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**MEMBERSHIP FEES:
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The Exeter Historical Society held meetings on November 13th, and December 11th.

At these meetings we discussed our winter projects, which include memorial honor rolls for past holders of the Boston Post Gold Headed Cane, and and veterans of WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. We also worked on the business directory for the Town of Exeter. This is being printed at no cost to those listed in the directory. We hope to have this directory out by the end of January.

Also discussed was what subjects to use for historical stories for page two of our newsletters. The newsletter is published ever other month and sent to all paid-up members.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 15, at 6 P.M. at the Exeter Town Office.**

The old Exeter Mills Hall is now gone. Work was pretty much completed by December 1st, with the exception of some final ground work. Dean Glidden and his crew endured rain, snow, and many cold days in November during the demolition. They were very professional and left no mess behind. Although it was sad to see the building go, it had become an eyesore to the town, and a danger to the neighborhood children. The building had been broken into and vandalized more than once. Dean saved several items from the hall for the historical society. He gave us the bracket and flagpole, the signs from the the front of the building, and one of the original outside window frame tops. The crew also made quite a discovery. Many documents/announcements were found in the building during demolition. Found inside the walls were old newspapers used as insulation. The papers were dated from 1876, the year the hall was built. All of these were given to the society. We thank Dean for his cooperation and generosity.

New members: **Jason Field, Debbie Christo, and Robert and Deanna Wetzler, all of Exeter, and Zachary Field of Bangor.**

PHYSICIANS

The first physician in town was Dr. Benjamin Evans, who came here in 1817 and stayed here the rest of his life. He was active in town affairs, and was the clerk of the Free Will Baptist Church from 1838-1847. A scrap of paper found in a church record book showed where he charged Mr. Clark \$1.50 for two visits and medicines furnished. Dr. William Fairfield practiced here for many years. He died Nov. 9, 1845. Dr. William Morrill appears among the active members of the Exeter High School Corp. until 1843, at which time it is thought he left town, for his name never appears again in any town records. Dr. A. Waterhouse practiced for many years at Exeter Corners in a large building across from the Exeter Variety on the Garland Road, now a overgrown vacant lot. He was president of the Exeter High School Corp. in 1859. Dr. John Small came here in 1847 and moved to Lewiston in 1854. Isaac Jacobs was an early settler and school teacher here. He arrived in 1814 and built a farm on the Avenue Road later known as the Fernald Farm, and more recently occupied by the Vince Mahaney and Bernard Black families. In town records his name is given as Isaac Jacobs, M.D., but no records of his practice have been found. Dr. John Wilson only practiced here a few years. He was mustered into the Civil War in 1861.

Dr. Samuel Chase was in partnership with Dr. George Higgins at Exeter Corners, where they ran a drug store, and manufactured some of their own medicines. Higgins left after a few years. Dr. Chase moved to Exeter Mills, and built a large set of buildings, with stable, to provide a residence for his family, and rooms for patients in need of hospital care. The hospital opened in 1870. This is now Dean Glidden's house. Dr. Clement Haskell moved here in 1871, but only stayed two years. Dr. Francis Wheeler came here with his family shortly after his birth in 1844. He began his practice at Exeter Corners in 1873, and remained for 13 years. He sold his residence and business to Dr. Willis Hart who practiced here until 1891. Dr. Frank McLaughlin came here in 1892, then moved to Dexter in 1900. Dr. Samuel Redman came here in 1900. He purchased the Paine and Walker farms at Exeter Corners. He moved to Dexter in 1915. Three residents, who were born and raised in Exeter, became well known physicians, but never practiced medicine in Exeter. They were Calvin Seavey, Ivory Tash, and Charlotte Hill. The following pages are of the opening of the Exeter Hospital, and an ad for John Adams, druggist. More information can be found at the Town Office.

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