

One accessory is a "saw rig" that sawed logs into shorter pieces to be used for firewood. The idea was a timesaver, no doubt, but no one thought of putting shields around the saw blades for safety's sake.

Exhibits were found by excavating, as is true of any museum. Mr. Smith's Great-grandfather, James Smith, and his Great-uncle, George Cleveland Smith were coopers. When the sills of the old family house on Skip Road needed to be replaced, several cooper tools were discovered under it. Included in this find was a howel which was used to smooth and round out staves, a chive, which was used to level the top of the barrel, and a croze which was used to cut the "V" shape grooves for the barrel cover to fit in and slide closed.

The collection also includes several hay cradles, one of which is "5 fingered" instead of the more common "3 fingered" cradle; old corn shellers, boring tools and a variety of old logging tools. There is even a spinning wheel passed down through the family and tucked under the eaves of the upstairs loft.

The Mini-Mu will be open in cooperation with the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society on Saturday, August 14, from 9 AM to 11 AM. Stop by to visit with Harold and his daughter, Becky Smith, and let some of our local history live for you. (Special thanks to Becky Smith for help with writing this article.)

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Projects in The Works

▶ BERT PEASE IS IN PROCESS OF TRANSCRIBING HOLLIS LIGHT INFANTRY DOCUMENTS.

▶ BRENT HILL IS DOCUMENTING ALMON & CYNTHIA BARNES JEWELRY SHOP, CIRCA 1872 IN WEST BUXTON (HOLLIS SIDE). DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY PHOTOS OR INFORMATION ?

▶ TIME CAPSULE DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR NEW BUXTON CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

▶ REPAIR & INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT WEATHERVANE FOR OLD BUXTON CENTER POWDER HOUSE IS IN PROCESS.

▶ DISPLAY OF STELLA GERRY PLUMMER BUTTON COLLECTION COMING TOGETHER GRADUALLY

▶ NEW NOTE CARDS, SECOND IN GIBEON BRADBURY FLORAL SERIES NOW AVAILABLE

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