

## *The History Corner*

### **A Different Kind of Social Distancing**

We all know the Town Offices as a place filled with friendly people who work hard to support the infrastructure of New Hampton. One hundred and forty years ago that spot was home to one of the many schools scattered throughout the town. For the most part students living anywhere in New Hampton could walk to one of the seventeen schools our taxes supported. The photograph below was taken in 1883, as noted on the back of the stereoscopic card by Mary E. Huse, the teacher (standing, second from the right). Ms Huse married the next year, and in 1885 gave birth to Anna Irene Shaw – a stalwart champion of all things New Hampton for her whole life. The next time you come to apply for a permit, attend a meeting, say hello, pay taxes, and/or renew registrations, ponder a minute to imagine the old school house filled with the sounds of laughter and learning.



For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

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