

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013  
AT THE HOME OF DONNA DUNN

PRESENT: Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Tiffany Dodd, Bill and Rebecca Rolke.

NEW COLLECTION: Antique materials related to some Dunbarton families have been recently acquired, and will be under the purview of Dunbarton Town Clerk Linda Landry. Several items, in varying states of preservation, were shown by Donna to the committee. There are medical, political, personal grooming, and miscellaneous pieces, including something shocking. Apothecary items, several medications, a doctor's or midwife's journal, and "medical cigarettes" were alongside political buttons, grange ribbons, grooming needs, glasses, rubber hair pins, and personal letters. *Leavitt's Farmers Almanack*, which was begun by a New Hampshire native in the late eighteenth century, was included, having been a very popular journal. Other ephemera were receipts and documents relating to commencements and clubs. Included in the collection are several photographs. While some are identifiable, many remain a mystery.

Amidst the professional and personal articles was the very startling evidence of \$5.00 membership dues paid to become a member of the Ku Klux Klan, by one Dunbarton resident, long ago. As present day research continues about the history of black people in Dunbarton, this disturbing find is serving to spark further investigation and discussion.

Issues regarding preservation and storage of this important new collection will be determined later.

OLD HOME DAY: This year Old Home Day will be held on Saturday, September 14. There will be a parade starting at 11:30 am in the town center. Friends of the Town Hall and Theatre Restoration Committee will have a float. A pie baking contest is but one of the family-style activities planned; with food and entertainment available. The DHAC will have a table, and will highlight the historic house signs project currently underway.

THANK YOU: To Donna Dunn, who graciously hosted the July meeting of the DHAC at her home. We also thank her for the refreshments offered, as well as the genial atmosphere, enhanced by soft summer views out the windows.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 26, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rolke,

Chair and Secretary