

SEE Notice Below!

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- **TOYS FOR TOTS – Police Department December 2nd through December 17th**
- **Gordon-Nash Library and New Hampton School Merger Meeting -December 4th**
- **Jessica’s Law – PLEASE clean off your vehicle after a storm.**

THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to blucas@new-hampton.nh.us.

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November 25, 2019

“THE HISTORY CORNER”

Life in the “Western Territory” of Ohio in 1816 - a Native Son’s Perspective

Ebenezer and Lydia Sanborn were prominent New Hampton figures in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Ebenezer served as both a captain in the militia and a town selectman. The Sanborns had ten children: Josiah, Nancy, Abigail, Caleb, Lydia, Joseph, Thomas, Hannah, Lavinia and John. Today’s *History Corner* features an 1816 letter from eldest son, Josiah, to his parents, about life in the western territory – of Ohio! An 1817 letter from mom and dad to eldest son follows. New Hamptonites spread their wings and head west (and return home as well).

Honored Parents
I think it a great pleasure that we can
communicate our thoughts to each other when
at a distance & take this opportunity to inform
to inform you that I am well and hope these
lines will find you enjoying the same blessing
I recd your letter dated the 28th of January about
the 20th of March with great joy and satisfaction
I also recd another about a week ago dated April
11th I will write about the soil & produce through
the manners and customs of the people in this county
As to the soil is in general of an excellent quality
and produces Corn wheat rye oats buck wheat flax
peas beans potatoes and all other vegetables the same
as the New England states. The climate is more
temperate than that of New England the winters
are not as cold nor as long it don't require near
as much feed for cattle here as there as to their
manners and customs of the people they do not
differ materially from those of the New Englanders
the people in the east part of the state are mostly
emigrants from Pennsylvania but some from
Virginia I am now a going to the westward about 50
miles to what is called the Western Reserve or
Connecticut Reserve. The people there are mostly
from Connecticut but some from Vermont I have been
out there at work a while. I like the country very well
and think it likely I may settle there. I shall not be
home this fall but I will write again after a little
and will give you a further account of my business.
Write as soon as is convenient and direct your letter
to Talmage Portage County Ohio.
No more at present but remain yours etc.
Josiah Sanborn
New Lisbon August 4th 1816

Josiah to his parents – 1816

New Hampton January 12th 1817
I take this opportunity to right
to you to inform you that we are all
well at present hoping these lines
will find you enjoying the same blessing
I wish in your that Caleb went from
home the 29th of October with the
intention to go to the state of Ohio in order
to find his brother Josiah. Caleb went
in fourteen days to Newburgh on the
North of Albany then he has set out
for this state expecting to go on
to see you in the Spring I hope I hope to
you the 27 of October and expected to
have had a letter from you before now
but have had none I wish you to right
soon and as often as you can and
right more particular about your
business I hope you will take an opportunity
to come home to see your parents now
you sir I don't want to trouble you to see
you again. Sir has since been to see you
but was disappointed and you are gone so far
we can't go to see you we have your horses
to be thankful that you have been kept
you preserve through so many dangers since you
left home your brother Caleb is gone I left
so many are our affections but the love
will deliver us out of them all if we
put our trust in him. Remains at
present thus from your Parents
Ebenezer Sanborn
Lydia Sanborn
Sent by Levi Hubbard

Ebenezer & Lydia to their son – 1817

1816 letter from Josiah Sanborn in Tallmadge County, Ohio to his parents, Ebenezer and Lydia Sanborn, in New Hampton. While Josiah struck out for “the west” in his twenties, he died back in New Hampton in 1865.

*New Lisbon August 4 [1816]
Honored Parents*

I think it a great pleasure that we can communicate our thoughts to each other when at a distance. I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and hope these lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I received your letter dated 28th January about 20th March with great joy and satisfaction. I also received another about a week ago dated April 11th.

You wished me to write about the soil and produce, likewise the manners and customs of the people in this county. As to the soil, it is in general of an excellent quality and produces corn, wheat, rye, oats, buckwheat, flax, peas, beans, potatoes and all other vegetables the same as the New England states. The climate is more temperate than that of New England, the winters are not as cold nor as long. It don't require near as much feed for cattle here as there.

As to the manners and customs of the people, they do not differ materially from those of the New Englanders. The people in the east part of the state are mostly emigrants from Pennsylvania, but some from Virginia. I am now a going to the westward about 50 miles to what is called the Western Reserve or Connecticut Reserve. The people there are mostly from Connecticut but some from Vermont. I have been out there at work a while. I like the country very well and think it likely I may settle there. I shall not be home this fall but I will write again after a little and will give you a further account of my business. Write as soon as is convenient and direct your letter to Talmage Portage County, Ohio.

No more at present but remain yours etc. Josiah Sanborn

1817 letter from Ebenezer and Lydia Sanborn to their son, Josiah Sanborn in Ohio. “Brother Caleb,” referred to in both letters, was the fourth of the Sanborn children. Ebenezer refers to Josiah in the 3rd person (“Caleb went... to find his brother Josiah.”) and Lydia refers to Josiah’s father as “your sir.”

New Hampton January 11th 1817

I take this opportunity to write to you to inform you that we are all well at present, hoping these lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I would inform that Caleb went from home 24 November with the intention to go to the state of Ohio in order to find his brother Josiah. Caleb went in 14 days to Onondaga in the state of New York. There he hired out for this winter expecting to go on to see you in the spring. I wrote to you 27 October and expected to have had a letter from you before now but have had none. I wish you to write soon and as often as you can and write more particulars about your affairs.

Josiah [written in his mother's hand] I hope you will take an opportunity and come home to see your parents once more. Your sir and I went down to Marblehead to see you. Your sir has since been to Plattsburgh to see you but was disappointed. Now you are gone so far we can't go to see you. We have great reason to be thankful that you have been kept and preserved through so many dangers since you left home your brother Caleb is gone and left as many are our afflictions but the love will deliver us out of them all if we put our trust in him.

So no more at present – this from your parents – Ebenezer Sanborn Lydia Sanborn

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

Kent Bicknell
Historian, NHHS
November 25, 2019

ROAD CLOSURE **Sinclair Hill Road**

EMERGENCY CLOSURE: Sinclair Hill Road – Culvert compromised and repairs planned immediately at the brook crossing between Kelley Pond Road and Drake Road. Closed for November 25th through November 26th. Please use alternative routes. Thank you.

Office Closures

The Town Offices will be closed on:

Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 1st at 4:30 PM

Town Common, Main Street, New Hampton



Please join us on Sunday, December 1st for the tree lighting on the Town Common. We will begin at 4:30 pm with some of Santa's elves handing out hot cocoa and singing Christmas carols. This will bring in the holiday cheer and welcome Santa for a visit and the lighting of the tree at approximately 5:00 pm.

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

The New Hampton Police Department will be collecting new unwrapped gifts, books and toys on behalf of the US Marines from December 2nd through December 17th. There will be a donation

box inside the lobby located at the Public Safety Building at 24 Intervale Drive (Police Dept).

There are nearly 15 million American children living at or below the poverty level. Help the US Marine Corp save their Christmas.

Gordon-Nash Library and New Hampton School Merger Informational Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

7:00pm at the Gordon-Nash Library

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RESIDENTS OF NEW HAMPTON

Reminder: "Jessica's Law" requires all drivers to remove all snow or ice from their vehicles prior to travel on NH roads. Failure to comply with this is punishable under NH RSA 265:79-b (Negligent Driving.) Penalties for this are a fine of \$250.00-\$500.00 for a first offense with increased penalties for subsequent offenses; up to and including loss of license.

Also: NH RSA 236:20 (Snow Obstruction) prohibits you from placing snow you have removed from your driveway, walkways, etc into the roadway. Any person found doing this shall be guilty of a violation if a private party, a misdemeanor if a commercial entity.

Please take some extra time and completely clean off your vehicle, and please do not place any extra snow on the roadways.

New Hampton Police Department

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