

## *The History Corner*

### **Students Make Excellent Use of the Library**

In my youth (long, long ago), the Gordon-Nash Library was filled with residents of the town and surrounding communities along with students from New Hampton School. We came here not just to check out books (although living next door for six years, I certainly did a lot of that) but so that wise and kind librarians like Barbara Shaw and Hope Swain could teach us how to do research and create bibliographies.

I cannot say, however, that we ever made such unique use of the library as the six New Hampton School students did on a wintry day back in the early 1900s. Pictured below are Stanley Erskine, Class of 1907, Clarence White, Arthur D. White, Class of 1905, Sidney L. Morrison, Class of 1904, Frank M. Morrill, Class of 1907 and Tom Pease. Note that their “ski poles” consist of a single stick.

It is very exciting to think of the town and New Hampton School coming together in the library once again – just as Judge Nash (New Hampton, Class of 1838) planned it 125 years ago.

A hearty thanks to Tom Diehl for gifting this priceless photo to the G-NL in 1996.



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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