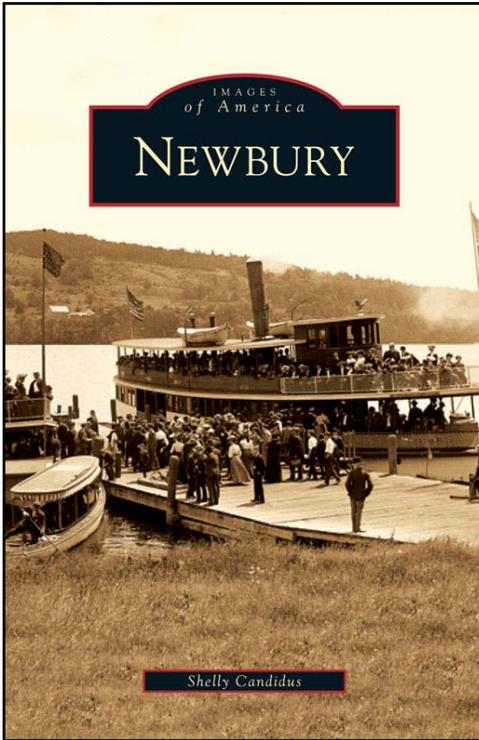


NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!



Newbury's pictorial history book, *Newbury*, has been published by Arcadia Publishing as part of their *Images of America* series. It is available for sale at the town office building and information booth, as well as at Bubba's Bar and Grill and the Rosewood Barn. The price is \$21.99.

Through text and more than 200 captioned pictures, *Newbury* relates both milestones and everyday life in Newbury from its incorporation in 1778 to the centennial year of 1978. Topics include the establishment of early farms and community buildings, the attraction of Lake Sunapee and Mount Sunapee, the wonderful era of

railroads and steamboats, the settlement of Blodgett's Landing, the impact of the automobile, the development of town government, businesses, and the Bicentennial celebration.

In conjunction with the release of *Newbury*, a packet of 15 postcards containing selected photographs from the book will also be for sale. The price of the postcard packet is \$7.99. Proceeds from the sale of the books and postcards will help support the Newbury Historical Society.

Produced by the Historical Society, the book was written by Shelly Candidus. Pictures were searched out, documented and scanned by Bill Weiler. Several townspeople provided vintage pictures from private and family collections and many came together to make the final picture selections. Signed copies of the book and the postcard packets will be sold by the Newbury Historical Society at Newbury's Old Home Day on July 11 and at our Annual Meeting on August 2.



President's Message

Several exciting things are happening at your Historical Society. Our first "We Remember Newbury" series entitled *Wind, Fire & Ice* was led by Dave Anderson. It was a huge success with many who freely shared their experiences and memories of the events. Keep an eye open for the next event in the fall of 2009. The pictorial history book entitled *Newbury* has been published. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, a special note of appreciation to Shelly Candidus, Author of the book, Bill Weiler who spent many hours to ensure the quality of all the pictures and all the people who submitted old Newbury pictures that made this project such a success.

Date Change: please note that the Society's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 2 at 1:00 PM. One significant agenda item will be a vote for approval of our new bylaws which are included for your review. The business meeting will be followed by a presentation by Tracy Messer entitled *Vanishing Newbury* at 2:00 PM. The PowerPoint presentation will include some of the then and now contrasts in the Town of Newbury. We are anxious to have members expand their involvement. Please visit our website and feel free to e-mail or call me. The Society welcomes new ideas and suggestions.

Bob Morris, President 763-5859
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A farmer, out for chores or an errand, stops to greet an acquaintance on the road. The location appears to be Bowles Road, with J. B. Warren's photographic studio in the background. (Tracy Messer)

**We Remember Newbury
"Wind, Fire and Ice"**

Dave Anderson, Director of Education for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic audience when he presented his illustrated talk on some of the natural disasters that have struck Newbury and the surrounding areas in New Hampshire.

It was obvious from the turn out and community participation that sharing memories of days gone by in Newbury is both fun and rewarding with the result being a collection of oral histories that capture important moments in our past.



Sharing excerpts from a 1938 diary

We assure you that more such events will be forthcoming. Watch for something this fall, and let us know what topics you would like to explore.

Thank You to our Business Members!

Please join us in expressing your appreciation to our Business Members:

**New Hampshire Historical Society
Head Gopher LLC (Chris & Gary Daniels)**

Coming next year Business Members will receive a free 2" x 3.5" ad in each issue.

Shown below are Tom and Carol O'Neill with their Historic House Marker on their cottage on Lake Avenue in Newbury.

The Newbury Historical Society has entered its second phase of identifying homes in Newbury built between 1700 and 1899. Letters have been sent to qualified homeowners who need only to complete the application to receive an attractive hand painted marker which displays the date their home was built.



Contact Gay or Marty Sheary with any questions you may have. 763-4746 or shearym@myfairpoint.net



George Blodgett and his horse Billy were a familiar sight as they delivered vegetables and produce around the lake. Billy, of hearty Morgan stock, was foaled in 1864 and had an independent streak that characterized him throughout his reputed 40 years of life. Blodgett and Billy were a daily presence in Blodgett's Landing and throughout Newbury. (Virginia Bates)

Answers to the mystery pictures, Winter edition:

Congratulations if you identified Alice Lynn in the picture taken in front of the Center School, c. 1929. Alice is in the middle of the front row. Others pictured are identified in the newly published book *Newbury*.

The individuals shown in the two historic photographs on page 1 remain unidentified.

***The Newbury Historical Society invites you to our Annual Meeting
and program presented by historian and author***

Tracy Messer

Vanishing Newbury

Sunday, August 2, 2009 at 1:00 PM
Town Office Building, Newbury

The program, in conjunction with the PALS event, will follow at 2:00 PM when Tracy Messer presents his revised and expanded PowerPoint presentation *Vanishing Newbury*.

The 1885 map of Newbury shows approximately 205 buildings of which only 110 or fewer remain. At one time Newbury had 14 public school buildings and seven mills, none of which are in use today for their intended purpose. Only one of the three churches survived and now one Post Office serves the town compared to the five of yesteryear. Our speaker will include some “then and now” contrasts as he addresses the loss of more than 200 public and private buildings in the town.

The pictorial history book *Newbury* will be available for purchase and Shelly Candidus will be on hand to autograph your copy. Refreshments will be served

Please support the Society and its work in preserving Newbury’s history by renewing today. Your dues and donations help underwrite the cost of cataloging and preserving the collection.

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- Individual \$10.00 yr. Family \$20.00 yr. Life \$200.00 Business \$50.00 yr.
 I am enclosing an additional contribution of \$ ____.

Please return this form with your payment.

The Newbury Historical Society thanks you for your support!
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Dates to Remember

NHS Board Meets at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of September, November, January, March and May unless otherwise noted. Members and the public are always welcome.

Old Home Day, July 11: Our recently published book, *Newbury*, will be for sale at the Society's table and Shelly Candidus will be available to autograph your copy - don't miss out on this!

Date Change: The Annual Meeting will be held on August 2 at 1:00 PM at the Town Office Building. Our program, in conjunction with the PALS schedule, will follow at 2:00 PM when Tracy Messer presents his revised and expanded PowerPoint program *Vanishing Newbury*. Please join us for this exciting trip back in the history of Newbury.

We will have copies of our newly published book *Newbury* for sale during our break and the author, Shelly Candidus, will be available to autograph your copy.

The Preview Gala for the Center Meeting House's Historic Home Tour will be held at the Stone Barn on Rt. 103 A on August 14. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Ticket prices are \$60 for the Gala and \$75 for the Gala and Tour. Please call 938-5923 with any questions.

The Tour of eight homes of historic significance will take place on Saturday, August 15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Marzelli's Deli in Newbury or Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London for \$15.00, or at the Town Office Building on the day of the event for \$20.00. Please call one of the following numbers with any questions: 763-2840, 763-5859 or 927-4006.

Sherman Hall, South Newbury

Sherman Hall, home to the NHS's collection, will be open to the public by appointment from May through October.

For information check our website or contact Bill Weiler:

603-938-2892 or w_weiler@conknet.com

NHS Board of Directors

Term expires June, 2009: Deane Geddes, Margie Weiler & Bill Weiler

Term expires June, 2010: Alice Lynn, Robert Morris & Mary Thayer

Term expires June, 2011: Shelly Candidus, Dennis Pavlicek & Barbara Steward

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Volunteer

Please indicate one or more projects that interest you:

- I would like to work with the **Archive Committee**
- I would like to work on **Newbury's PALS Events** (Partners Around Lake Sunapee)
- I would like to work on the **Walking Tour Brochure of South Newbury**
- I would like to work on a **Detailed History of Newbury**
- I would like to work on the **Historic House Sign Project**
- I would like to work on the **Newsletter**
- I would like to work on **Publicity**
- I would like to suggest the following project: _____



Make a Donation

- I would like to donate **Photographs/Documents of** _____
- I would like to donate a **Historical Artifact** _____
- I would like to donate **Money in the amount of \$** _____
- I would like to donate a **Newbury Historic Property** _____
- I would like to include **Newbury Historical Society in my Will** _____

The Newbury Historical Society thanks you for your support!