

Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 7 pm. Grand View Estate.

COME TO the Society's Annual Meeting to be held at Grand View Estate. (See details below.) The activities of the past year will be briefly reviewed, the President, Treasurer and Trustees will report, and Officers & Directors will be proposed and elected.

The date is consistent with past years; however, the location is different—the **Grand View Estate**.

This large estate is located at 580 Mountain Road. Some of our more senior members knew it as the 'Yeatman Place.' Manager & member Pam Royce has very kindly invited the Society to hold its annual meeting here and to learn about its history and current operation. The property, which has served as a tavern, a farm and a private residence, has a panoramic view of Mt. Monadnock, forested woodlands, and open fields. Currently it is a commercial facility available for weddings, events, and estate rental.

Following our business meeting we will hear an historical perspective of the property followed by an outline of the current operation. Members may then tour the facility and enjoy some refreshments.

This event is open to members of the Jaffrey Historical Society. Others may join the Society at the door by cash or check. Membership fees start at \$15 a year. Questions may be recorded at the JHS voicemail (603) 598-0120.

The Grand View Estate has a long and interesting history. Soon after the Third New Hampshire Turnpike (roughly present-day Route 124) was built in the very early 1800s, Lt. Alexander Milliken opened his tavern. It is thought to have been the first brick building in Jaffrey. It served as a stopping-place for the stage coaches going from the Connecticut River towns to Groton and on to Boston. It changed hands many times over the years and has been added to and frequently altered. The older image at right shows it as the Proctor House in the 1880s.

Among the more interesting of the past owners was the Yeatman family of Philadelphia. During their time the property was called Chislehurst Farm. Pope Yeatman was a prominent and wealthy mining engineer; his daughter, Georgina (1902-1982), was a pioneering architect and aviator. She was the first to land a plane in Jaffrey on June 12, 1932. Her father, with his mining experience, used a thousand pounds of dynamite to prepare what became Georgina's landing strip, the present-day meadow along Route 124. 🐾



Grand View today and below how it looked in the 1880s as the Proctor House.



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