the community in which they live.

“And whereas over the years the foundation upon which they built their town has served as a model for us in continuing their work.

“Now be it resolved that this assembly honor those countless elected, appointed, and volunteer citizens whose dedication to the Town of Jaffrey is in great part responsible for what we enjoy today. Let us recognize their efforts in working together on our behalf through the good times and times of challenge to restore belief in ourselves and our belief in the Town of Jaffrey.”

The resolution was passed by the assembly by acclamation, and Mrs. Griffin's words are indeed true. Giving of themselves to others, both individually and through organized efforts, is one of the most outstanding and commendable characteristics of Jaffrey's citizens. Some organizations have been in existence for many years, such as the Jaffrey Grange #135. Others, like the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, are relatively new. Yet the effect of their common purpose, perhaps unstated yet through good works and deeds, is felt throughout the community. Even as this is being written, a brand-new service organization, the Jaffrey-Rindge Ambulance Foundation, is being formed to help ensure the continuance of valuable ambulance service. It can safely be said that when it comes to volunteerism, Jaffrey takes a backseat to none!

CHARITY LODGE, NO. 18 F. & A. MASONS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Charity Lodge No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons

YEAR FOUNDED: July 23, 1806

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: Charity, Brotherhood

MAJOR PROJECTS SINCE 1968: Mostly charity, breakfast every Saint John's Day for those who attend the masonic service at the Cathedral of the Pines.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: Absorbed Monadnock Lodge No. 80, Troy, New Hampshire, in 1995.

MASTERS OF THE LODGE since 1968:

Clinton Barker	1968
Gordon White	1969-70
John Austin	1971-72
Edward Griffiths	1973-74
Stanley Wilson	1975-76
Donald Gordon	1977-78
Robert M. Austin	1979-80
Roger B. Crane	1981
Clinton Barker	1982
Clayton H. Crane	1983-84
Peter M. Keating	1985
H. Thomas O'Neil	1986-87
William S. Austin	1988
Clement H. Record, Jr.	1989-90
Willis C. Fogg	1991
Willard McGinnis, Jr.	1992-93
Ernest Fauteaux	1994-95
Wayne A. Koski	1996
Ernest Fauteaux	1997-98

CONTOOCCOOK LAKE AREA

PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (CLAPA)

CLAPA was organized in 1969 by a group of about 40 families in order to preserve the quality of Contoocook Lake.

By-laws were established in order to elect officers and a board of directors, determine membership qualifications, schedule meet-

ings, and assess dues.

There are about 80 active family members.

The main concerns were water quality (testing, algae, and weed control), area security, Contoocook River and Red Dam, environmental action, and financial needs.

In recent years there has been a problem with milfoil, a weed present in many New Hampshire lakes. It is being treated with Diguat, a pesticide approved by the state. It can only be applied after securing a permit from the state. The milfoil has been kept under control but not eradicated.

FRIENDS OF THE JAFFREY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Jaffrey Public Library was founded in 1980. The purpose of any Friends' group, which exist nationwide, is to promote the library as a cultural and educational asset to the community. Friends of library groups are nonprofit, non-policy-making organizations composed of citizens who believe in the importance of a public library and are willing to work for its progress. As in many small towns, the Jaffrey Friends do a variety of jobs from volunteering in the library to fund-raising activities and sponsoring cultural events.

Certainly the most ambitious undertaking by the Friends of the Jaffrey Public Library was the auction held July 7, 1988. Despite pouring rain, \$21,000 was raised for the new children's wing! Biennially on the odd year, alternating with the Jaffrey Woman's Club, the Friends hold a book sale.

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1980

Helen Krause	1980-81
Elizabeth LaFreniere	1981-82
Helen Krause	1982-83
Helen Mallory	1983-85
Ann Winsor	1985-87
Ruth Brown	1987-88
Marcia Smith	1988-89
Elspeth Badertscher	1989-91
Catherine Merwin	1991-93
Catherine Driscoll	1993-95
Susan Snow	1995-98
Barbara Doran	1998-

GAP MOUNTAIN PERMACULTURE

Bill Mollison, the man who coined the word permaculture, gave a three-week course in permaculture design at The Rural Education Center in Wilton, New Hampshire, in 1981. Because students wanted a center where they could meet, Judith Gregory (who took the course) and Rosemary Poole offered their place on Old Mill Road in Jaffrey. In 1982 the center was incorporated (not for profit) as Gap Mountain Permaculture “to further the development of sustainable agriculture and culture through the study, discussion, practice, and evolution of permaculture.”

Permaculture (permanent culture) is “the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural systems. It seeks the harmonious integration of landscape and people, providing their food, energy, shelter, and other material and nonmaterial needs in a sustainable way.” (Bill Mollison)

Gap Mountain Permaculture provides examples for study of mouldering privies and graywater systems, alternative refrigeration, a chicken forage system, orcharding, cold climate gardening, greenhouses, roof water collection, as well as ongoing responses to the surprises offered by an evolving earth.

Over the years the center has been more or less active, with an especially full period from 1989 to 1992 when, under the coordination of David Jacke, Gap Mountain Permaculture offered courses, supervised interns, and hosted the 6th annual Eastern North America Permaculture Conference in 1992. Douglas Clayton, one of the members of the 1981 course and a founder of Gap Mountain Permaculture, practices permaculture on his two-acre leasehold, part of Land Trust at Gap Mountain. Gap Mountain Permaculture holds an open house from time to time and sells books related to permaculture.

GILMORE POND ASSOCIATION

The Gilmore Pond Association was formed in May 1937 “for the protection of the waters of the pond, the protection of the fish in the pond and the game in the woods around the pond, the protection and improvement of the sanitary conditions in and around the pond, and for the protection and improvement of the general

welfare of all the property owners in and around Gilmore Pond.”

Members have been responsible for maintaining safe septic systems to prevent pollution of the waters, but over the years it has become necessary to cease drinking water directly from the pond because there has been increased use of it. The establishment of a dry hydrant at the end of the pond promotes fire safety for the surrounding neighborhoods and residents alike.

In 1997 the bylaws of the association were changed to include membership for anyone who is interested in preserving and enhancing the ecology, natural beauty, and water quality of the pond. Every effort is being made by the membership to keep the pond in the same condition as it was in 1937.

INVESTMENT CLUBS

A new trend in the world of finance in recent years is the investment club, in which members pool resources to buy stocks that singly they might not be able to do. Some have been condescendingly dubbed “cookie jar” investment clubs, but they seem to be proliferating, which suggests that they are meeting with success. Jaffrey has two such clubs.

The Jaffrey Educational Investment Club, begun in April 1996 with eight members, and the Monadnock Investment Club, begun in November 1997 with 12 members, are the brainchildren of Karen Baird, presently purchasing manager for D. D. Bean and Sons. She became interested in investments during her studies for an accounting degree and later an MBA. A member and director of the National Association of Investors, she ran local workshops on investing and later invited friends to form an investment club. Baird made it clear to members that she would teach them how to check out companies whose stocks they might be considering as possible buys. However, she would not make decisions for the group; her role was to educate.

Jaffrey club members are all women, ranging in age from mid-30s to late 60s and from all walks of life. The clubs meet once a month to review a particular company and make joint investment decisions. Each club buys stock about once a quarter, using funds collected each month and accumulated until there is enough cash to make a purchase. The clubs follow a long-term buy and hold strategy and have never sold any of their stock holdings. Orga-

nized as partnerships, after three years any member can cash out or sell her membership, which is the only circumstance that allows new members to join. To date (1998) both clubs have seen an appreciable rise in the value of their holdings.

In pursuit of their usual agenda of education, in September 1998 club members made a visit to the New York Stock Exchange. They reported that it was a positive learning experience.

JAFFREY ARTS COUNCIL

The Jaffrey Arts Council was organized in February 1997 to promote the arts and arts-related businesses in the community. Two major activities are a monthly art stroll down Main Street from June through October and an arts festival on the first weekend in October.

The art stroll features an art sale on the lawn of the Civic Center and artwork at the Civic Center Gallery, the Bank of New Hampshire, the Rusty Bucket Cafe, and the Good 'n Baked Bakery.

Artisan businesses on Main Street are highlighted at the October arts festival. On Friday local school children visit these businesses to learn about them. Saturday the open houses continue, along with live music, dance performances, art exhibits, and a clown parade.

Steering committee members for 1997-1998 were Jeanine Clark, Scott and Kim Cunningham, Cathy Furze, Elizabeth Johnson and Yangja Legg. Arts festival committee members were Jeanine Clark, Scott and Kim Cunningham, Suzanne Crossley, Tammy Griffin, Betty Johnson, Paula Kuja, and Stephanie Scherr.

JAFFREY BOY SCOUT TROOP 33

YEAR FOUNDED: 1938

OFFICERS: Committee chairman, Felix DeGrandpre; Scoutmaster, William Finch

Meets every Monday night from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. in the basement of St. Patrick Church. Jaffrey's Boy Scout Troop 33 is co-sponsored by St. Patrick and D. D. Bean & Sons Co. The troop has 62 years of continuous registration.

Troop 33 is a very active troop with monthly weekend campouts,

one week of summer camp, and another week of canoeing and mountain climbing each year. Over the past 25 years the troop has traveled to Canada three times, England once, the National Jamboree on three occasions, and has been invited to many out-of-council camporees including two at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

1998 roster of boys

Nathan Bartlett
 Gregory Bennett
 Jeffrey Bennett
 Jonathan Bennett
 Jason Conroy
 Keith Fryklund
 Matthew Goedecke
 Abraham Hadley
 David Luscombe
 Shawn McClary
 Anthony Remillard
 Ryan Roberts
 Andrew Webb
 Daniel Webb

1998 roster of adults

James Bennett
 Felix DeGrandpre
 William Esposito
 William Finch
 Dianne Hoffman
 Rev. Richard Kelley
 Glen Peterson
 Peter Rivard
 Edward Twaddell
 David Webb
 Andrew Webber
 Ruth Webber

HONOR ROLL OF ALL EAGLE SCOUTS 1940-1998: Joseph Aldsworth, David Cotney, Mark Cournoyer, James Fish, Michael Fish, Kristian Houghton, Patrick Jackson, Hubert O'Neil, Eric Peterson, David Ricard, Edward Twaddell, Matthew Whitehead, Richard Whitehead.

HONOR ROLL OF SCOUTMASTERS 1968-1998: Felix DeGrandpre, William Finch, Raymond Gruda, Wayne Langille, David O'Neil, Lucien Pelletier, Michael Ralston, Eric Richard, Roy Stone, David Webb, Andrew Webber, David Wile.

HONOR ROLL OF TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 1968-1998: Felix DeGrandpre, James Fish, Stella Scott, Andrew Webber.

JAFFREY CENTER
VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Readers of Volume I (pp. 557-563) of the *History of Jaffrey* already know of the early days of the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society begun in 1906 through the efforts of Miss Kate Fox and Mrs. B. L. Robinson. They, and eight other Jaffrey residents, were the charter members of the society, which today numbers over 200 members.

Mrs. Robinson is duly credited in Volume I (pp. 555-557) for her 20 years' service as president of the society (1908-1928). Miss Fox served as treasurer for 34 years (1906-1940). Mrs. L. H. Wetherell, who succeeded Mrs. Robinson as president in 1928, served in that capacity until 1948. John Johnson took over the reins from Mrs. Wetherell and served until his death in December 1957. In 1962 the bylaws were amended to allow a member to serve as president for a maximum of two terms or four years, thus ending these long and dedicated tenures.

Others who have served as president since 1957 are:

Herbert Bixler	1957-59
George Farnham	1959-61
Elmer Ford	1961-63
William Torrey	1963-65
Glynn Millard	1965-69
Robert Newbegin	1969-71
Coburn Kidd	1971-73
Richard Cunningham	1973-75
David Gourd	1975-77
Robert Brandin	1977-81
Edward Read	1981-85
George Cox	1985-87
Thomas Kell	1987-89
Mary Payson	1989-93
Patricia Strauss	1993-97
Robert Stephenson	1997-99

The Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society's (V.I.S.) original mandate was "to improve and ornament the streets and public grounds of Jaffrey Center and vicinity by doing such acts as shall

tend to beautify and to improve said streets and grounds." Bylaws, rewritten in 1992, have added "to maintain and protect Melville Academy and its contents and to engage in any other activities which affect the village."

The society's greatest asset is, without doubt, Melville Academy on Thorndike Pond Road. It was erected in 1833 and flourished as a private academy until 1859. Thereafter the town used it as a school until 1918. Left abandoned and in sad repair, the building seemed to be a perfect meeting place for the V.I.S., and a delegation approached town authorities with a plan to refurbish the academy in exchange for their occasional use of it. This relationship continued for more than 40 years, with the V.I.S. maintaining and repairing the academy as needed. In 1960 the town, wishing to clarify ownership of the academy, issued a quit-claim deed to the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society.

In that 40-year span many items of historical interest were donated to the V.I.S. and have been displayed or stored in Melville Academy. In 1989 the executive committee, under the leadership of Mary Payson, president, recognized the need to impose some order on this collection. While the building was being restored inside and out, Jeanne Duval was asked to employ her creative talents in arranging and cataloging the artifacts. Many fascinating items relating to Jaffrey's past are now in full view, and the academy is open to visitors on weekends during July and August and at other times by appointment. Each year more than 100 school children are brought to the village from near and far to learn of our past. Melville Academy, the Old Meetinghouse, the Little Red Schoolhouse, and the Old Burying Ground all have something unique to add to the story. Melville Academy is now officially recognized as a museum with the purpose of preserving and communicating the history of Jaffrey, the Academy, and the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society.

Another V.I.S. property worthy of note is the Swale. In 1932 Dr. Charles S. Mills gave to the society that part of his property immediately behind the homes on the north side of Main Street between Bryant Road and Thorndike Pond Road. The area had once been a meadow, but Mother Nature had begun to reclaim it as a swale. Over the years the V.I.S. made periodic attempts to clear the land and keep it attractive and inviting to life other than blackflies and

mosquitoes, often with little success. In 1985 a "Chairman of the Swale" was named by the V.I.S. to oversee the regular clearing and mowing of the swale and the erection of bluebird houses, made and donated by Dr. Francis M. Woods, on its northern boundary. This operation appears to be successful, having attracted not only bluebirds but wild turkeys as well. The winter of 1993-1994 provided so much snow that many Jaffreyites discovered the swale to be a beautiful and exhilarating area for cross-country skiing.

Caring for and preserving its own property has not been the sole aim of the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society. In perusing the minutes of the annual meetings, one cannot help noticing the very strong inclination of its members to cooperate with town boards, as well as with other organizations, in maintaining, restoring, and celebrating the beauty of Jaffrey. From its very first project in 1906, to replace the badly "nibbled" and crumbling wooden horse trough at the junction of Route 124 (Main Street) and Thorndike Pond and Meetinghouse roads with a permanent granite trough (which is planted with red geraniums each summer in memory of Mrs. Wetherell who started the practice), to the major restoration of the Old Meetinghouse (\$156,000) in 1993, Village Improvement Society members have been ready with their financial, moral, and physical support. For many years the V.I.S. was responsible for maintaining the interior of the meetinghouse. Early on, furnaces were installed, repaired, or replaced; chimneys destroyed in the 1938 hurricane were rebuilt in 1939; water and sewer connections were made; stage lights were installed; new benches and window blinds were provided. More than once the V.I.S. has repaired and/or repainted parts of the meetinghouse clock and weather vane. In 1972 the interior was completely repainted, a new velvet stage curtain was hung, and the Amos Fortune Forum committee generously donated the attractive brass chandeliers that hang there still. In the 1993 restoration a railing, designed by David Torrey in keeping with the historical character of the building while conforming with the modern requirements for safety, was installed around the balcony. Then V.I.S. members, gathered together by Patricia Strauss, president, had a painting bee to apply two coats of paint to the hundreds of spindles required for the railing. Other members installed and painted a railing on the outside of the meetinghouse to aid the disabled using the entrance ramp.

In 1972 the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society joined with the Jaffrey Woman's Club in purchasing six concrete and wooden benches for the Town Office green. For the Jaffrey Bicentennial celebration in 1973, V.I.S. members, dressed in period costumes, hosted six afternoon open houses at Melville Academy and underwrote the costs for a country dance held in the meetinghouse with Dudley Laufman and the Canterbury Country Dance Orchestra.

1985 brought the discovery that the windows in the Meetinghouse were disintegrating, so the V.I.S. held a benefit that raised \$7,800. The windows were removed, expertly repaired, and replaced. Many improvements to the grounds and the gravestones in the Old Burying Ground behind the horse sheds have been undertaken by the society alone or in cooperation with the town Cemetery Committee. The above-mentioned horse sheds came very close to disappearing in 1949. They had become so decrepit and unsightly that the town placed an article in the warrant to have them dismantled. After much debate, it was voted that a committee be formed to improve the sheds without expense to the town. The four-person committee leased them for 20 years and set about raising money by private subscription. By 1952 it was clear that more help was needed, so four more people were added to the committee. By 1953 they had raised the necessary sum, \$1,801.72, and the sheds were rebuilt and newly roofed and painted. In 1954 maintenance of the horse sheds was put into V.I.S. hands, and they have been repaired, reroofed, and repainted as needed ever since, most recently in 1990 with the help of the Jaffrey Historical Society.

In 1974 Jaffrey Center was threatened with the closure of its rural post office. Mrs. Alice Meyers, the postmistress of 50 years, wished to retire, but the post office was in her home. Mrs. Ruth Stevenson, owner of the Oribe Tea Barn and Gift Shop, offered her barn to house the post office. The V.I.S. financed the work necessary to make the barn a usable space. Again, in 1979, the U. S. Postal Service threatened to close the rural station. Meanwhile, Mrs. Virginia Jennings, the new owner of Mrs. Meyers's old house, submitted a lower bid. The postal service accepted it, and the rural station returned to its former home. Jaffrey Center residents were not so lucky in 1990 when the post office "house" was again up for sale. This time the society's members pledged funds, hoping to continue operating the post office after the sale of the building. Un-

fortunately, the owners would not agree to the project, so the rural station closed and Zip Code 03454 became a memory. The historic post office sign, deeded to Coburn Kidd by Alice Meyers in 1974, is now the property of the V.I.S. and can be seen at Melville Academy Museum. The sign is the tangible memory of a post office that served Jaffrey Center for almost 200 years, the first postmaster having been appointed by President Thomas Jefferson in 1801.

Each spring and fall for the past 30 years, V.I.S. members gather to spruce up the village by trimming trees and hedges, raking leaves, and planting daffodil bulbs in the small park areas owned by the society. The upper common is lovely in April with hundreds of daffodils nodding beneath the flag waving in the breeze.

In the 70th year of the society's existence Coburn Kidd celebrated the anniversary by publication of the picture book *Jaffrey Center, Portrait of a Village*. This book lovingly portrays the reasons why the members of the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society have so willingly pursued their mission of preserving and protecting the village for more than 90 years.

JAFFREY CIVIC CENTER ART GROUP

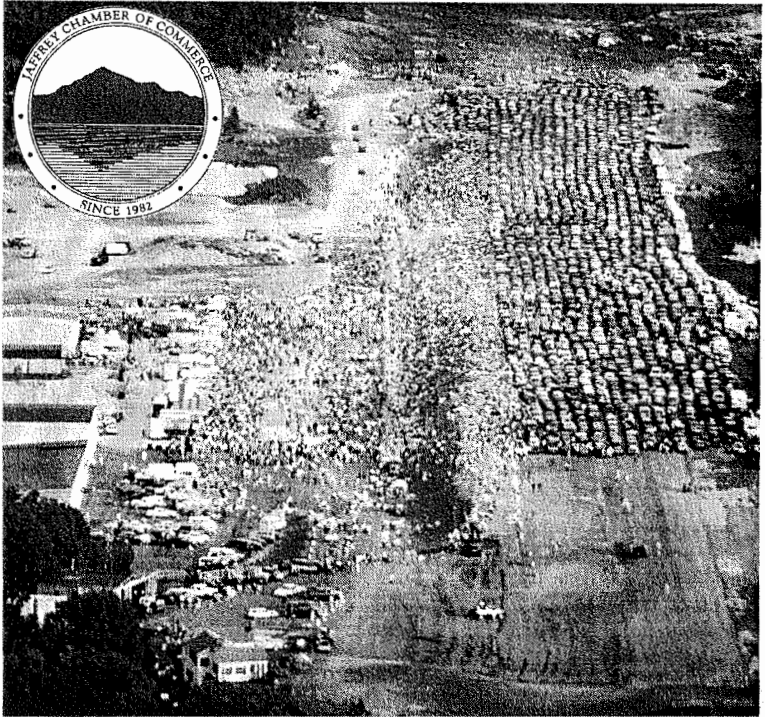
YEAR FOUNDED: 1977 (Approx.)

OFFICERS: Kim Cunningham, Barbara Moore, Christine Reid, Kelley Schofield, Nancy Taylor

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: To promote education in the arts in the local schools and community and to provide members with a framework in which they can develop their talents, exhibit their work, and learn from one another. All programs are free of charge and open to the public.

JAFFREY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In 1982 a group of Jaffrey residents banded together for the betterment of the community. From inception it has not been a typical chamber of commerce, but has aided where necessary throughout the community. Erecting signs welcoming people to "Jaffrey, the Home of Mt. Monadnock," was one of its first projects, followed by the erection of a Christmas tree and yuletide decorating. Other memorable projects include the Halloween window painting for the children, the restoration of the town bandstand, the



Atlas Pyrotechnics Fireworks Festival at Silver Ranch Airport

Pride Award, a unique partnership between the chamber and the schools, establishment of a Town Tree Farm, Candidates Night co-sponsored with the Woman's Club, and the annual Festival of Fireworks in concert with Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics and Silver Ranch Airpark, and many more. Active in all phases of community life, its membership is around 200 and is entirely volunteer with the exception of Executive Director Barry Miller who, with his wife Jan, helps run the chamber on a day-to-day basis.

No doubt influenced somewhat by its forerunner, the Jaffrey Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce intentionally avoided being a strictly business-oriented group like most chambers of commerce. Rather, a broad charter of community betterment enabled it to work for and with all sectors of the community: municipal and private, the school system, conservation groups, youth of the town, and of course, the mercantile and manufacturing community.

The chamber is proud of its diverse membership consisting of

people from all stations in life holding individual membership as well as much-needed and appreciated industrial sponsorship.

The founding president of the chamber was Marc Tieger (1982 and 1983), followed by Herbert Bixler (1984), Robert Potter (1985), Michael McCarthy (1986), Owen Houghton (1987), Ronald Despres (1988), Mark Bean (1989 and 1990), Susan Leach (1991), John Wheeler (1992), Marc Tieger (1993 and 1994), Edward Shea (1995 and 1996), and Ron Despres (1997 and 1998).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

1983 Edith Davis, Margaret Priest, Rose Pecor, Lena Pelkey, Donna Ryan, Kenneth Ryan, Marc Tieger

1984	Paul Leach	1992	Raymond Kruse
1985	Herbert Bixler	1993	William Arthur
1986	Orin Letourneau	1994	Randyl Cournoyer, Jr.
1987	Claire Moore	1995	Peter B. Davis
1988	Bissell Alderman	1996	Edith L. Grodin
1989	Alice Stearns		Richard A. Grodin
1990	Davida Woods	1997	Edward Shea
	Francis Woods		Elizabeth Shea
1991	Daniel Shattuck	1998	Paul St. Pierre

JAFFREY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

YEAR FOUNDED: 1945 by Mae Bunce

OFFICERS: co-presidents, Grace Fernald, Pat Cournoyer; secretary, Kelly Bergeron; treasurer, Anne Boudrieau; directors, Kathy Taylor, Janet Girouard; auditor, Janice Murphy, Sheila Bergeron; membership, Nancy Sterling; publicity/historian, Julie Conroy; scholarship, Kathy Taylor, Rose Pecor, Billie Jo Jackson; nominating, Nancy Sterling, Mary Lou Speeney, Janice Murphy

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: To promote civic, charitable, and cultural projects in the community. Monthly meetings are held from September to May.

The league has become an integral part of the community over the years. The proceeds from its fund-raising have been used to sponsor local girls to Granite Girls State, for contributions to the

ambulance fund, to the recreation department, and for an annual scholarship to a deserving Conant graduate. The league annually gives Thanksgiving baskets and to those in need at Christmas.

In the past the group has sponsored CPR courses and a drug abuse prevention information program. During the Jaffrey Bicentennial celebration, the league won first prize for its "Hannah Davis Covered Wagon" in the parade. It also sponsored the Bicentennial Ball that was a huge success. Each year you will see league members at work at the annual Town Meeting canteen.

A new program was introduced in 1997: Entertainment Tonight, an array of local talent that provides the audience with a fun evening. In 1998 the proceeds from this function went to Special Olympics in the Jaffrey-Rindge area.

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1968:

Judith Langille	Barbara McTague/
Joyce Bryant	Pat Cournoyer
Sharon Gordon	Katherine Hill/
Janet Clark	Kathleen Walker
Anne Boudrieau	Maureen Campbell
Travis Shattuck	Joanne Vainani/
Ruth Jewell	Kathy Batchelder
Janice Murphy	Sheila Bergeron/
Sheila Bergeron	Pat Cournoyer
Margaret Bunce	1993-95:
Stella Bussiere	Anne Boudrieau
Grace Fernald	Janice Murphy
Nancy Sterling	Avril Sangermano
Grace Fernald	Jeanne Duval
Kathy Taylor	Nancy Sterling
Renee Pickford	Kathy Taylor
Anita Letendre	Pat Cournoyer
Nancy Sterling	Grace Fernald

JAFFREY CUB SCOUT PACK #33

FOUNDED: Chartered November 1962 by the Jaffrey Parent-Teacher Association

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: Scouting provides boys with

a positive peer group and a program that is both fun and adventurous. Cub Scouting is a home- and den-centered program designed to support family life for boys in the first through fifth grades. The program helps boys to respect their home, country, and God. They also learn how to get along with others through group activities, develop new skills, and encourage everyone to do his best.

Cub Scout Motto: "Do your best"

Tiger Cub Motto: "Search, discover, share"

MAJOR PROJECTS SINCE 1968: Scouting for food, spring cleanup, Pinewood Derby car racing, march in the Memorial Day parade, soapbox/cubmobile car racing, Blue & Gold banquet, assist the American Legion and VFW in flag collection and flag retirement ceremonies.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: When rechartering in 1968, the Jaffrey Lions Club became the sponsoring organization and remains so today. In 1984 the program was expanded to include first graders with that program being called Tiger Cubs. Jonell Johnson and Nancy Kemmis organized the first den.

INTERESTING EVENTS: During 1997 they hosted the Monadnock Pinewood Derby and in 1998 the Cub Scouts took five Chuck Wagon derbies, complete with scouts, to the Monadnock District Chuck Wagon Derby. One Jaffrey Chuck Wagon entry was the district champion.

CUBMASTERS SINCE 1968:

1968	Thomas Boudrieau, Jr.	1982	Edward Berrett
1969	Donald Gordon	1983	Bruce Stenberg
1970	Alan Wheeler	1984-85 ...	Lee Walz
1971	Clinton Barker	1986	Peter Rivard
1972-73 ...	Joseph Charlonne	1987-89 ...	Robert McKenna
1974	Gerald Ricard	1990-91 ...	Edward Blagiszewski
1975-77 ...	Bruce Edwards	1992-93 ...	Arthur Towers
1977-78 ...	Randyl Cournoyer, Jr.	1994-97 ...	Bruce Ellis
1978	Keith Martin	1998	Ronald Black
1979-81 ...	John Fletcher	1999	John Baird

JAFFREY FRIENDS OF RECREATION

YEAR FOUNDED: 1981

OFFICERS: president, John J. Stone; vice president, Dean Eleftheriou; secretary, Shirley Gruda; treasurer, Helen Stone

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: To raise funds to support recreational activities in the town of Jaffrey. The major fund-raiser is Saturday night roller skating in the Pratt Auditorium. Profits go into recreational activities for all ages.

JAFFREY GRADE SCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

YEAR FOUNDED: 1984

OFFICERS: president, Carol Meagher; vice presidents, Joseph and Nancy Pipitone; treasurer, Jeannelle Moore; secretary, Sara Lyon.

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: To assist in the education of our children in any way we can.

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1968: Patricia Murphy, Anne Griffin, Linda Bean, Laura Esty, Katharine Batchelder, Deborah Lapinsky, Carol Meagher.

MAJOR PROJECTS SINCE 1968: Started a volunteer program at the Jaffrey Grade School, purchased a sound system and stage lights for the gymnasium, resurfaced blackboards throughout the school, purchased books for the library, helped with the costumes for chorus and drama, helped with the school's publishing house, started and maintain the community playground, involved in a home reading program in the early 1980s, and helped establish an artists-in-residence program.

JAFFREY GRANGE #135

In 1988 the Jaffrey Grange celebrated its 100-year anniversary, making it one of the oldest organizations in the town. The National Grange was established in 1867, so Jaffrey was not far behind with its 1888 origin. The Grange had its roots in agriculture, but as farming has diminished, membership has also dwindled from 217 in 1950s to 51 in 1998. Many active Granges have long since disappeared, but in New Hampshire there are still 100 active groups, Jaffrey among them. It also appears that Grangers are a loyal and



Jaffrey Grange/Masonic Hall

long-staying breed as witnessed by the fact that Jaffrey has one 75- and one 70-year and 11 50-year-plus members still active.

Every Grange has a Lecturer, a person in charge of planning programs. These programs can be educational or informative, depending on the interests of members as well as current happenings in the local community. Some examples are: art, photography, and writing contests; Grange Week celebrations; guest speakers on a variety of topics such as social needs, education, health care, family values, and history; fun activities such as holiday celebrations, picnics, and fairs.

The Grange recognizes that one of the greatest needs of families today is a place where everyone can come together. Junior Grange programs are designed to provide a basis for training young members to take leadership roles as they learn public speaking and parliamentary procedure and take part in community service projects with older Grangers. Each year there are study projects in which one of the 50 states can be studied and one country of the world and its culture can be explored. There is also a merit award program that gives youngsters a chance to earn recognition for completing projects on a wide range of subjects. Each year the Grange gives a scholarship to a graduating senior.

The National Grange has a Deaf Awareness Program in which it works closely with schools and provides teachers with classroom

materials and promotes deaf awareness across the country. The Jaffrey chapter is associated with the Austine School in Brattleboro, Vermont. In other charitable works, Jaffrey has donated teddy bears and stuffed animals to the VFW ambulance and the police department, as well as funds for other organizations. Two members, Pauline Forcier and Olive Bourque, between them make 50 or more pairs of mittens for the annual Mitten Tree.

In the past the Grange provided a springboard for citizens interested in political offices, and many Grangers went on to provide leadership on local, state, and national levels. Today the Grange is still active in current issues and registers support or opposition through state and national lobbying efforts and grassroots communications with legislators. Although it does not endorse, support, or financially assist parties or candidates, the Grange is still a voice to be heard.

“In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty;
in all things, charity.”

1998 OFFICERS: master, Sandra Baker; overseer, Pauline Forcier; lecturer, Ruth Bassingthwaite (affiliate member); secretary, Arthur Lambert; treasurer, Olive Bourque; assistant steward, Ida Sherman; lady assistant steward, Louise Tremblay; chaplain, Winifred Haynes; gatekeeper: Frank Bassingthwaite (affiliate member); Ceres: Olive Bourque; Flora: Ada Caron; Pomona: Louise Tremblay; executive committee, Rose Taylor, Louise Tremblay, J. Peter Bourque.

YEARS OF SERVICE

Louise Tremblay	75	Royal Edwards	55
Clara Seymour	70	Harold Capron	55
Alton Eaves	65	Marie Faford	55
J. Cleo Lambert	65	Ruth Bassingthwaite	50
Olive Bourque	60	Arthur Hamilton	50
Ray Eaves	60	Charles Hamilton	50
Norman Eaves	55	Frances Wilson	50

On August 25, 1998, with 75 people in attendance, Louise P. Tremblay was recognized for 75 consecutive years of membership.

JAFFREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

YEAR FOUNDED: 1958

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: Primarily educational, including the preservation of Jaffrey history for the transmission to later generations.

OFFICERS: president, William M. Driscoll; vice presidents, 1.) Robert B. Stephenson, 2.) Priscilla Palmer; secretary, Owen Houghton; treasurer, Mark Bean; corresponding secretary, Jennifer Sawyer.

Directors: (1992-95) Diana Gallup, Catherine Seiberling, Virginia Warfield, Helen Krause; (1993-96) Elinor Moore, Claire Moore, Kent Royce, Hester Ames; (1994-97) David Kemp, Wilma Jewell, Jacqueline Johnson, Mary Payson.

Trustees of Trust Funds: Daniel Johnson (1995); Mary K. Duquette (1996); Peter Rivard (1997).

Jaffrey's history, people, and places are recorded by the Jaffrey Historical Society, and the numerous letters, documents, news clippings, books, and records are stored in the basement of the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation. The society was founded in 1959 to save and collect Jaffrey's history and to keep its past alive. This is done through monthly meetings at the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation Civic Center and the use of the display rooms in the basement for its permanent exhibits. In the trophy cases on the first floor there are rotating displays of some of the more interesting collections: the Warfield birds have been shown, some of Helen Shattuck's button collection, Hannah Davis's handboxes, original newspaper clippings and artifacts of the Dean murder, and even a lock of Paul Revere's hair.

The Historical Society continues to sponsor several lectures on Jaffrey's history, and in October the group makes an annual excursion to one of the surrounding towns to visit with the local historical societies and gather information on the various communities.

The society is very active in the protection of Jaffrey's historic places. In 1969 the society sponsored a warrant article to have the Jaffrey Center area declared a historic district, and as an indirect result of the work of several members, many buildings in Jaffrey Center, including the meetinghouse, are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Members of the society have played major

roles in the restorations of both the Old Meetinghouse and the Cutler Memorial building, location of the town clock. Presently all the members of the Town of Jaffrey Historic District Commission are members of the society as the community tries to preserve its heritage in the modern world.

The Historical Society has been very active in hosting numerous school groups, showing them the burial grounds, the Little Red Schoolhouse, and the Civic Center displays. In conjunction with the Civic Center, Hester (Mrs. Forrest) Ames, in full costume, has portrayed herself as Hannah Davis and told students of her life and the manufacture of the bandboxes. The children have had the opportunity to create the hatboxes and to see the originals.

During the bicentennial years the society held many events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. A fashion show of yesteryear was organized by Louise Belletete, assisted by Elizabeth Shea, while Dr. and Mrs. Robert MacCready formed a committee to do an architectural survey of all the old houses and buildings in Jaffrey. Member Anne B. Gordon served on the New Hampshire Bicentennial Commission and at the federal level on the Original Thirteen Colonies Commission, so the society was very much aware of the plans for the nation.

In 1995 the society did an assessment of all its collections and buildings and is in the process of organizing and refurbishing many of them.

The officers and directors from 1973 include the names of many of Jaffrey's most prominent citizens. Former presidents were Betty Jane Balentine, Mark Bean, Louise and Homer Belletete, William Driscoll, J. August Duval, Henry Gallup, Anne Gordon, Owen Houghton, Daniel Johnson, Robert and Molly MacCready, Elizabeth Sawyer, and John Wozmak.

Vice Presidents: Hester Ames, Betty Jane Balentine, Mark Bean, Homer Belletete, George Bradley, Ronald Despres, William Driscoll, Esther Engvall, Homer Forcier, Henry Gallup, Wilma Jewell, Daniel Johnson, Molly MacCready, Claire Moore, Priscilla Gordon Palmer, Evelyn Ruffle, Elizabeth Sawyer, and Robert Stephenson.

Secretaries: Betty Jane Balentine, Richard Boutwell, Lucy Carpenter, William Driscoll, Eleanor Eaves, Anne Gordon, Owen Houghton, Jacqueline Johnson, Lucy Leach, Jane Sawyer-Perry, Travis Shattuck, Elizabeth Shea, and Hope West.

Treasurers: James Balentine, Mark Bean, and Lucy Leach.

Directors: Hester Ames, Bertha Bacon, Betty Jane Balentine, James Balentine, Homer Belletete, Levida Boutwell, Richard Boutwell, George Bradley, Lucy Carpenter. Randy Courmoyer, John Crawford, Mildred Cutter, J. August Duval, Esther Engvall, Diana Gallup, Henry Gallup, Grace Gourd, Nancy Griswold, Myrtle Hazelton, Wilma Jewell, Daniel Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson, Marion Mack Johnson, David Kemp, Mary Kidd, Paul Kidder, Helen Krause, Lucy Leach, Alice Lehtinen, Amanda Lessard, Douglas Lowe, Molly MacCready, Wheeler Merriam, Claire Moore, Elinor Moore, Daniel Nelson, Priscilla Gordon Palmer, Mary Payson, Edith Peard, Carolyn Reed, Richard Rettig, Hunter Reiseberg, Kathleen Robinson, Kent Royce, Evelyn Ruffle, Elizabeth Sawyer, Harvey Sawyer, Lee S. Sawyer, Catherine Seiberling, Daniel Shattuck, Jr., Marjorie Shattuck, Elizabeth Shea, Virginia Warfield, Hazel Wellington, Hope West, William West, and John Wozmak.

(For earlier history of Jaffrey Historical Society see History of Jaffrey, Vol. III, p. 130.)

THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

The town of Jaffrey in 1959 authorized the Jaffrey Historical Society to move and restore the Little Red Schoolhouse as long as there was no cost to the town. The right of maintenance and administration was conveyed to the society, and the Little Red Schoolhouse now stands on the common by the meetinghouse in Jaffrey Center. The original cost of the building in 1822 was about \$200, and the cost of relocating and restoring it over the years 1959-1967 amounted to \$2,700. From 1967 to 1995 the cost of maintenance has run about \$11,000. It has been faithfully restored to appear as it did in the 1800s with many slates, books, and maps of the period.

The building is opened for special events and on the weekends throughout the summer months. When children of the area are studying the history of New Hampshire, the schools make arrangements to have them see the Little Red Schoolhouse, Amos Fortune's gravesite, and the meetinghouse. Occasionally Homer Belletete will appear as one of the early schoolmasters, Samuel Litch. Jacqueline Johnson and Jennifer Sawyer have been instrumental in providing the volunteers for the Little Red Schoolhouse.

(For earlier history of District No. 11 Schoolhouse see History of Jaffrey, Vol. I, pp. 298 ff. and Vol. III, pp. 241.)

MONADNOCK NUMBER 4

Monadnock Number 4 was the old firehouse for Jaffrey Center, located on Main Street across from the Monadnock Inn. The building was not originally at this site but was moved there from the south side of the street. It was used as a fire station until 1953.

The building has no great historical significance because it is one of those typical New Hampshire buildings that had been enlarged several times over the years.

The Jaffrey Historical Society acquired the fire station in 1969, but it was not deeded to them until 1971. Over the years there have been improvements to the building such as the addition of electricity, a new roof, and repair of the grounds.

In the early 1970s the building was used as a small museum displaying the Firefly, an 1848 engine called Contoocook Number 2, and a 1932 Seagrave fire truck, referred to as the Emory truck because it was donated by George E. Emory. It was Jaffrey's first motorized truck. The building also holds two of the town's horsedrawn hearses.

Presently the building is used as storage for many of the artifacts that the society has acquired over the years that are too large for the Civic Center. It is hoped that the building can be used as a small museum to display the fire equipment adequately. At this time there are plans underway to display the hearses at the Cournoyer Funeral Home.

JAFFREY VFW MEMORIAL AMBULANCE, INC.

On March 12, 1948, at a regular Jaffrey VFW meeting, John Crawford spoke of the need to establish an ambulance service that would provide a free service to the injured or the sick of Jaffrey and Rindge. It was the group's unanimous decision to sponsor a fund drive to purchase a modern ambulance. They pledged \$200 to start the fund drive and established a 12-member committee led by John Crawford to organize the effort. This committee contacted businesses and citizens for support. On March 15, 1948, the fund drive took off when George Emory presented the committee with a \$1000 check. Over the years many changes have occurred in the area of emergency medical services. Today the ambulance service provides the highest quality prehospital medical care possible and

the latest techniques used in emergency medical care. Despite these changes, the goal of the ambulance service still remains to provide a free-of-charge service to the towns of Jaffrey and Rindge.

On the last weekend in September 1998 the Jaffrey VFW Memorial Ambulance, Inc. celebrated its 50th anniversary. The scheduled events included a dinner dance on Friday night, a parade and luncheon on Saturday, and an open house at the garage on Sunday.

VFW MEMORIAL AMBULANCE SERVICE MEMBERS (Documented Listing)

Orin Letourneau	Charter member - Chief for many years
David Chamberlain	Assistant Chief - 1998 (16AC2)
Scott Shelley	Assistant Chief - 1998 (16AC3)
Isadore Abbot	
Savarino Ascani	Mary Call
Duviglio Ascani	Maurice Christian
Jim Baird	Ronald Christian
Charlie Baldwin	Russ Colby
Justin Ball	Mark Cournoyer
Andrew Baranowski	Alan Cote
Christopher Bartlett	John Crawford, Sr.
Wayne Bennett	Raymond Desmarais
Alison Bergeron	Francis Devlin
Christopher Bergeron	Shannon Drew
Sylvio Bernier	Peter Duncan
Dayle Best	Douglas Earl
Arthur Blair	William Elliott
Arthur Blair, Jr.	David Ely
George Blair	Gilbert Emery
Brian Blanchette	Robert Faas
Jason Blanchette	John Field
Rendi Bolton	Arthur Fish
Mark Bosse	Rene Forcier
Norman Bosse	Leo Forcier
Peter Bourque	Frederick Forcier
Peter Bradford	Bertram Fournier
Julie Burgess	Katherine Goodrich
William Bourgoyne	Michael Greenough
Patrick Greenough	Adrian Ouellette
Ronald Hagstrom	Brian Petrone
George Hart	Roland Pillsbury

Frederick Hartwell, Jr.	Stephanie Quinlan
Herbert Harvey, Sr.	Edmund Robichaud
Arthur Hunt	George Robinson
Mark Kay	Albert Robinson
David Kemp	Susan Schoch
Arthur Lambert	James Schoch
Wilfred Lambert	Jacqueline Scott
Theo Lambert	William Sheldon
Alphe Lamonthé	Debra Shelley
Steven Lapinsky	Frederick Simmons
David Lawn	Arthur Snow
Nelson Letourneau	Sandra Stewart
Frank Marro	Mark Stone
Lorraine Marro	Christopher Struthers
Richard McDowell	Scott Symonds
Richard McNear	Maureen Thompson
Bertram Mercure	David Vinal
Alfred Merrill	Mary Wakefield
Mark Mitcheson	Michael Wakefield
Lawrence Morin	Kenneth Whicker
Glenn Nelson	Paul Whicker
Dale Norby	Toivo Williams

JAFFREY SWAP SHOP

Americans have become increasingly aware in the last third of the 20th century that we are in danger of burying ourselves in our own refuse. Recycling was not a common practice until recent years.

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce resource conservation committee recognized the problem, and in September 1991 its efforts resulted in the Jaffrey Swap Shop, a separate building that has become part of the Jaffrey Transfer Station/Recycling Center. The purpose of the shop is to accept usable items that people no longer want and make them available to others who might make good use of them. The shop represents recycling at its most basic level by keeping serviceable items out of the waste stream. It is open only on Saturdays.

Almost any usable item can be left at the shop: toys, bicycles, furniture, books, household items, working appliances and TVs (or ones that need minor repairs), clothing, and building supplies such as doors, windows, and unopened paint. Prohibited are mattresses, box springs, and pillows. There is no charge to residents

with a use sticker for the transfer station except for appliances containing chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. For these items there is a charge of \$10, payable at the town clerk's office before the shop will accept them.

The chairperson of the Chamber conservation committee that helped create the Jaffrey Swap Shop was Barbara Gilbert. The present chairperson is Juliet Bartlett. Anyone with questions about the shop or who can't bring items during the regular Saturday hours can call the Jaffrey Department of Public Works.

JAFFREY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Jaffrey Woman's Club was founded in 1921. The object of this club is the promotion of civic, cultural, and charitable projects. Jaffrey Woman's Club has seen many changes in the last three decades. The major change is the place a woman's club has in the life of a member today. Years ago most women were homemakers looking for an outlet outside of the family where they could socialize. Today's woman finds it very hard to find the time to participate in things other than the demands of a home, family, church, and in many cases, the work world. As a result, the number of members has dwindled from upwards of 130 in the past to about 60 to 70 over the last few years.

There have been three major changes since 1968. The first was a devastating fire at the Woman's Club building, known as Cutler Memorial, on July 17, 1971. Shortly after a gala luncheon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club and to enjoy music from the newly restored Estes organ, lightning struck and so badly burned and damaged the building that the club nearly voted to raze it. However, with the support of the community, the love of the town for this historic edifice, and the hard work of committee members, a new interior was created while the old exterior was maintained, all in just over six months. Also, as a result of the fire, the one-of-a-kind organ was sold for salvage for \$200 and a silver tea service that melted in the heat of the fire was collected and framed as a reminder of that terrible day.

The second major change came when the membership voted to withdraw from the General Federation of Women's Clubs as of

April 29, 1991. This was a difficult decision because this was the third time it had been considered since 1975. Because of the dwindling size of the membership and the many requirements made from the state and national levels, it was deemed the right thing to do.

The third major change has been restoration and renovation of the steeple and spire on Cutler Memorial. This was a three-year project that resulted in the support system for the spire and the belfry area being reconstructed from within by Skyline Engineers of Maryland at a total cost of \$102,000. This included the four faces of the town clock being totally remade with new gold-leafed hands and numerals over a refinished black background. A beautiful handcrafted gold-leafed pineapple ornament was installed atop the spire on June 30, 1995, as the members and townspeople watched. The fund-raising took three years with the first \$25,000 coming from approval of a warrant article presented at Town Meeting in 1993 by the Woman's Club. The club had to match that amount, which it did, raising the total amount needed thanks to the help of over 300 local citizens, businesses, and local organizations.

Cutler Memorial has seen many activities within its walls over the past few decades. They include weddings, dinners, Community League meetings, interim church services, district court sessions, Andy's Summer Playhouse productions, bridge groups, hearing clinics, flea markets, rummage sales, and craft fairs.

It is the hope of the club that the community will continue to use and enjoy this beautiful and historic memorial dedicated to the Reverend Myron Cutler for many, many years to come. The Jaffrey Woman's Club will continue to work hard to maintain it along with continuing the tradition of giving to the community.

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1968:

Mrs. D. Glyn Millard	1967-68
Mrs. Homer J. Belletete	1968-69
Mrs. Francis LaFreniere	1969-71
Mrs. Raymond A. Moore	1971-73
Miss Catherine Richardson	1973-74
Mrs. Gerard Houghton	1974-77
Mrs. Russell Luebker	1977-79
Mrs. H. Norris Shepherd	1979-82
Mrs. Robert Chamberlain	1982-84

Mrs. Hans Badertscher	1984-87
Miss Marjorie Zerbel	1987-88
Mrs. Douglas McBride	1988-90
Mrs. Bruce Buck	1990-94
Mrs. Herbert Bixler	1994-96
Ms. Valerie Owen	1996-98
Mrs. Bruce Buck	1998-

JAFFREY/RINDGE LIONS CLUB

YEAR FOUNDED: April 22, 1952

OFFICERS: president, Earle Spafford; past president, Dr. John Wheeler; first vice president, Frances Stacy; second vice president, Janice Dokla; secretary, Joanne McGovern; treasurer, Malcolm Washburn, Jr.; lion tamer, Lloyd Robinson; tail twister, Donald Pyke; membership, Robert Bussiere; directors, Donald Stewart, Lloyd Soderberg, Antonio Sangermano, Edith Davis

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world; to promote the principles of good government and good citizenship; to take an active interest in the civic, social, and moral welfare of the community; to unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding; to provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion are not debated by club members; to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward; and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavors.

MARY VARNUM PLATTS - PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

YEAR FOUNDED: 1911 - Mary Varnum Platts, Peterborough;
1945 - Mary Varnum Platts, Rindge; 1988 - Peterborough/Rindge.

PURPOSE: To preserve and perpetuate men and women who achieved American independence, promote the development of an enlightened public opinion, and foster patriotic citizenship.

MAJOR PROJECTS SINCE 1968: American history essays (Grades 5-8), excellence in American history, good citizenship

awards to high school seniors in Conant, Conval, and Mascenic, celebration of patriotic holidays and events.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: Combining Peterborough and Rindge chapters.

PRESIDENTS or REGENTS SINCE 1968:

Mrs. Ralph Pangborn	Miss Carol May Grant
Mrs. Charles R. Nichols, Jr.	Mrs. Richard Stearns
Mrs. David O. Jewell	Mrs. Robert Chamberlain

OFFICERS: 1998 - 2001

Regent	Phyllis Whitaker
Vice Regent	Mary Chamberlain
Chaplain	Cynthia Kinney
Secretary	Barbara Nichols
Treasurer	Deborah Stewart
Asst. Treasurer	Wilma Jewell
Registrar	Barbara Rice
Historian	Alice Stearns
Librarian	Wilma Jewell
Parliamentarian	Wilma Jewell

June 10, 1998, at their Flag Day luncheon, Dr. Owen R. Houghton was the recipient of the DAR Excellence in Community Services Award.

MONADNOCK PONY CLUB YEAR FOUNDED: 1954

OFFICERS: district commissioner, Kim Doubleday; joint district commissioner, Mary Feltus; secretary, Elizabeth Gordon; treasurer: Roger Martin; barn manager, Gordon Getty; assistant barn manager, Linda Hyatt; rally coordinator, Marta Nielsen

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: The purpose of Monadnock Pony Club and all United States Pony Club Chapters is to teach and provide horsemanship skills to children up to the age of 21. Monadnock Pony Club is a nonprofit organization run by parents and other interested individuals, instructors, and sponsors.

Members also learn sportsmanship, the responsibility of taking proper care of their animals, and the importance of teamwork. Many pony clubbers go on to equine related careers, including trainers and veterinarians. Some have become members of the United States

Olympic teams in past years.

MONADNOCK ROD AND GUN CLUB INC.

YEAR FOUNDED: 1947

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: to promote the enjoyment of outdoor sports; to oppose all anti-outdoor sports enjoyment; to alert the public of matters that may be harmful to outdoor enthusiasts; to educate the public through safety and education programs.

MAJOR PROJECTS SINCE 1968: Support the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation by joining the Granite State Bowman to support hunting rights. Support rules of hunting throughout the state in conjunction with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: The club was voted in and joined Granite State Bowman in March 1986.

We award all participating children with trophies for their participation in outdoor sporting events. The Monadnock Rod and Gun Club is the prime leader in the State of New Hampshire in awarding children's trophies.

In cooperation with International Bow Hunter Education and New Hampshire Bow Hunter Education, the club holds the William Wadsworth Memorial Archery Shoot indefinitely, from which half of all funds are donated to charities of the club members' choice.

We maintain a full hiking trail that intertwines the property for members and guests. We also maintain a rifle range, pistol range, and an archery range. In the summer we also maintain a 3-D archery course which is open to the public one night per week and to members seven days a week. This course is closed only during special events.

We have an archery team sponsored by major archery manufacturers.

SWIFT WATER GIRL SCOUTS OF JAFFREY

YEAR FOUNDED: Active in Jaffrey since approximately 1988.

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: Community service and positive experiences for girls ages 5 to 10.

MAJOR PROJECTS SINCE 1968: help with Recreation Department Christmas tree lighting; help with Parent/Teacher Orga-

nization projects; donations to food bank.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: There has been a significant decline in our numbers over recent years because Jaffrey is a town very focused on youth programs. The need here is not as significant as in some areas where few activities for the children exist.

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1968 (Service Unit Managers): Kathy Batchelder, Brenda Arel, Betsey Kaufold

THE THORNDIKE CLUB, INC.

The genesis of the Thorndike Club (*History of Jaffrey*, Vol I, p. 536) was a meeting on July 19, 1898, of five men who were summer residents of Jaffrey. Of the five founders only Frederick A. Greene (Vol. I, pp. 543-554) has left progeny still living among us. He was the direct descendant of Laban Ainsworth, the first minister of the village, who served for 76 years and died at age 102. Charles P. Lyman, who hosted the first meeting of the group was the first president. Others who have served over the years in that capacity are:

1948-72 Herbert Bixler; 1973-74 Glyn Millard; 1974-77 Thomas Page; 1977-79 Raymond Kruse; 1979-85 Richard Cunningham; 1985-90 Burgess Ayres; 1990-91 Thomas Raleigh/Robert Brandin; 1991-92 Ann Raleigh/Raymond Kruse; 1992-93 Raymond Kruse; 1993-94 George Cox; 1994-96 Ronald Reid; 1996-99 Mary Payson.

Though architectural drawings for a new clubhouse were sought in 1936, the building was not erected until 1957. In 1966 the addition of a fireplace enhanced the building.

By 1987 the board of directors realized there was a need to revitalize the Thorndike Club. Many of the older corporate members had become inactive but continued to retain their stock. In order to make room for younger, more active members, a major change was made establishing Senior Status Membership. This allows older corporate members to relinquish their stock but remain nonvoting members.

Maintaining the buildings and grounds of the Thorndike Club had become costly over the years so volunteerism became the solution. Work bees in spring and fall not only spruced up the club physically, but allowed the members to get to know one another

and form stronger friendships.

In this manner the tennis courts were completely reworked under the supervision of Thomas Raleigh and continue to be a source of pleasurable exercise and competition. Sailing, canoeing, sailboat racing, and swimming offer pleasant diversions on a summer day.

July 19, 1998, marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Thorndike Club. The members, under the direction of President Mary Payson, marked the occasion with a weekend of games, sailboat races, an ice cream social, a clambake, and fireworks. Thorndike Club members look to the future with pleasure and optimism.

THE THORNDIKE POND CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Thorndike Pond Association was born as the result of a crisis. On September 3, 1960, a majority of the then 47 shorefront owners on Thorndike Pond met on short notice to deal with the problem of water level in the pond. A mill in Peterborough that owned the dam and water-flow rights had drained the pond so low that it was not usable for recreational purposes. The property owners decided to form an association in order to protect and improve the future of the pond and its surroundings. On April 24, 1963, the association purchased the dam and the water-flow rights from the Peterborough mill. The dam has been rebuilt, repaired, and maintained by the association ever since, and water level is regulated by vote of the membership.

The association pressed very hard for zoning regulations to be enacted to prevent undesirable and harmful development around the pond. Finally, in the mid 1970s, a minimum shorefront of 200 feet per lot and a minimum size of two acres per lot were established for all new house lots.

In 1973 the Thorndike Pond Association changed its name to The Thorndike Pond Conservation Association, dedicated to the preservation of harmony between man and nature. Implicit in this statement is the maintenance of Thorndike pond as a desirable body of water and the fostering of an aesthetic shoreline and surrounding property.

There are currently 75 members who, under the guidance of the Department of Environmental Services of the State of New Hampshire, work hard to achieve these goals.