

# Hooksett Historical Society

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Happy New Year

## Historic Marker Spotlight



J.S. Burbank & Co  
Ketchup Factory -  
Hooksett, NH

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A thriving family-run business operated on this site from 1888 to 1913. John S. Burbank began selling his wife Clara's homemade ketchup to customers on his milk route and eventually distributed Burbank's Tomato Ketchup throughout New England. In a single year 12,000 bottles could be made from the 10,000 tomato plants grown on the farm's 100-plus acres. The Burbank's also made piccalilli, mustard and applesauce. The last building on the property, the white clapboard farmhouse, was demolished in 1996

### Mathews Museum

Sends thanks for our Contribution to their Organization. This was our donation for the **Moxie** program

## A Visit From Lincoln

Abe Lincoln will be Visiting the Hooksett Historical Society on February 25, 2010. 6:30 pm at the Hooksett Public Library.

"A Visit with Abraham Lincoln". Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Steve Wood, begins this program with a recounting of his early life and ends with a reading of the "Gettysburg Address." Along the way he comments on the debates with Stephen Douglas, his run for the presidency, and the Civil War. In doing so, he challenges the audience to reexamine their knowledge of Lincoln's views on slavery and abolition. This program is co-sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and the Hooksett Public library.



Abraham Lincoln  
16<sup>th</sup> President

## Town Hall Displays.

In November 2009 the Heritage Commission and the Historical Society provided the Town Hall's second Floor conference room with pictures of Old Hooksett. Some of these pictures were of Skiing in the streets from Lincoln Park circa 1922, Chief Young Cloud giving lectures at the Old Indian Cliff circa 1947, A Sunday Picnic at the Pinnacle Park circa 1923 and A circa 1945 photo of Toms Lunch and Cabins. Special thanks to Kathy Northrup for putting the display together

### Trivia

The answer to Last months questions Are- Governor Head 1879-1881 and the first Librarian was Jeannie Abbott This months question What was the name of the motor inn that use to be located where Walgreens is?

### Save the dates

March 25, April 22,  
May 27, June 24



THE LILAC BRIDGE



### A Editorial

In 1974 the old bridge was deemed unsafe for automobile traffic. Since then this town Treasure, which is on The state historical Registry, has been a lost town landmark that is waiting to be saved. Can the Lilac Bridge Really be saved.? Well it could have some 14 years ago when the Town had commitments from State ISTEAFunds, the Sewer Commission and just needed about \$200,000 from the Town but we for what ever reason felt it was not worth it. It is and the HHS hopes that the glimpse of renewed interest can yield results. It will take a lot of work and Perhaps money. But think of the possibilities this unique three spanned bridge can do bring the two sides of the town Together..



*Historic Site*

*Spotlight*

*Riverside Inn*

The very elegant 4-story Riverside Inn, on Riverside Street south of Robie's Country Store, was built about 1909. It offered walks and drives, fishing in the Merrimack and Pinnacle Lake, the Pinnacle observation tower, and open-air dining on the screened-in porch. The rooms were heated by steam, electrically lighted and described as airy and charming. There was an auto garage, stables, and an ice house that could hold 200 tons of ice. The hotel was destroyed in a terrible fire in 1918 and not rebuilt- Info courtesy of Hooksett Heritage commission.

**Don't Forget Your Dues !**

### Interesting facts

Hooksett N.H. is located in Merrimack County



Town Population in 1970 was 5,564

The first census, taken in 1830, reported 880 residents.

The highest point in Hooksett is Quimby Mountain, at 902 feet.

Largest Employer is General Electric Co.- produces Jet engine parts and has 800 Employees

### Acquisitions

Match books- Spragues Guns and Arthur's food Mart -old time businesses Postcard- Farm kitchen Restaurant