

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED TO BURTON PEASE

The Board of Directors of the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation to *Life Member*, Burton Pease, of Buxton for the in-depth work he has done on the *Hollis Light Infantry Company records*, which he painstakingly transcribed. This work is of great historical value and, dating from 1824-1843, it represents a unique informational resource available nowhere else! THANK-YOU, Burt, for your labor of love!



Barbara & Burton Pease

Volunteers Come to the Museum March 26 to Prepare for April 1st Opening!!

Things were really hopping at the BHHS museum on Saturday, March 26th as society members prepared the museum for the April 1 Opening! Thank you to Librarian, Rita Bradbury, for training one of our welcome new library volunteers, Nancy Fearing, of Buxton.

Many thanks, as well, to Rita Bradbury, Nancy Kneeland, Jan Hill and Joan Weeman for sprucing up the museum. It was a fun, rewarding, cooperative effort with plenty of coffee and yummys on hand.



Nancy Fearing & Nancy Kneeland

Elmer E. Abbott

Elmer E. Abbott was born November 10, 1861, son of Civil War soldier, Napoleon B. Abbott and Hannah Johnson. He married Cora Benson on August 31, 1887. He and Cora lived at Benson's corner (corner of Pleasant Hill Rd. and Deerwaller Rd). He ran Abbott's General Store, which was across from their home. He was a farmer, but was very civic minded, serving as superintendent of schools.

He had a passion and was a great advocate for public high school. He continued to push the town and they began to appropriate money to start building Hollis High School in 1895. Beginnings were tough, students had to provide their own chairs, and benches were made from planed lumber. The first two graduates were Alice May Seaman Hobson and Ella Palmer Atwood, one of whom was his niece.

He served in several public positions throughout his lifetime. He was elected to the Maine legislature in 1892, served on the Town budget committee, was U.S. Customs officer in Portland, ran a post office from his store (West Hollis Post Office) and worked at Hollis Center Post Office. He was a rural carrier for 3 years. He was a member of the Saco Valley Lodge of Odd Fellows for over 50 years and was a past Grand Master of the Hollis Grange, receiving state and national degree. He was also a member of the Buxton Lodge F. A. S. #115.

He and his wife, Cora, had 4 children: Leora E. (Dressed) of South Boston, Augusta (died in infancy), Bonaparte O. and Bradley E. (Abbey, NY). His grand daughter kindly donated memorabilia from the store, his teaching career and more to the historical society, where it can be viewed.



Joan Weeman & Jan Hill



Elmer E. Abbott

New Accessioning & Cataloging Project

We are working to convert our paper records so that we may have better cataloging access to our collection and have acquired a combined access and cataloging program for that purpose. At the moment, we are looking for volunteers to assist with the effort, and hope eventually to be able to hire temporary part-time professional help.



Thank you to Brenton Hill for his research into appropriate software and focus on the project. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brent at 929-8895 or Rita 929-8530.

BHHS SOCIETY LIBRARY & MUSEUM HOURS

8 RIVER RD., RT. 42, WEST BUXTON
Primarily a Non-Lending Library for Historical and Genealogical Research
 Buxton, Hollis & York County

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**"The Artist on the Saco":
 Gabeon Elden Bradbury**

**CARD SERIES
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The third in a series of lovely floral note cards of Gabeon Bradbury paintings will debut this spring at the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, courtesy of Beverly and Richard (Sandy) Atkinson of Bar Mills. The first card offered in 2009 was Bradbury's *Hilltop, Hills and Yokes*. The second, offered in 2010, was *Hill Roses and Hummingbird*. Cards are \$1.25 each or 4 for \$5.00. They will be available at the Society Museum, the Saco Museum and at the BHHS sale table on July 24th at Buxton Community Day/Daveas Fair.

"Bradbury's paintings remind us to savor the beauty and complexity of a flower."