



**Thursday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
Gordon-Nash Library, Main St.,
New Hampton, NH**

The New Hampton Historical Society with financial support from the New Hampshire Humanities Council will present the program:

***The Great Sheep Boom
and its Enduring Legacy on the New Hampshire Landscape.***

In a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century the New Hampshire countryside became home to hundreds of thousands of sheep. Production of wool became a lucrative business, generating fortunes and providing the only era of true agricultural prosperity in the state's history. It left behind a legacy of fine architecture and thousands of miles of rugged stonewalls. Farmers overcame enormous challenges to make sheep husbandry succeed, but forces from beyond New Hampshire were to doom the industry, with social consequences that would last a century. This program is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and presented by Steve Taylor, independent scholar and former NH Commissioner of Agriculture.

Contact: Gordon DuBois, 279-0379 or forestpd@metrocast.net for more information. This program is free and open to the public.

