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The Exeter Historical Society held meetings on January 15th, and February 19th.

At these meetings we continued our work on the business directory, the Gold Cane list, and the honor rolls. We also went over the items that have been recently donated to the society, including old photos, and newspaper clippings. We thank **Mabel Hawes** for these contributions, as well as **Jay Turner of Bangor, Robert Pepper of California, Harold Nelson of Newport, and Dorrice Wetzler of Bangor.**

The business directory is taking longer than expected. We have now pushed the print date up to the end of March. It is surprising how many businesses there are in Exeter. We now have close to 60 businesses.

New members: **Elwell & Lillian Hicks, and Freda Sanborn, all of Exeter.**

MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS

In 1839 a draft was made for minute men to be in readiness to fight in the Aroostook War. The Exeter Militia consisted of 11 men, the Exeter South Company consisted of 7 men, and the Exeter Volunteers consisted of 11 men. The Exeter Volunteers were the first to arrive at what is now Fort Fairfield, Maine, where they encamped in the snow, and commenced the construction of the fort, which they named in honor of Governor Fairfield.

The first baptism was that of Reuben Seavey, in 1811, conducted by Rev. Paul Ruggles. It took place on the Kenduskeag Stream, now the French Stream, at the place known as "The Bradbury Rips". This was located at the stream down behind the John Fogler farm on the Fogler Road.

The first death in the town was that of Arene Barker on March 24, 1803. The second death was that of Sarah Tozier, wife of the first settler, on April 1, 1803. She died of measles. The two were buried side by side at the corner of the Barker/Tozier lots, on the Tibbetts Road, across from the intersection of the Brown Road. The Barker child was afterwards removed and re-buried in the "Old Burying Grounds" on Browns Hill, now Bragg Cemetery. Dole Hill Road, now discontinued,

was later built over Mrs. Toziers grave, where she remains today.

Two other early deaths in town were that of Mrs. Jesse Cross, and a child of Joseph & Nancy Osgood, shortly after 1805. They were buried side by side in Gardner Farmer's orchard, in the Osgood Settlement, near the intersection of Atkins and Peabody Roads. They were later dug up and re-buried in the "Old Burying Grounds" in the Osgood Settlement, now Osgood Cemetary. They have no markers.

Nathaniel Barker settled here in 1803. He married Sally Pease in 1806 and reared 10 children. On March 18, 1823 Mr. Barker went to Bangor with an ox team and a load of wood. Near Currier's Tannery, on the Levant Road, he got caught and fell under the sled and was killed instantly. His son, Lewis, became a well known lawyer, moving from Exeter to Stetson, and then to Bangor. He built a stately home in 1875 at the corner of Hammond and Union Streets, now the Quinn Agency Real Estate Firm. He died near his home on October 9, 1890, after being struck down by a runaway horse.

The Quimby and Townsend families settled the area near South Exeter/ Greenbush District between 1807 and 1810. Ebenezer Quimby and Thomas Townsend both ran grist mills until their deaths, on May 19th, and June 10th, 1821, respectively. They both died of small-pox.

The two neighbors were buried side by side in a field near their homes, being the only ones in that vicinity. The exact location is now not known.

The first mill was built in 1813 by Levi Stevens at East Exeter Village on Valley Avenue. The old mill crank was brought in by Thomas Dunham who was being led by his horse "Tib". These mills burned in 1917 along with the rest of the business district on the west side of the village, by the bridge.

The first school was taught in August of 1804 by Anna Stevens. It was constructed of four posts, crotched at the top, and stuck into the ground, on which were laid four other poles, with boards leaned up against and over the top. One square hole was left for an entrance and exit. Boards were then laid on the uneven ground for a floor. This was built next to Josiah Barker's barn on the Tibbetts Road at the intersection of the Brown Road. School sessions were later moved into the sleeping room of Lemuel Tozier's house, Barker's neighbor. In 1812 the first two frame schools were built. School No.1 was built on the Tibbetts Road, near the site of the first "lean to". School No. 2 was built on the north side of the Peabody Road, before the Osgood Cemetary. The large granite step is still visible today.

HONOR ROLL

EXETER, MAINE

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Barker, Daniel	Milliken, Elias
Chamberlain, John	Oaks, John Sr.
Crosby, Charles Sr.	Peavy, John
Colbath, Leighton	Tibbetts, Abner
McLellan, John	Wilkins, Edward

WAR OF 1812

Crosby, Elisha	Judkins, Samuel
Crosby, Charles Jr.	Pease, Samuel
Chamberlain, Pickman	Pease, Clark
Hatch, Frank	

WORLD WAR I

Austin, E. Roy	Freeze, Albert L.
Batchelder, George F.	Gray, Lloyd
Buswell, L. L.	Hardy, Gordon
Colbath, Carrol D.	Hubbard, Scott W.
Coleman, Edgar L.	Leavitt, Edward
Colbath, Martin A.	Merrill, William L.
Cunningham, Herbert	Page, Fred W.
Cleveland, Lewis R.	Prosser, Wilbert H.
Dore, Leroy C.	Straw, Percy
*Demmons, Charles	Tedford, Monie L.
Dinsmore, Owen	Tozier, Roscoe K.
Eaton, Howard A.	Young, Earle M.
Eaton, Benjamin E.	*Young, Elwood

* died in service

HONOR ROLL
EXETER, MAINE

CIVIL WAR

Atkins, Jeremiah B.	Gammon, George W.	Pullen, Charles H.
Andrews, Sylvanus C.	Gammon, Joshua	Patten, Charles H.
Allen, Calvin P.	Greely, Charles W.	Prescott, James N.
Ames, Enoch J.	Greenough, George W.	Rembold, Charles
Atkins, Nathaniel A.	Gilbear, David	Rich, Roswell C.
Armstrong, Robert	Grey, Jefferson	Russell, Henry W.
Berry, Charles	Gould, Asbury B.	Robinson, Lorin D.
Buswell, George L.	Herrin, Charles G.	Russell, Benjamin F.
Berry, Charles Jr.	Howe, Hiram D.	Russell, Charles A.
Bowman, John	Harmon, Allen	Rodgers, Thomas D.
Butters, William F.	Hall, Albert A.	Robshaw, Samuel
Bodge, Moulton O.	Hayden, John	Russell, John L.
Brown, David	Hurd, Charles C.	Robinson, Herod
Brown, Bembridge	Herrin, Benjamin F.	Robinson, Joseph E.
Brown, Ivory	Hill, Walter H.	Ramsdell, John N.
Brann, William L.	Hill, Luther M.	Russell, Milford
Booker, Asa	Johnson, Marriner S.	Russell, Alonzo
Blanchard, Albert I.	Joselyn, John A.	Smith, James
Barker, Stephen Jr.	Kimball, John E.	Seavey, Calvin R.
Ball, George E.	Kimball, Charles	Seavey, Cyrus L.
Buswell, William L.	Kneeland, Royal N.	Skinner, Andrew
Barker, Isaac C.	Kelley, Horatio	Stevens, Charles H.
Blanchard, James M.	Kelley, Joseph W.	Stevens, Asa M.
Blanchard, Edwin	Libby, Edwin S.	Stevens, John M.
Barker, Thomas	Leathers, Jere R.	Stevens, Royal L.
Butters, Oscar	Libby, John C.	Sturtevant, William
Butters, Rinaldo	Libby, Byron	Shaw, Francis A.
Capers, George	Lumbard, Mark B.	Shaw, Charles
Canning, William H.	Leighton, George P.	Seamans, James
Champeon, Jerry R.	Leighton, Gancello W.	Sideaux, Paul
Champeon, William	Louis, Olson	Smith, Levi C.
Coan, Albert	Leighton, Cyrus	St. Pierre, Joseph
Coan, Alonzo	Lougee, Samuel	Sousie, John
Colbath, Miles	Miller, Fred	Tibbetts, William H.
Chamberlain, William H.	Michaud, James	Titus, Levi C.
Crocker, George A.	Merrill, George	Tibbets, Daniel M.
Colbath, Martin P.	Mahoney, George	Tilton, Fred
Colbath, Nathaniel T.	Mayo, Horace	Tibbetts, Leander M.
Coan, William B.	Melvin, Edwin B.	Tibbetts, Melvan
Cleveland, T. Judson	Milton, Charles F.	Trickey, Franklin B.
Chamberlain, Charles	Marsh, George	Towle, Seth W.
Champeon, George W.	Nutter, Henry T.	Thompson, Asa W.
Carmody, Cornelius	Neal, Horace	Tarbox, Charles
Cummings, Alonzo	Nason, Dexter	Thompson, Mack
Dagen, Fred	Ordway, George W.	True, George F.
Dinsmore, Augustus	Orff, Levi E.	Wilson, Thomas
Daniels, John E.	Osgood, James	Woodbury, Axel
Daniels, William H.	Orff, Charles A.	Willard, Edwin E.
Douglas, Alfred J.	Osgood, Edward	Walker, Benjamin F.
Dearborn, Charles F.	Pease, John L.	Willey, George T.
Edgerly, George	Pease, George A.	Wilson, John B.
Edgerly, Levi M.	Powers, Levi	Willey, Harrison
Edgecomb, Albert	Peavy, Hiram	Walker, Allen P.
Estes, Henry W.	Peavy, Darius	Willard, William
Emory, Eliphalet	Palmer, Albert	Woodman, Samuel S.
Eastman, Hazen B.	Prescott, Harrison G.	Willey, Simon H.
Eastman, Chandler	Pullen, William	Webster, Daniel
Fitzhebert, Amos	Perkins, James	Wheeler, Henry
Fraser, Alexander	Pease, Franklin E.	Willey, Daniel E.
Flinn, Charles B.	Pease, George L.	Young, William
Friend, William	Palmer, Charles C.	Young, Jerry
Gray, Sewall C.	Pease, Charles F.	Young, Franklin