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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the Walpole Historical Society this past year. By combining your financial support with the time and expertise of our many volunteers, we have been able to pursue the mission of the Historical Society in new and exciting ways.

Our mission has remained constant since our 1930 founding: the **collection, preservation, and communication** of the heritage of our community. We continued these efforts with some interesting innovations in 2018 and are eager for more initiatives in 2019.

**The collections** of the Historical Society are acquired almost entirely by donation of items with local history. In 2018, we received donations, both unique and representative: photographs, handmade baskets and quilts, books, clothing, handwritten letters. One particular letter provides a fascinating example: in the 1980s, a carpenter working in Walpole found a handwritten letter among construction debris. Written from Walpole in 1864, the letter describes the asthma which would make it difficult for the writer's family member to serve in the Union Army in the Civil War. The carpenter protected the letter for years before donating it to the Walpole Historical Society in 2018. The Walpole Historical Society is honored to receive donations such as this letter.

**The preservation** of artifacts is a second vital aspect of our mission. Our largest artifact is the beautiful and historic Academy building which houses our museum and collections. The completion past summer of a long-planned heat pump system now allows regulation of the building's interior environment and greatly enhances the preservation of our collections. Volunteers gather regularly in the museum to tend to the preservation of artifacts, following professional guidance for the work we do ourselves. We also send artifacts for professional conservation. In 2018, the Historical Society received a grant from the New Hampshire Conservation Moose License Plate program which supported the professional conservation of 1830s and 1840s Walpole town ledgers detailing the establishment and maintenance of the Walpole Poor Farm.

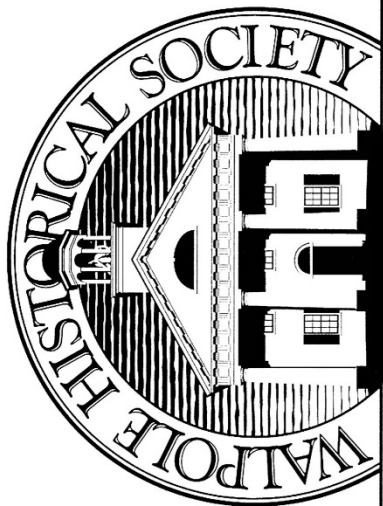
**The communication** of the heritage encapsulated in our artifacts is a goal we seek to reach in as many ways as we can devise: exhibits in the Walpole Heritage Museum, Speaker Series in Town Hall, school tours, our website – [walpolehistory.com](http://walpolehistory.com) – and, in a new event this past fall, an antique appraisal evening at the museum.

Our community's history surrounds us. Thank you for helping the Walpole Historical Society to collect, preserve, and communicate this heritage. We welcome your participation in everything we do! Tell us your enthusiasms, questions, and suggestions. Remember to visit the museum, attend a Speaker Series evening, consider volunteering, and renew your membership. Thank you!

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WALPOLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

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