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**EXETER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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**NEWSLETTER  
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**MEMBERSHIP FEES:  
SINGLE - \$8 / FAMILY - \$12  
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TEL. 285-7903 OR 379-2449  
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Our historical society is now one year old. We have been concentrating mainly on getting organized and attracting members. We now have fourteen memberships, with interest from four others, but who have not yet joined. We meet the second Monday of each month at 6 P.M. at the Exeter Municipal Building.

During the past year we have collected many photos and documents of Exeter's past, some from as far away as California. We have been collecting the names of those from Exeter who served in the military conflicts from WWII through to the Gulf War. Every battle prior to WWII is already completed. We have also been collecting the names of those from Exeter who have been past holders of the Boston Post Gold Headed Cane, for being the oldest citizen in town.

Our first completed project was a business directory of the town which

we completed and printed on March 25th of this year. Not every business in town wanted to be listed in the directory, but we still ended up with a total list of 64. These directories were made available at the town office, Exeter Variety, and Perkco Feeds, free of charge, and will be placed at these locations again, as the initial 100 placed went quickly.

We are currently awaiting for a response from the Maine Dept. of Transportation for permission to place five "Welcome to Exeter" signs on the five main roads leading into town. We will also be re-painting a historical mileage sign at Exeter Corner, that is nearly 75 years old.

Presently, we are traveling each road in town, to photograph all the homes in Exeter that are more than 100 years old.

We are also planning to have printed, and sell, sets of notecards depicting old photos, as well as a historical calendar, and possibly table placemats.

We will be going over many documents, photos, etc. that have been in storage for more than 100 years. The owners of the building said this will be a gold mine for the society.

**New Members:  
Sharon Buswell of Corinth,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond  
Stone of Dexter.**

## WAY BACK WHEN.....

### FROM THE 1872 MAINE REGISTER

Postmasters: M. H. Lufkin  
South Exeter: Mrs. T. R. Shaw  
East Exeter: L. D. Butters  
Exeter Mills: E. T. Canney  
Selectmen: George S. Hill, E. A. Chandler, Richard Davis  
Town Clerk: George S. Hill  
Treasurer: L. D. Butters  
School Supervisor: C. C. Haskell  
Clergymen: Methodist-W. B. Fenlason;  
Freewill Baptist-Vacant  
Physicians: S.W.L.Chase; C.C.Haskell  
Lawyers: David Barker  
Quorum Justices: E.J.Ames;  
H.Eastman, Jr.; F.W.Hill; G.S.Hill;  
L.D.Butters; S.W.L.Chase  
Trial Justices: John Whitney; David Barker  
Merchants: G.S.Hill; L.D.Butters;  
E.T.Canney; John Whitney  
Manufacturers: M.H.Lufkin, harnesses;  
Wadleigh & Woodbury, carriages;  
J.Orday, French & Knowles,  
F.Butters, J.Andrews, shingles;  
S.French, lumber.  
Masons: Pacific Lodge, Wednesdays  
Hotels: Exeter House,  
M.A.Woodbury-proprietor

### FROM THE 1897 MAINE REGISTER

Postmasters: A.P.Shaw  
South Exeter: J.C.Hersey  
East Exeter: Mrs.L.H.Smith  
Exeter Mills: Walter Washburn

Selectmen: R.C.Rich; E.A.Robinson;  
W.J.Woodbury  
Town Clerk: Henry E.Butters  
Treasurer/Collector: C.I.Grinnell  
Constable: George E. Ball  
School Committee: Fred Young; F.H. McLaughlin; F.W.Hill; Henry E. Butters; W.J.Peabody  
Board of Health: F.H.McLaughlin  
Clergymen: Methodist-E.A.Carter;  
Freewill Baptist-supplies;  
Episcopal-Le Baron Fowler  
Physician: F.H.McLaughlin  
Quorum Justices: George E. Ball; F. W. Hill; J.F.Dalsell; John W. Butters; Arthur E. Chase  
Trial Justices: E.J.Ames  
Merchants: A.B.Shaw; Absalom Gordon; C.E. & H.A. Eaton, agricultural implements; F.W.Hill, real estate/broker; Washburn & Chase, Exeter Mills; L.H.Smith, East Exeter; J.W.Kent, South Exeter, general stores  
Manufacturers: M.H.Lufkin, harnesses; Clarence Barker, lumber; A.J.Orday, grist & shingle mill; W.H.Crowell, William H. White, E.J.Ames, Lyman Leighton, Daniel Peavey, smiths; John Hersey, carriages; E.E.Brown, Jacob Doyen, masons; I.Chapman, boots & shoes; Hillside Creamery, Hill & Jewett, props.; East Exeter-Joseph Shaw, smith; L.H.Smith, grist & shingle mill; Swett Bros., painters; South Exeter-French Brothers, lumber & ice  
Auctioneers: George E. Ball

High School: J.O.Whitcomb, prin.  
Libraries: Public, 700 vols., Grace  
Lufkin, lib.; Exeter Mills, 600 vols.,  
Mrs. C.H.Woodbury, lib.  
Livery Stables: C.E.Eaton; E.C.Hill  
Bill Poster & Newspaper  
Correspondent: George E. Ball  
Barber: G.E.Ball  
Associations: Masons-Pacific, Wed.;  
Hill's Brass Band, George F.  
Avery, leader; I.O. of F., 1st &  
3rd Thurs.; Patrons of Husbandry,  
No. 86  
Hotel: Hotel Hill, C.E.Eaton

#### FROM THE 1912 MAINE REGISTER

Postmaster: Arthur E. Chase  
Selectmen: J.W.Butters, W.H.Crowell,  
C.R.Buswell  
Town Clerk: Henry E. Butters  
Treasurer: W.H.Colbath  
Collector: A.Buswell  
Constables: C.R.Buswell, L.D.Buswell  
Road Commisioner: H.S.Perkins  
School Committee: William E. Walker,  
L.S.French, C.R.Smith; Supr.- M.C.  
Abbee  
Board of Health: S.J.Redman  
Clergymen: Methodist-vacant; Freewill  
Baptist-supplies; Episcopal-George  
B.Nicholson  
Physicians: S.J.Redman; R.L.Mitchell  
Notary: F.W.Hill  
Justices: George E. Ball, Arthur E.  
Chase, Florence W. Ball  
Merchants: F.W.Hill, real estate &  
broker; Washburn & Chase,  
general store; Mrs. C.E.Gordon,

millinery & fancy goods; C. R.  
Buswell, Herbert L. Brockway,  
meat markets; Howard A. Eaton,  
Fred H. Bridges, fertilizers &  
farm machinery; Colbath & Hill,  
dry goods, groceries, corn,  
feed, & flour; Fred G. Robinson,  
fertilizers; C. R. Buswell, wool;  
Exeter Mills: George B. Dow,  
farm machinery; East Exeter:  
C.R.Smith, general stores; C.W.  
Freese, grain & feed;  
Chamberlain district: Titcomb &  
Sons, meats

Manufacturers: A.J.Orday, grist &  
shingle mill; E.E.Brown, Ashley  
Burrill, masons; Hillside Creamery  
Co., butter & cream; Miss  
Georgie Holbrook, Mrs. Frank  
Folsom, dressmakers & milliners;  
A.H.Burrill, farm wagons, sleds,  
& repairing; E.E.Buxton, smith;  
East Exeter: I.N.Leathers, grist  
& saw mill; L.S.French, lumber;  
Robert Warn, smith; Exeter  
Mills: S.Prescott, smith

Bill Poster: A.H.Burrill  
High School: G.E.Jack, prin.  
Libraries: Public, 700 vols., Mrs. M.  
E.Avery, lib.; Exeter Mills: 600  
vols., Mrs. C.H.Woodbury, lib.  
Opera House: Hill's Opera House,  
F.W.Hill, prop.  
Hotel: Buswell's Hotel, C.R.Buswell  
Associations: Masons-Pacific; Eastern  
Star; I.O.F.; West Penob. Agric.  
Society, F.W. Hill, mngr.; M.W.  
of A., Exeter, No. 10,828;  
P. of H., Exeter, No. 86

EXETER BUSINESSES - MAP OF 1859

