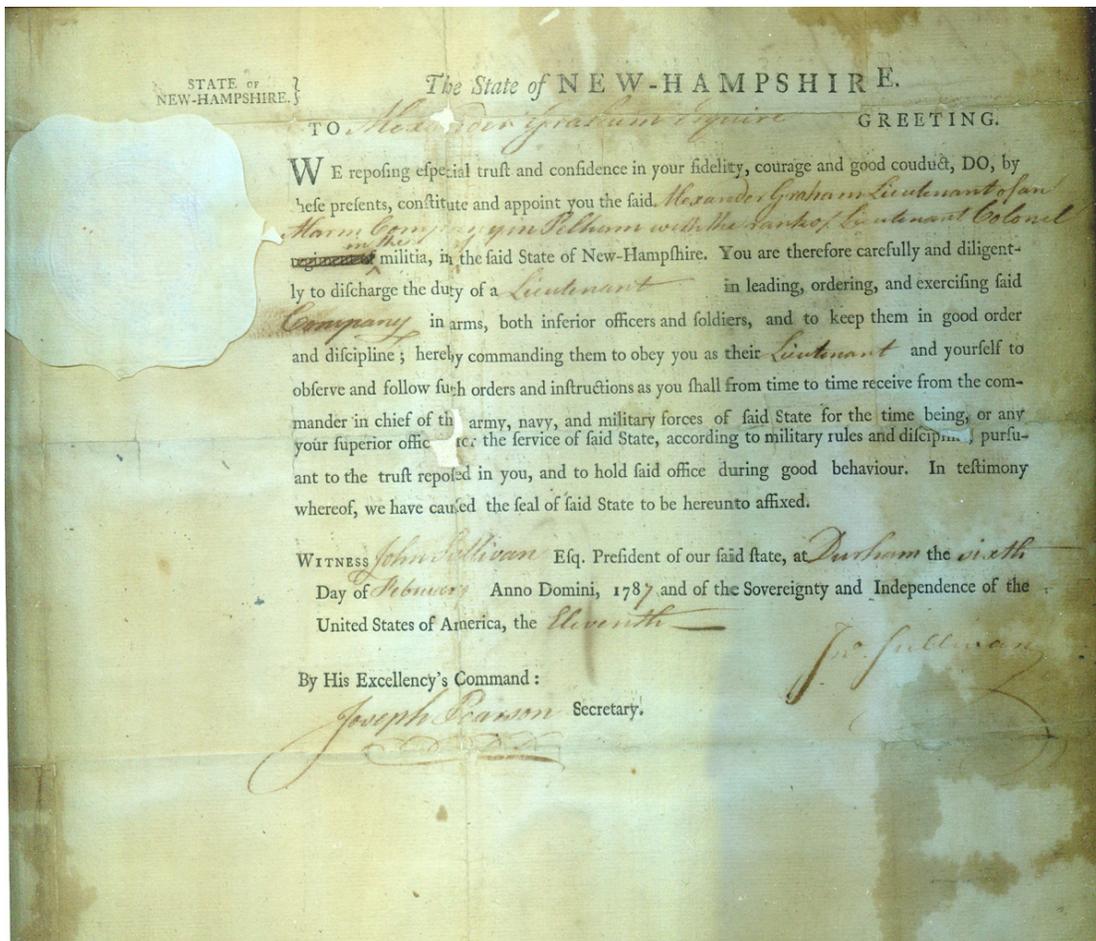




## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2014 AT 2:30 PM  
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49 MADBURY ROAD



From the Bragdon Collection: 1787 document signed by John Sullivan, as President of the State of New Hampshire, appointing a soldier named Alexander Graham to the rank of Lieutenant in the NH militia.

## COME SEE THE TREASURES OF THE BRAGDON COLLECTION

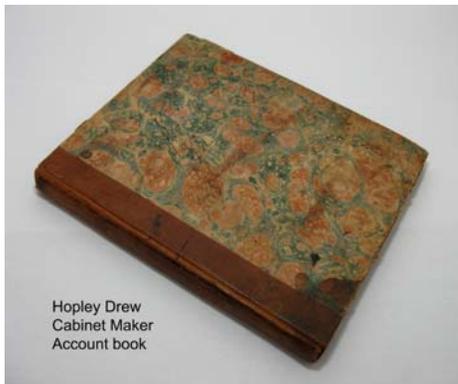
For over thirty years Bruce and Irene Bragdon have collected historical materials related to Durham. Recently they generously gave their extensive collection to the Durham Historic Association.

Many of the documents relate to General John Sullivan and other Durham leaders of the 18th and 19th centuries. A framed 1787 document (see above) shows John Sullivan's signature as President of the State of New Hampshire, appointing Alexander Graham to the rank of Lieutenant in the New Hampshire militia.

An 1824 daybook belonging to Hopley Drew, a Durham cabinet-maker, reveals his relationships with important Durham businessmen such as house-wright Jacob Odell, who built the 1802 George Frost house, now known as Three Chimneys Inn, and with merchant and shipbuilder Joseph Coe.

Twentieth century items in the collection include eight Durham cookbooks and a videotaped interview with artist John Hatch.

Following an inventory and analysis of these important materials we can look forward to expanding our knowledge of Durham's history through future programs, newsletters, and visits to the museum.



Hopley Drew  
Cabinet Maker  
Account book

*Hopley Drew's Daybook of Accounts*



*A page from Drew's Daybook, referring to a "spit box" he made for the meeting house for Elder Demerit.*

### Hopley Drew's Ancestry Chart – researched and prepared by Vice President Janet Mackie

<b>William Drew 1627-1669</b> <i>immigrant - Oyster River now Deer Meadow</i>	<b>Darby Field 1610-1649</b> <i>immigrant - Mt Washington 1642</i>	<b>James Davis 1589-1679</b> <i>immigrant - Newbury &lt;1635, founder of Haverhill</i>	
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<b>Sargeant John Drew 1651-1723</b> <i>bought Back River lots 14,15,16,17 etc</i>	<b>Sarah Field 1648-1719</b> <i>Oyster River</i>	<b>Ensign John Davis 1620-1686</b> <i>immigrant - first to settle on Wagon Hill Farm</i>	
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<b>John Drew 1680-1711</b> <i>Drew's Hill - Back River</i>	<b>Elizabeth Hopley 1685-1750</b> <i>Portsmouth</i>	<b>Colonel James Davis 1662-1749</b> <i>survived OR massacre in Davis garrison Wagon Hill</i>	
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<b>Francis Drew 1712-1791</b> <i>Drew's Hill - Back River</i>	<b>Mary Hicks 1725-1791</b> <i>Kingman Farm - Hick's Hill</i>	<b>Ephraim Davis 1704-1791</b> <i>Wagon Hill Farm</i>	<b>Nicholas Norris</b> <i>immigrant - Hampton &lt;1666</i>
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<b>Andrew Drew 1750-1841</b> <i>Kingman Farm - Constable at Durham</i>		<b>Hannah Davis 1745-1800</b> <i>Wagon Hill Farm</i>	<b>Norris, Cox, Chase, Folsom (ancestors)</b> <i>at Exeter, Stratham, Epping</i>
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<b>Ephraim Drew 1775-1825</b> <i>Durham - War of 1812 - owned lot 126 at Franklin City, lived at Cedar Point</i>			<b>Hannah Norris 1776-1857</b> <i>Norris Farm - Portsmouth Road, Epping</i>
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	<b>Marston, Pickering, Brackett, Haines (ancestors)</b> <i>at Greenland, Newington, Portsmouth</i>		
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<b>Hopley Drew 1803-1870</b> <i>Durham - cabinet maker</i>	<b>Mary S Marston 1802-&gt;1880</b> <i>Greenland - Marston Farm</i>		

## BARN DISCOVERIES



*The Hills barn*

Last November David Hills invited DHA President Nancy Sandberg and Vice President Janet Mackie to look over some papers stored in old trunks that he had found while cleaning his barn. David thought they might be important because he remembered his great aunt admonishing him not to forget his Smith family connection to the Thompson family. So it is that they found not only papers of Mary Pickering Thompson, the Durham historian and author of *Landmarks in Ancient Dover*, but also her unpublished history of *The Sainte Baune*, an historic mountain cave near Toulon, France. They also discovered the account books of Ebenezer Thompson Jr., and his widow, Nancy Carr Thompson, and their son, Lucien Thompson. They reveal the history of running the family farm that covered many acres on either side of Madbury Road near Bagdad Road.



*Mary Pickering Thompson*



*Mary's brother, Ebenezer Thompson Jr., and his wife, Nancy Carr Thompson*

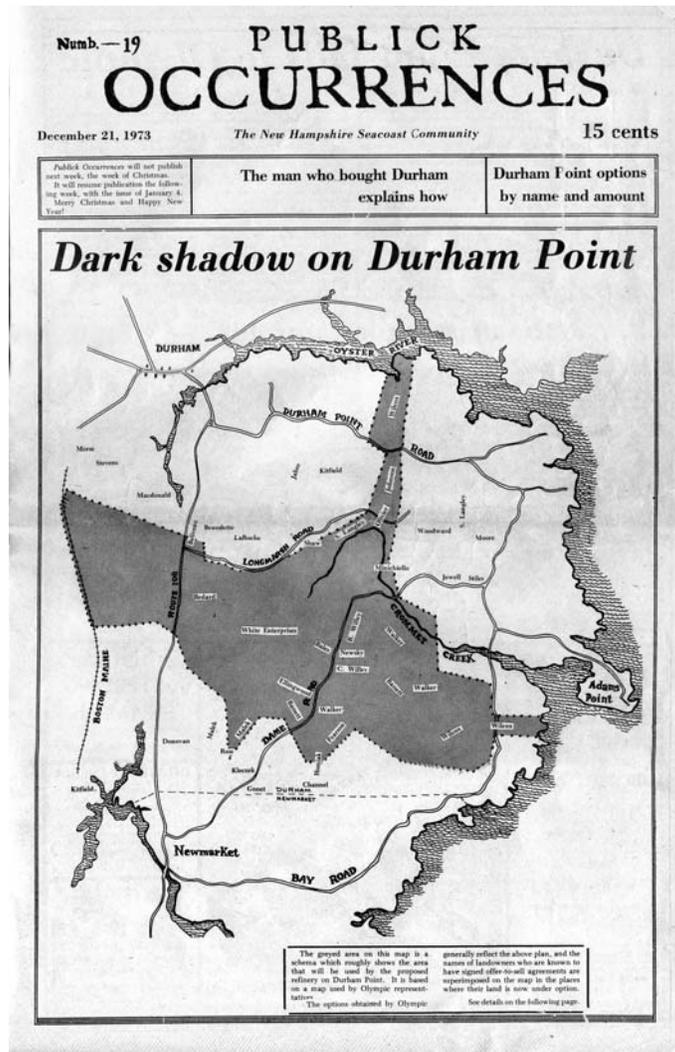


*Annie and Lucien Thompson, daughter and son of Ebenezer and Nancy Thompson Carr*



*Thompson Homestead*

# WHERE WERE YOU FORTY YEARS AGO?



Forty years ago this March, Durham rejected a proposal by Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis for what would have been the world's largest oil refinery.

After months of controversy -- which pitted citizens group Save Our Shores, start-up newspaper Public Occurrences, and freshman legislator Dudley Dudley against the steamroller tactics of Onassis, Governor Meldrim Thompson and Union Leader boss William Loeb -- an overwhelming majority of Durham residents at town meeting refused to change their zoning to allow for the 400,000 barrels per day oil refinery and tank farm covering 3000 acres of the town.

At the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, DHA Director Dick Lord will introduce the residents who fought the refinery proposal to protect the small town character of Durham. Their example inspired many to believe that a small community can come together and stand its ground against all odds. Come hear the stories and join the discussion.

## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Following in the footsteps of former President Dick Lord has made my job easy, because Dick has been there every step of the way. With help from the Executive Board, it's been a busy year putting together interesting programs, caring for the museum collection, and developing policies to guide the future.

At the June 2013 picnic at the home of David and Katherine Hills we learned about the Smith farm and family while catching the cooling breezes on a very hot evening.

The DHA collaborated in a grand celebration of the Mill Pond Dam 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on a perfect day last September at the Town Landing and at the Three Chimneys Inn. A diverse cross section of the community enjoyed a wonderful display of historic images and artifacts from the museum collection.

The Oyster River Room of the new Durham Public Library was the site of the DHA's October meeting. Sally Paine Ford, Dr. Jerry Sidore, and Dudley Webster Dudley presented a stirring program about WWII submarine commander Dick O'Kane to a good crowd.

Despite a snow cancellation, we had a great turnout for Paul Wainwright's New England Colonial Meetinghouses program in January 2014, sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Anticipating repairs to the plaster around the chimneys in the museum, the DHA Board has not only moved the collection out of harm's way, but it has adopted a collection policy and begun an objects inventory that will refine the collection and ensure that it is relevant to the history of Durham. The goal is to make certain that every object in the collection enhances the history of Durham.

The DHA Board is working hard to bring the museum to a higher standard technologically. With a slightly expanded computer program, information about every object and document in the collection will be put into the computer and eventually online for anyone to access. **This process would be greatly improved with a scanner and geeky volunteers.**

--- Nancy Sandberg

## WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS SUMMER!!!

With the completion of repairs and installation of ultraviolet shielding window shades, the DHA hopes to have the museum open one day a week for members to visit (in air conditioned comfort) for pleasure, or research, or to help with the objects inventory. We also hope UNH Museum Studies scholar, Elise Daniel, will use her expertise in the museum doing research on special projects.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2014-2016

According to the DHA bylaws, it is at the April annual meeting that the Nominating Committee will present the slate of names to fill the positions of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors for two-year terms in even-numbered years.

**Nominations will be allowed from the floor at the DHA annual meeting, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 2:30PM.**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

This is a reminder that we will be collecting membership dues at this meeting, so please come prepared with your check (payable to "Durham Historic Association") or cash. Thank you!

Annual individual membership - **\$25**

Annual family membership - **\$40**

Membership runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.