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This is the postcard which is used on the home page of the new Hooksett Historical Society website, Hooksetthistory.wordpress.com. The tour boat took guests staying at the Riverside Inn. Robie's Country Store is located behind the trees. Some residents are hoping to bring back river tours starting at this location.

Historic Sites

National* and state registry sites:

Robie's Country Store, * the famous store of Presidential visits including Jimmy Carter. It's still operating. It's a joy to visit, and even get a bite to eat. MMM

Lilac Bridge- closed but its one of the only three-span Pratt bridge in NH. Great views of the river.

Head's School House and Cemetery- come visit a newly restored one room school house and step back in time.

Arah Prescott Library- home of the Historical Society. The place to start your tour of Hooksett.

Famous Hooksett Citizens

Rene Gagnon

Corporal, United States Marine Corps

Rene Arthur Gagnon, participant in the famous flag raising on Iwo Jima, was born at Manchester, New Hampshire, on 7 March 1926. He died At home, Hooksett, New Hampshire, October 12, 1979. He was one of the U.S. servicemen who raised the flag on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945. He was brought to the United States for a publicity tour and to encourage sale of war bonds. He later served in China until discharged. He was originally buried in Mount Cavalry cemetery in his hometown. He was ineligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, but was granted a waiver on April 16, 1981, and moved to Section 51 of Arlington on July 7, 1981.

Corporal Gagnon was awarded the following decorations and awards:

Presidential Unit Citation with one star (for Iwo Jima); American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one star (for Iwo Jima); The World War II Victory Medal, and; The China Service Medal.

For complete story/ pictures on Corporal Gagnon go <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/rgagnon.htm>

Jimmy "Who"

If Lloyd Robie hadn't been awfully hard of hearing, "Jimmy who?" might never have become part of President Jimmy Carter's campaign lore. Dorothy Robie was making coffee when Carter arrived. "He came in the back door, walked into where we were, and asked, 'Is Mr. Robie here?' I called out, 'Mr. Robie, someone's here to see you.' Carter," she said, "walked across and said, 'Mr. Robie, I'm Jimmy Carter and I'm running for president.' Well, Mr. Robie was deaf. He was wearing two hearing aids even then. He didn't hear him and said, 'Jimmy who?' So that's where that started, and it stuck with Carter. All the time he was running it was, 'Jimmy who?' " After the moment of confusion, "we welcomed him to the store and he had coffee and a doughnut," she said, and Carter then left for his speaking engagement with the Legislature. Soon after, a busload of reporters rolled up to the store and wanted to know what had happened. The couple's daughter,

Jaynece of Hooksett, said, "We're used to my father not hearing everything, so it wasn't out of the ordinary for him to holler up, 'Jimmy who?' But it certainly caught on." Years later, the Jimmy Carter Library & Museum in Atlanta opened an exhibition in 2001 for the 25th anniversary of the presidential campaign called, "From 'Jimmy Who?' to 'Mr. President.' "

- Courtesy Boston Globe



President Carter
Visited Robie's Store
in 1975

Coming Attractions

1. NH: A State of Mind
2. Rededication of The Jones Tavern sign
3. Cows and Bovines
4. International Night-with a presentation on A Family's Visit to Holocaust Sites
5. Open houses at the Prescott building

March Meeting

The March 25, 2010 meeting will be held at the Hooksett Public Library starting at 6:30 pm. The program will feature **The Merrimack: A Visual Appreciation of the River and Its Tributaries.** (The Suncook River, Hooksett, Manchester, the Piscataquog River and Cohas) Also that night we will bring back the "Name that Artifact" activity . So match your wits with your fellow Society members.

Acquisitions

A glass milk bottle from Stobie Farm .
Postcard of farm kitchen and one of a Dolly Dimple Cabin.

News

Historical Society and Heritage Commission to present a town blanket to The Boston Cane recipient on March 10, 2010 at Town Council meeting.

Heritage Day May 22, 2010

Look for more information on activities planned for this wonderful day. Last year there were walking tours and a 100th birthday ceremony for our own Prescott Library and the unveiling of a new Historical Society sign.