



# Norwich Historical Society

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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### LOOKING FORWARD AT NHS

In 2017 the Norwich Historical Society board of trustees developed a new mission statement to reflect a renewed emphasis on connecting to the community and sharing Norwich history as broadly as possible: The mission of the Norwich Historical Society seeks to foster a greater sense of place and community by preserving and sharing its collections and stories from the past. We see the Norwich Historical Society as *Your Door to Norwich History*.

The board also undertook a comprehensive review of the Society's activities and how they fit into the property at 277 Main Street. The focus has been on how best to use the ell and barn for programs, exhibits, and storage of collections. Thanks to a very generous friend of the Society, we were able to replace the roof of the Lewis House. The year-long mid-century modern theme for 2017 was well received, with sold-out walking tours and joint programs with the Hanover Historical Society. A new monthly genealogy group continues to grow. Thanks to a grant from the Norwich Women's Club, we were able to hire summer intern Kevin

Hybels to digitize our collection of Norwich street photos and write what became very popular online history posts. This project was in preparation for our 2018 Street Smarts theme.

We continue a thematic approach to exhibits and programs in 2018 with a focus on Norwich's streets and neighborhoods. Our year-long exhibit, *Back to Our Routes: The Stories of Norwich's Road Names*, features the Braggs, Brighams, Pattrells, and other families who farmed the land for generations and left their imprints on the landscape. Layers of maps reveal how the town's neighborhoods and hamlets devel-

oped. Programs to accompany the exhibit include a workshop on researching ancient roads, a series of summer neighborhood socials featuring ice cream and street history, and monthly walking tours.

The Norwich Historical Society meets its operating budget through memberships, annual gifts, grants, fundraising events, and a town appropriation. Thank you for the many ways you support your community's historical society and history. Please check out our website or the listserv for the rich calendar of events offered in 2018.



Kevin Hybels and April Andrews work on digitizing the Society's collection of Norwich street photographs.

### HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR 2018 • Saturday, June 23, 3:00 – 7:00 pm • Cost: \$25 (\$20 for members)

This year's tour invites visitors to take an afternoon stroll down Norwich's historic Main Street. Step back in time as you visit the town's oldest residence (1773) and one of the iconic "three bricks," an 1821 Federal whose ell dates from 1780. Another brick Federal (c. 1825) was once the home of Norwich University founder, Alden Partridge. Two charming capes (1808 and 1840) bespeak a more modest 19th-century lifestyle; a 1907 Victorian that once housed the town's post office and—in the garage—its jail. St. Barnabas Church (1863/1917) will open its doors and gardens for the day.

While all these homes have been functionally updated, they



preserve important period architectural elements. Dartmouth architectural historian Marlene Heck will give a talk on June 13 at 7 pm about the features and

significance of our exceptional architectural heritage. Local florists and garden centers will add their touch to the tour with special displays for indoor or outdoor

spaces at each home. On the day of the event, plein air artists will set up their easels on the grounds of the properties, allowing visitors to see the homes and gardens through the artist's eye. Join us to view their work and enjoy cocktails and small bites at Lewis House from 6:30 on.

*Thank you to our generous Norwich homeowners for offering their beautiful home and gardens for 2017's amazing mid-century modern tour:*

- Liz Canner and Alex Barnett
- Peter and Susan Brink
- Michael Flanagan
- Tammy Heesakker and Greg Russo
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Our new monthly genealogy drop-in group draws genealogists from throughout the Upper Valley.

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**SPECIAL GIFT**

**Replacement of the Lewis House Roof**

Anonymous



Laura Craft and daughter Alex led the spinning portion of the 3rd grade Sheep to Shawl program in the spring at NHS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Every Street has a Story!

**June 23:** Main Street House and Garden Tour, 3:00 – 7:00 pm

**July 8:** Slavery, Abolition, and the Civil War Walking Tour (Village Center), 3:00 pm

**July 15 and August 12:** Summer Social

**August 19:** Mid-Century Modern Walking Tour (Hopson Road), 3:00 pm



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**September 9:** Lewiston, A Ghost Hamlet Walking Tour, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

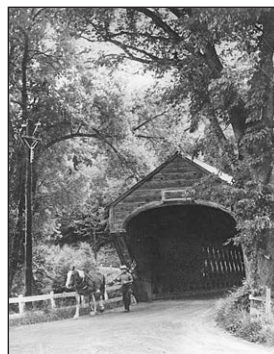
**October (date tbd):** Historic Pompanoosuc, 1:30 pm

Walking Tour Tickets: \$5 (free for members)

These tours fill fast; reserve your space ahead of time by emailing: [info@norwichhistory.org](mailto:info@norwichhistory.org)

### Summer Exhibit Back to our Routes: The stories of Norwich's road names

Have you ever wondered how the roads we traverse got their names? Our new exhibit takes you on a journey through Norwich and to the past to learn about the Braggs, Brigham, Pattrells and other families who farmed the land for generations and left their imprints on the landscape. Photographs, letters, diaries, and artifacts bring their shadows on the landscape into focus.



### HIGHLIGHTS OF ITEMS DONATED TO THE SOCIETY IN 2017

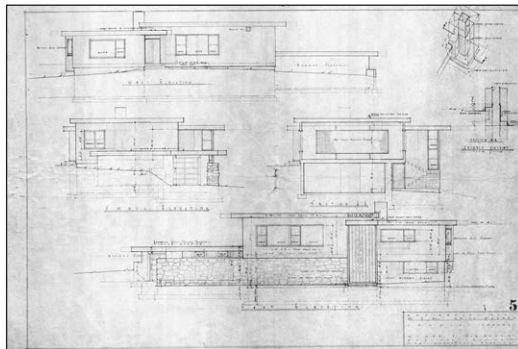
Watercolor drawing of Albert Snite's guest house on Hopson Road – gift of Richard and Cynthia Chapman.

Gertrude (Roberts) Patterson's slate and slate pencils dating from when she was a student at Thetford Academy. Inside the double slates is her note: "This is the 25th day of August 1891. Mama is home from Boston on a Vacation. I am eighteen and am saying goodbye to my school books and slate and packing all into a big box together with my doll and wardrobe. It is a pleasant day but

muggy. Wonder when I next shall open the box. Mean to put the date down at that time. Farewell to my childhood days. Never more shall I have the happy free life I once had." – gift of James Southworth

Original architectural blueprints of former Keith Warner residence, created for Mr. and Mrs. Warner by Wimer & McKirahan, Architects and Engineers, Fort Lauderdale, FL. House was built in 1952 on Hopson Road in Norwich, VT – gift of Debra and John Caulo

2 diaries of Norwich resident E. B. Brown: 1867–68, 1875–76 – gift of Corb Moister, Jr.



## Norwich Historical Society

### Condensed Balance Sheets:

	9/30/2017	9/30/2016
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash & Equivalent	\$71,655.84	\$48,357.76
Property, Plant & Equipment	\$544,989.47	\$562,433.47
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$616,645.31</b>	<b>\$610,791.23</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$175.00	\$2,277.54
Retained Earnings	\$520,845.65	\$540,904.93
Unrestricted Retained Earnings	\$61,171.08	\$72,354.87
Restricted Funds	\$27,931.96	\$7,872.68
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$6,521.62</b>	<b>\$(12,618.79)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$616,645.31</b>	<b>\$610,791.23</b>

### Condensed Operating Profit & Loss Statement for Years ending:

	9/30/2017	9/30/2016
<b>Revenue</b>		
Annual Campaign	\$16,667.00	\$19,341.97
Membership	\$12,055.00	\$11,330.00
Business Donors	\$7,250.00	\$6,700.00
Town Appropriation	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Special Events	\$12,804.95	\$13,232.00
Grants	\$1,500.00	
Other	\$4,155.98	\$4,104.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$62,432.93</b>	<b>\$62,708.92</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Office Operations	\$40,044.13	\$42,410.58
Buildings and Grounds	\$8,540.39	\$7,994.78
Depreciation	\$21,119.00	\$21,156.00
Other	\$8,507.07	\$7,928.91
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$78,210.59</b>	<b>\$79,490.27</b>

### BOARD COMINGS AND GOINGS

We thank Gail Sanders for her hard work and dedication as president of the board of trustees, and welcome Carolyn Clinton, Seth Goodwin, and Heidi Webster to the board.

**14TH ANNUAL NORWICH ANTIQUES SHOW**  
Saturday, September 15,  
10am – 3pm  
Cost: \$5 (12 & under free)



Are you looking for that perfect antique for your home? This wonderful show and sale attracts some of the region's finest dealers, showcasing fine country to formal antiques on the beautiful grounds of the Norwich Historical Society. As in the past, Bill Smith of William A. Smith Auctioneers & Appraisals has generously donated his tent for the show, and will offer an informal appraisal session in the barn. Come find out about your family treasure!