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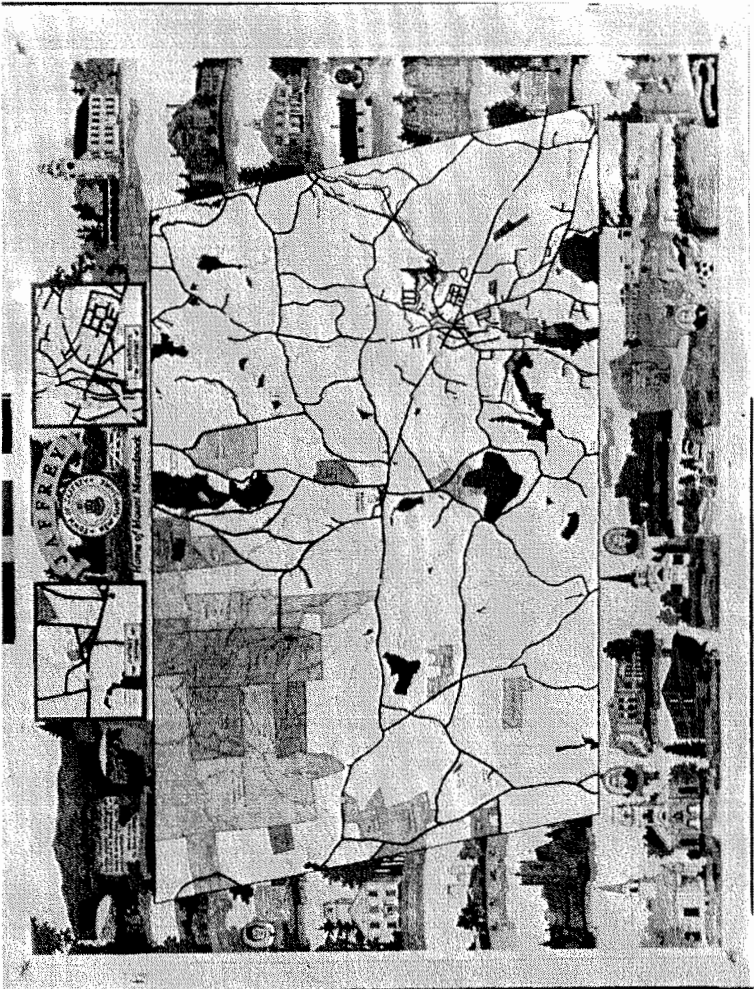
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**“This time, like all times, is a very
good one, if we but know what to
do with it.”**

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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TO THE
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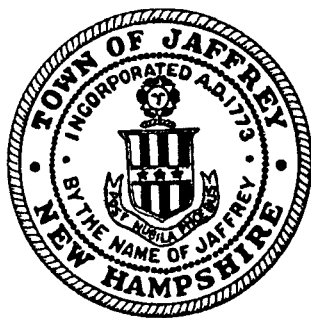


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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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P R E F A C E

The *History of Jaffrey, New Hampshire*, Volume III was completed in 1968 and published in 1971 under the supervision of Alice E. E. Lehtinen. In the years since 1968 much has happened in our small town. As we enter the 21st century, the Jaffrey History Committee has attempted to pick up the threads and weave them into the tapestry of Jaffrey history with this new volume.

Thirty to 35 years seems to be a manageable time frame for compiling the town's history considering the quantity and variety of events that need to be researched and included. Topics from Volume III have been updated, and new subjects introduced. Every family in Jaffrey was urged to include their genealogy in this volume.

Jaffrey's population has almost doubled since 1970. This is largely attributable to new businesses and industries choosing to locate in town, as well as advances in transportation enabling people to commute longer distances to work. Our community's natural resources and low-key lifestyle have attracted many senior citizens to retire here.

School enrollments have more than doubled during the last 30 years, requiring us to build new and multifunctional structures to educate our young people. New churches have been built to accommodate the diverse spiritual needs of the community. New buildings have appeared, such as the fire station and the addition to the public library. Considerable investments have been made in the town's infrastructure, including road improvements, new sewer lines, pumping station, redesigned lagoons, transfer recycling station, and water treatment plant. Traffic lights, underground telephone wires, and the refurbishment of Humiston Field have made life more convenient and enjoyable for Jaffrey residents. This list is not complete, but it does give an indication of how the town's growth has necessitated the building of facilities to serve more people.

The seventh decade of the century was a period of unrest that was felt across America. People were discontent and contemptuous of government. In 1975 the Vietnam War came to an end. Illegal drugs were part of the scene and continued to be prevalent during the 1980s and 1990s, even in Jaffrey. Our country celebrated its bicentennial on July 4, 1976, marking the 200th anniversary of its independence. More women looked for employment outside

the home to make ends meet as the cost of living soared.

Jaffrey's growth in the 1980s was substantial. Building was at an all-time high due to low interest rates and a strong economy. A citizen survey taken in 1980 determined "the preservation of open space, regardless of growth," should be the greatest consideration in dealing with future development. The town, not long after, endorsed a two-year moratorium on growth, the first of two, so that the community could breathe a little easier.

Through a process that included hearings, surveys, studies, and town meetings, Jaffrey came up with plans to shape and control its growth. They included: A Master Plan for the overall development of the community, a historic district to preserve colonial origins, an impact fee ordinance, and a comprehensive zoning ordinance that includes sign restrictions, restrictive rural districts, and a cluster development plan among other restrictive measures. Another factor contributing to the town's development was the growth in the workforce because both parents were employed. This brought about the establishment of day care centers for children.

The late 1980s and early 1990s saw Jaffrey, as well as most of the country, in a recession. Some businesses folded and other industries curtailed hiring as machines took the place of manpower and overproduction caused unemployment to skyrocket. In June 1991 the United States unemployment rate was 6.9 percent; Jaffrey's 7.1 percent exceeded the national figure. The national unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in June 1998 with Jaffrey's rate 2.6 percent.

The Jaffrey 2000 Committee was established in 1991 at the encouragement of the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce to continue the work of the Downtown 80s Committee. (It was the Selectmen's Select Study Committee's charge to formulate recommendations on the economic health of the community, town services, and the general welfare of the citizenry by acting as a link between the private and public sectors.)

The major accomplishment was the Community Stewardship Program that brought citizens together in a nonpolitical and nonconfrontational setting to seek the wishes of the community for the future. Subcommittees were established, and after six months of work a list of 34 goals or projects was developed. Most of these have been accomplished as of 1997 or are ongoing objectives. During the committee's existence there were discussions regard-

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ing the establishment of an Industrial Development Authority. This authority was created at the 1995 town meeting.

Today Jaffrey is part of the global community. We have seen changes in the management of information through the use of computers, satellite communications, fax machines, cellular phones, and television. Companies now have access to worldwide markets. Home computers represent entertainment, information, and communication links to the future.

Committee members have tried to make the history as accurate and complete as possible. We have included as many events and subjects as time and space allowed. We hope you, the reader, will find Volume IV informative, entertaining, and historically valuable.

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