

GHS Books, Publications and Gifts

The Society offers a variety of publications and gift items relating to Gilmanton's history. All are available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office (Academy), at our Summer Programs, at the GHS Museum and/or at other Town events. Email us if you want any items ordered, and shipped to you directly.

■ *The History of Gilmanton* by Daniel Lancaster, covers the period from Gilmanton's incorporation in 1727 to the year 1845. Hardbound reprints are available. (\$40.00)

■ *The Dear Old Lake* Memories of Crystal Lake and the Village of Gilmanton Iron Works by Elizabeth Widger Arms and other "First Family" members. 170 pages with illustrations. (\$25.00)

■ *Gilmanton: Evolution of a New Hampshire Hill Town from 1880 to 1940* by Pat Clarke, a time in which Gilmanton ceased to be a manufacturing town and saw a major decline in its agriculture and population. (\$20.00)

■ *Gilmanton Summers* by Jane Cumming, records her recollections of summers in Gilmanton in the early 20th century. It is illustrated with photographs from the period. (\$20.00)



■ *Gilmanton, My Home Town* Memoirs of Louise Place Shurbert. Illustrated with photos from the museum collection. (\$20.00)

■ *History of Gilmanton, NH to 1875* by William Badger, picks up where Lancaster left off. In addition to information on the industry and politics of the time, it includes information of genealogical interest. (\$10.00)

■ *Gilmanton Landmarks* A brief history, illustrated with pictures and drawings, of many sites and buildings in Gilmanton with "a story to tell." (Booklet) (\$10.00)

■ *Town Historic Maps:*

■ 1860-1960 shows roads and residents for those years.

■ *Lancaster History, Plan of Gilmanton* showing original lots and ranges with development to 1845 superimposed. (\$10.00)

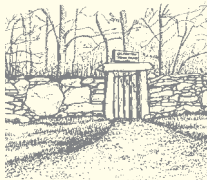
■ *H.H. Holmes* The real story of the early years of a serial killer, Herman Mudgett in Gilmanton, NH (Booklet) (\$10.00)

■ *An Invisible Presence: African Americans in a rural NH Town 1860 to 1940, Gilmanton, NH* by Pat Clarke (\$10.00)

■ *The Tavern* A brief history of the historic Temperance Tavern in Gilmanton Corner. (Booklet) (\$5.00)

■ *Smith Meeting House* was the first house of worship in Gilmanton. (Booklet) (\$5.00)

■ *The Academy* The building, now housing the Town offices and meeting rooms, is the third on the site. (Booklet) (\$5.00)



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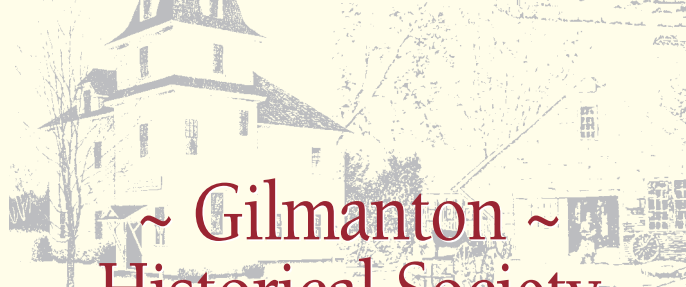


Gilmanton Historical Society ~

The Gilmanton Historical Society was founded in 1967. Its purposes include preserving and exhibiting artifacts, letters and printed materials pertinent to the history of the Town; presenting programs for members and the public on historical subjects relating to Gilmanton and New Hampshire; and encouraging interest in the history and development of the Town.

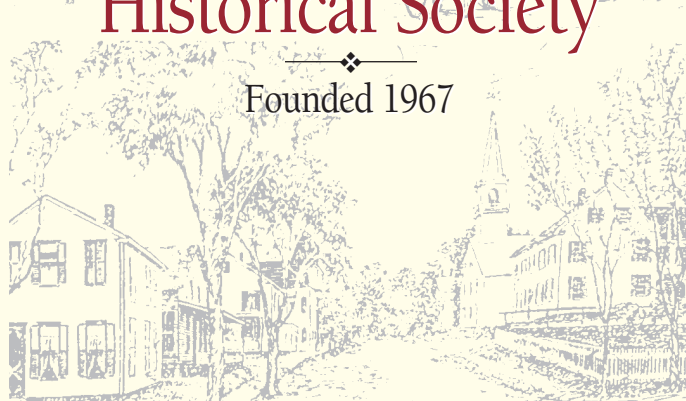
The Society is a non-profit organization run by volunteers and funded by membership dues, donations, and proceeds from sales of books and other publications. Donations are exempt from federal taxation under §501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

The Summer Program Series, open and FREE to the public, is presented monthly...May through October. While there is no charge for the Society's programs, donations are welcome.

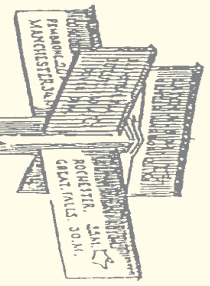


~ Gilmanton ~ Historical Society

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~ 2026 ~



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Post Office Box 236
Gilmanton, NH 03237-0236
www.gilmantonhistoricalsociety.org

MUSEUM HOURS

- June, July & August: Saturdays ~ 10am-Noon
- Other Months: 2nd & 4th Saturday ~ 10am-Noon
- 10pm, Prior to each Summer Program
- Or by appointment with the curator.

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~ Membership Opportunities ~

Thank you for becoming a member. Your support helps finance our ongoing programs and preservation efforts. Your vote helps determine the direction and leadership of the Society at its Annual Meeting.

Membership

Yes, I/we want to support the GHS!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town _____

State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

- \$20 (Individual) \$30 (Family)
- \$75 (Contributing) \$150 (Sustaining)
- I choose not to become a member, but please accept this Donation \$ _____

Your tax deductible membership can be paid directly through the GHS website at: www.gilmantonhistoricalsociety.org

OR Mailed to: The Gilmanton Historical Society
P.O. Box 236, Gilmanton, NH 03237-0236

Thank you for your support!

Your Membership and/or donation keep our programs free to the public, and enables us to continue the work of preserving Gilmanton's history!

Volunteer

I love History! I want to volunteer when/where I can. Please contact me via my email address above. As a GHS Volunteer, I'd like to help with...

- Hospitality Publicity/Programming
- The Museum Membership Management

Stay Connected

I've included my email address above to receive email and Social Media alerts, about GHS activities, programs and new exhibits.



Follow us:

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- Instagram.com/gilmantonnhhistoricalsociety

~ 2026 Summer Program Series ~

(Important: Please note the change in meeting days...May through October)

Every Summer the Society hosts a series of FREE programs, open to the public, that bring History to Gilmanton. The topics may vary from individuals/groups who made a difference, to unusual books related to the region's history. The Society also presents at least one program focused on an aspect of Gilmanton's history.

Wednesday, May 27th, 6:30PM

Old Town Hall, Gilmanton Iron Works

The Mammoth Road: NH Folk Tales as an Avenue to Local History and Culture



Presenter Erin Moulton, describes how Folk Tales are passed from one generation to another, and embellished by time and teller. When we look at Folk Tales, the people who compiled them and the location from which they spring, history is accessed in a new and entertaining way. Join us to explore NH Folk Tales collected by the NH Women's Federation (1932). Was it a tall tale or town history?

Friday, June 26th, 6:30 PM

Old Town Hall, Gilmanton Iron Works

Celebrating Our 250th! Redcoats & Rebels: NH and the American Revolution



Mary Adams (presenter) explains how few people know about Paul Revere's FIRST ride to Portsmouth in December 1774. He rode to warn the Patriots that the British were coming to reinforce Fort William and Mary, five months before the Redcoats marched on Concord and Lexington, MA. Nor do they know that two-thirds of the troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill were from NH, and that NH's Provincial Congress adopted the first State Constitution in January of 1776...making no mention of royal authority and essentially declaring independence from Great Britain six months before anyone else. And, this is just the beginning of New Hampshire's revolutionary story.

Saturday, July 25th, 10AM-3PM

Farm Museum at Tom Howe Conservation Area

245 Meetinghouse Road, Gilmanton
RAIN DATE Sunday, July 26th



5th Annual Farm & Flax Day and Daughter's of Liberty Spinning Bee

During Colonial times, flax was grown and processed at this site. Come see the Flax & Linen Community members demonstrate flax processing as it was done over 200 years ago. To honor our 250th (1776-2026) a Spinning Bee will be held in the manner of the Daughters of Liberty. To join the Spinning Bee, visit our website to register. This event is generously Sponsored by ArborTech. Thank you ArborTech!

Wednesday, August 26th, 6:30 PM

Old Town Hall, Gilmanton Iron Works

A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing

Your local cemetery is a time capsule. Each headstone is plastered with clues about the deceased, those who once walked where you walk now. A simple step through the hallowed gates can bring you on an adventure to explore symbolism, workmanship, and local history. Join presenter Erin E. Moulton as we learn the meaning behind cemetery iconography, abbreviations, epitaphs, and more.



Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 19th, 2PM

Edgerly Road, Gilmanton Iron Works

Tour of Hillside Cemetery

Presenter: GHS Board members Gilmanton Historical Society will lead a walking tour of the Hillside Cemetery. Located on Edgerly Rd in the Iron Works, this cemetery is the resting place of many early citizens. The tour will visit the graves of folks who played important roles in the history of the Town. Period photos will be available to add additional interest to the tour.

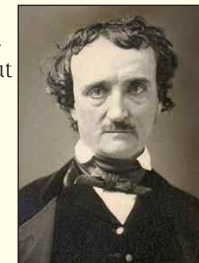


Friday, October 30th, 6:30 PM

Old Town Hall, Gilmanton Iron Works

Edgar Allan Poe's The Raven & More

Hear a dramatic recital of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous poem, The Raven – the perfect work of American art to put you in a spooky mood. With props to enhance the suspenseful, supernatural tone of the poem, presenter Jeffrey Zygmunt (a poet himself) delivers the recital with commentary to help you understand and enjoy The Raven's haunting aspects. He also gives a brief summary of Poe's life and significance. The program also includes a recital with commentary of Poe's poem, The Bells.



Programs are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
Social Hour with refreshments begins at 6:00 pm.
Programs begin promptly at 6:30 pm.



What the Society has to offer...

Our Museums

The Society's Old Town Hall Museum (in the Iron Works) is located on the lower level. This Museum opens at 6 pm, prior to each scheduled summer program. During June, July and August, it is open every Saturday from 10am - noon. During the other months, it is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday, from 10am - noon.

Both Museums, the Old Town Hall and The Farm Museum at the Tom Howe Conservation Area, can also be visited by appointment. To schedule a time, please contact our curator through the GHS website.

Donating and loaning historic artifacts are critical to our mission, and help ensure their preservation and public access. For more information to donate or loan an item, email us at: info@gilmantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Your financial support, no matter the amount, funds our FREE programs, and the expenses associated with maintenance of both Museums.

As a 501(c)3, Membership and other Support donations to the GHS, are recognized as tax deductible charitable gifts.

REMINDER: All GHS printed materials can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office in the Academy, at the GHS Museum in the Old Town Hall, and/or at any of our Summer Programs.

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