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A Rail Hooksett Journey - Bridges ,Trains and things



The train bridge

**On October 28,2010
The Historical Society
Meeting will feature
the premiere of a new
film on the bridges and
trains of Hooksett.
The program will
feature a Hooksett
Trivia game and the
installation of new
officers. The meeting
will be held at the
Public library and will
start at 6pm with a
light supper of
sandwiches and
salads. Please Rsvp if
you plan to attend.**



The Train Trestle

Head School Dedication

On October 2, 2010 over 125 people attended the dedication of the Head School #1 and the Head cemetery. It featured members of the community, the school children and the school marms. It was a great event and the HHS sends a special congratulations to The Heritage Commission who sponsored the event. Excellent job.

A grave stone in Head
Cemetery



The other large Cemeteries in Hooksett are Martins, River Road and Cate - Davis. There are a few other small cemeteries, most notable is Clay cemetery , were Revolutionary Soldiers are buried. The Town of Hooksett has a Cemetery Commission , composed of three members. For more information on our historic cemeteries contact your commissioners

The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone Highway came in the evening , cold and gray to a chasm, vast , deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim. The sullen stream had no fears for him but he stopped when safe on the other side and built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old Man“, said a fellow pilgrim near. “You are wasting your strength with building here”.

“You never again will pass this way”.

“You’ve crossed the chasm deep and wide”.

“Why build you the bridge at eventide?”

The Builder lifted his old gray head, “Good friend, in the path I have come“, he said, “There followed after me today a youth whose feet must pass this way. This chasm which has been naught for me, to that fair haired youth might a pitfall be, he, too, must cross in the twilight dim. Good friend, I am building a bridge for him”.

The above poem is by Miss Will Allen Dromgoole. Taken from Hooksett Historical Sketches.

Some Prominent Bridge Builders

Theodore Burr, Timothy Palmer, Horace Childs- credited with building one of the towns first bridges





The Lilac Bridge of Yesteryear.

Town Historic Fact

First Town meeting was Held on September 16, 1822 at William Halls Tavern. The Moderator was Richard H Ayer, and the Selectmen were Richard H Ayer, Samuel Head and Samuel Poor. The Town Clerk was Gideon Flanders.

Mileage Marker

Inscription

1790
16M
CH x M
32 M to H

Mileage Marker

Meaning

Erected in 1790
16 miles to Chester
Meeting House
32 miles to Haverhill
(Mass)