

# NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## 2020 RETROSPECTIVE

In 2020 the Newton Historical Society celebrated the 49th anniversary of its 1971 founding. The society was officially incorporated as a 501-C-3 charitable organization two years later in 1973. Over the past 49 years 147 people have become Society members.

This year, the Coronavirus / Covid 19 Pandemic brought the Historical Society activities to a screeching halt. All of our meetings, which usually run from April to December were cancelled due to the Pandemic.

In addition, we were not able to put on any of our usual three historic presentations for the public.

Our Historian was able to assist several people with research requests via telephone and the internet.

For the first time in fourteen years we were not able to hold our annual Fall Festival fund raiser. This is the Society's only fund raising event. Therefore, not only were we not able to hold this enjoyable event for our friends, supporters, and sponsors; it has had a negative impact on our financial status.

We had a couple of repair projects on our agenda that we could not complete because we did not want to take a chance on any of our members becoming infected.

The Marshall House and Village Primary School museums will be closed to the public until this Pandemic has abated and we can safely allow folks into the buildings.

The Society Historian answered nearly a dozen research requests pertaining to early Newton buildings and / or residents. A few requests came in from folks who were actually looking for information pertaining to Newton, MA. We now confirm up front that the request pertains to Newton, NH not Newton, MA.

Hopefully, we will be able to get back to some semblance of normalcy by next April when we typically hold our first meeting of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Landry - President