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The Hooksett Historical Society is proud to present a special February 25, 2010 program in the month of the 201st anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

A Visit with Abraham Lincoln is a first-person historical interpretation of our 16th president. Matching Lincoln's height and beard, Steve Wood bears enough of a resemblance to make heads turn even when he's not wearing his black wool trousers, vest, frock coat and stovepipe hat. By speaking as Lincoln at historical societies he strives to give humanity to the man who is already well known through photographs, his own spoken and written words, and the many books that have been written about him.

Lincoln, the storyteller, may talk of his early life, including his love of reading and his varied work experiences, which ranged from farm work, store keeping, and surveying to self-study of law. He may comment on his debates with Stephen Douglas while campaigning for the Senate, his successful bid for the Presidency, the resulting war and closes with a reading of the Gettysburg Address.

After his formal presentation, Wood steps out of character and entertains questions about his portrayal of Lincoln. He has done considerable research in his efforts to portray the man and can share what he's learned from noted writers and lecturers. It is hoped that audience members will be encouraged to do further research on their own after hearing Mr. Lincoln speak.

This program is sponsored in conjunction with NH Humanities Council and the Hooksett Public Library and will be held at the Public library at 6:30 pm Light refreshments to be served.

No video taping please. President Lincoln will be available for Photographs



Winter in Hooksett
Robie's Country store
Rail road bridge and
American Legion

The answer to last
months trivia- Pine
Valley Motor Inn

Joanne Duffy was the
first to answer correctly

Society gets BLOG

A new website at Hooksetthistory.wordpress.com has been open.

It's in it's early stages but includes for starters a welcome section, about section and event section.

Look for new features, design and information in coming weeks. Take a look.

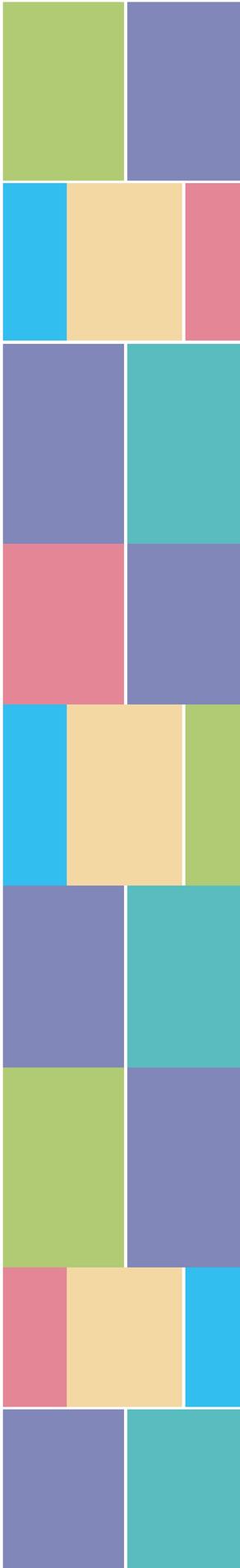
You will never know what you will find.

1951

TROOP 292 IS BORN

organized by a "Group of Citizens", their first meeting place is the Community Grange Hall. The first Scoutmaster was Leo Sasseville and the first Committee Chairman was Marshall Rice. The original charter was for 13 Boy Scouts, 2 Explorers and 8 Committee Members. They met on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

from Troop website



*Historical marker
Spotlight*

**MARTIN'S CORNER
SCHOOL (DISTRICT
NO. 2)**

314 Londonderry
Turnpike, in front of
Deerhead Sportsmen's
Club, just south of K-
Mart Plaza.

2008

Erected by Former Students
and Friends

In 1925, voters approved \$14,000 for land, building, and equipment to replace a one-room school just south of Town. One of 5 district schools in Hooksett, when this new building opened on January 4, 1926, only 2 of its 3 rooms were furnished for 2 teachers and about 55 pupils in grades 1-8. With larger rooms, more windows, and modern indoor bathrooms, it was one of the best in its class. Grades 7-8 moved to the Village School in 1954 to ease overcrowding; grade 6 followed in 1956. Martin's Corner closed in 1958 when Underhill School opened.

*New Items for the
Society*

Purchase of a Open sign Flag , a photo of the Pine Valley Motor lodge from Joanne Duffy, Photo of Trolley at Hooksett line from eBay.

February Trivia

Where did the author of "*Hooksett Historical Sketches*" reside?

*Prominent
Citizens of the
Past*

Taken From the "Granite Monthly", 1901 written by E.H. Dunston.

"Arah W. Prescott was born in Bristol, February 20, 1834. At a early age he moved with his parents to the town of Hooksett. At age eight he went to work on a farm and at nine accepted employment in the Hooksett woolen mills. His early education was received in the schools of Hooksett, and later attended the academies at Derry and New Ipswich. When a young man he went to Manchester and entered the mills of the city. His duties were performed in such a manner as to earn him promotion to the post of overseer, which he held for many years.

In 1864 he forsook the mills and embarked in Butchering business for a short time, only to return to the mills again. During his employment in Manchester he taught an evening writing school and many men prominent in business and professional life owe their skill in penmanship to his careful teaching.

At the age of 22, he married Anna ward of Hill. Three children were born to them, Ida A., Willie E., and Grace M.

Mr. Prescott is a member of the Hillsborough Lodge, I.O.O F and has been

identified with the Odd Fellowship for 31 years. He is a Universal-ist in religious faith, but taught a class in the Union Sunday-school for more than 15 years.

Mr. Prescott held office as selectman, from 1868, for several years, and was also elected to the school board. Both offices were only relinquished when a pressure of business prevented him from attending to the many duties they imposed upon him. Today Mr. Prescott owns one of the finest places in the entire town, and is gradually withdrawing from the wood and timber business, in which he has long engaged. Real estate operations occupy his attention at present and considerable holdings in Hooksett and Manchester are given his personal attention."

Mr. Prescott would become a Town Benefactor with is donation of the funds to build the first Town Library. This is currently the Home of the Hooksett Historical Society.

Election Districts

State House District: 37

State Senate District: 16

Executive Council

District: 4

U.S. Congress House of

Representatives District: 2

Coming in March

"Name the Artifact " and a film on the Merrimack River