



The Marlow Historical Society's mission is to preserve and illuminate Marlow's history

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### NEW WAYS TO CONJURE THE PAST by Anna Sventek

With the abundance of modern conveniences that exists today, we sometimes find ourselves nostalgic for simpler times. We dream of fewer distractions, of hushed library aisles, and books with fragile bindings that reflect their time through the decades.

Ironically, however, it is our modern conveniences, more specifically technology in its many forms, that allow us to more easily revisit the past. Marlow's history is memorialized through Facebook and online databases as much as by old archives.

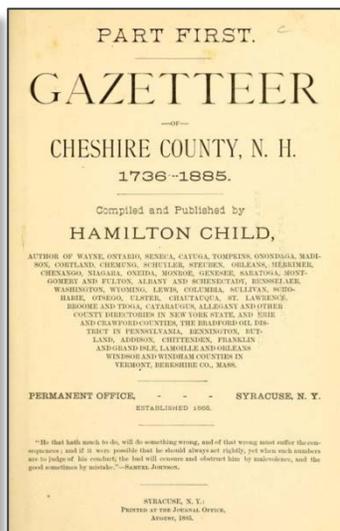
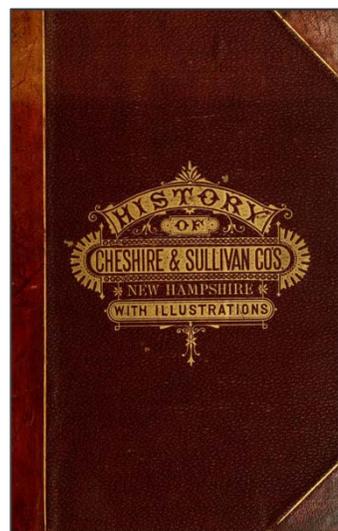
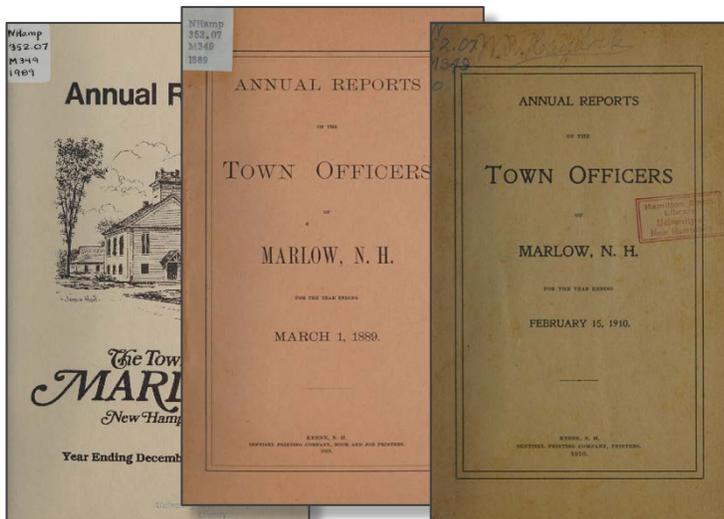
The Marlow Historical Society is constantly evolving with the times, using new modes of communication to preserve and illuminate Marlow's history. In the past, the society relied on public meetings and events, fliers, mail, and the always practical word-of-mouth. Our dear friend Loisanne Foster added to our toolkit by creating the Historical Society Online Forum (an "old-school message board"), and a Historical Society Facebook page. This page passed away with Loisanne, but the Historical Society is carrying on what she started with the launching of our new Facebook page\*.

The way the public communicates with us has also evolved. The society still gets calls and letters; but it also receives emails and Facebook messages from curious patrons who want to learn more about their ancestors, old town buildings, and more.

In the last year, Stephanie Tickner has used online and paper research resources to answer inquiries about Marlow churches, old cellar holes and stone walls found near Bald Mountain and Gage Road, and a long-gone farm along Route 123.

Descendants of old Marlow families, such as the Tubbs, Munsils, Petts, and Williams, have also reached out through email to learn more about their family trees. (See stories on pages 2 and 3.)

The Society's work is aided significantly by searchable online Keene Sentinel editions from 1799-1945 made available by the Historical Society of Cheshire County and Advantage Archives. Cheshire County Registry of Deeds records and old index books can be viewed online too, while the UNH Scholar's Repository houses a digital collection of Marlow Town Reports from 1889 to the present. Find A Grave, Ancestry, MyHeritage, and the Internet Archive also add to the information at our disposal. Before these sources were digitized, we relied heavily on paper volumes in the Keene Public Library, historical societies, and other sites.



Our distant past and its invaluable lessons seem to inch closer to our present as more online tools and digital libraries become available. The Marlow Historical Society will continue to move with the times, and Marlow's treasured history will move along with them.

\*Read about our new Facebook page in the Fall 2023 newsletter.



## WHEN ANCESTORS BECKON

by Stephanie Tickner

On a cold January day in 2023 I opened an email to the Marlow Historical Society that led to a months-long research project, followed by a summer visit to Marlow by descendants of the Tubbs and Munsil families. In his email, Chris Lyons listed the names of his ancestors: Joseph and Lucia Robins Tubbs, Abisha and Zephan Hepzibah (Mack) Tubbs, James and Ester (Miller) Muncil, and Daniel and Molly (Muncil) Tubbs. Through winter and spring I enjoyed learning about these early Marlow settlers, but as I did research I often found conflicting or unclear information. A consistent puzzle was the repeated use through the generations of the names Joseph and Abisha Tubbs\*, which often made it difficult to know which person was being referenced. I was still able to gather a lot of historic details.

On July 31, Maria Baril and I greeted Chris Lyons, his wife Sarah, their two children, and Sarah's parents in front of the Soldiers Monument in Marlow village. They had travelled from Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington to learn more about the Lyons family history. We began our tour at the monument where the names of Abisha Tubbs (1740-1814) and James Munsil (1743?-1821) are listed on the Revolutionary War side.



*Marlow's Soldiers Monument*

We then drove to the Old Settlers Cemetery on Sargent Road where it is likely that some of Chris Lyons' ancestors are buried. According to the *Gazetteer of Cheshire County, N.H., 1736-1885*: "far too little is known [about the cemetery]. It may be found in the northwest corner... of the original Tubbs farm. Here, in 1775, was buried Joseph Tubbs, the first of the name in town, and the first person known to have died in town." However, according to Elgin Jones in the *History of Marlow, NH*, "We have no knowledge of who is buried here excepting one, Hepsibeth (Tubbs) Beckwith\*\*, widow of Sylvanus Beckwith...About twenty graves may be counted, though nought but fast disappearing mounds mark them."



*Old Settlers Cemetery*

Up the hill from the cemetery is Windy Hill Farm, owned by the Salo family since 1962. According to *The Keene Sentinel* article "Salo Farm in Marlow: County's 2nd Bicentennial Farm Entry" by Marjorie W. Smith, April 8, 1976, "Abisha Tubbs [1740-1814] settled on the present Salo property about 1765... and is believed to have built the present standing house." Jay Salo welcomed us to the farm and shared childhood memories of working on the land and growing up in one of the oldest houses in Marlow, built in 1767.



*Jay Salo and the Lyons family at the Salo family home, presumably built by Abisha Tubbs in 1767.*



*Chris Lyons and his children, Parker and Wren, in the West Yard Cemetery at the graves of two of their Marlow ancestors, James and Ester Munsil*

We then proceeded to the West Yard Cemetery on Jay Allen Road to view the graves of Abisha (1740-1814) and Zephan Hepzibah (Mack) Tubbs (1740-1818), James (1743?-1821) and Ester (Miller) Muncil (1744-1830), and Daniel (1761-1837) and Molly (Muncil) Tubbs (1761-1837). The headstones show some of the spelling variations of these family names (Tubbs, Tubes, Tubbes and Munsel, Munsil).

Our next stop was the junction of Newell Pond and Bakers Corner Roads to look at the approximate sites of the James Munsil and Dan Tubbs homesteads from about 1789-1799, as noted in the Elgin Jones History. No buildings or obvious cellar holes remain.

Back across Gustin Pond Road and up the Honey Road hill, we stopped at the site of Dan Tubbs' residence near the junction with Marlow Hill Road. The Jones History indicates that Tubbs built a house there in 1789. There is a well-preserved cellar hole that can be seen from Honey Road.

The final site was the old Marlow Town Common, the area where James Munsil's tavern/hotel was located, according to Elgin Jones. Using Jones' text and maps, I had tried to determine where the tavern/hotel might have been, but was not successful. Marlow Hill was once Marlow's town center with a meetinghouse, stores, and taverns.

There are two other places connected to the Tubbs and Munsil families that we did not have time to visit: the approximate site of another lot connected to James Munsil in 1778 near the junction of Marlow Hill Road and Route 10, and the site of the Joseph Tubbs (1714-1775) cabin off Fox Hill Road (now in Stoddard). Perhaps another time!

We thank these visitors from out west, eager to know about their ancestors, for making history come alive for us. Caught up in the narrative, it was almost possible to imagine Abisha or Joseph, not just as names etched on a monument or gravestone, but perhaps as that fleeting figure crossing a faraway field.



Chris Lyons family on top of Marlow Hill at the old Town Common

\* There is **conflicting information about Joseph Tubbs and Abisha Tubbs** in the *Gazetteer of Cheshire County, N.H., 1736-1885* by Hamilton Child, 1885, and the family trees on *Find a Grave and FamilySearch*.

According to the *Gazetteer of Cheshire County* "Joseph and Abisha Tubbs, **brothers**, came to town about the same time, **Joseph first, perhaps, who settled on road 22, where Isaiah Davis resides**. He was selectman in 1767 and for several succeeding years, also, proprietors' committee. He died in 1775. **No trace of his family is obtainable. One child alone is known, Hepzibah, married Silvanus Beckwith.**"

*Find a Grave and FamilySearch* state that Joseph Tubbs (1714-1775) was the **father** of Abisha Tubbs (1740-1814), as well as other children, Hepsibeth Tubbs Beckwith (1737-unknown) and Frederick Tubbs (1748-1820). Also, it was **grandson Joseph Tubbs (1765-1851) who "settled on road 22,"** as determined from the Elgin Jones History of Marlow.

I eventually determined the following genealogy:

- Joseph Tubbs (1714-1775)
- Son - Abisha Tubbs (1740-1814)
- Grandson - Joseph Tubbs (1765-1851)
- Great Grandson - Abisha Tubbs (1791-1878)

\*\*Hepsibeth (Tubbs) Beckwith (1737-unknown), daughter of Joseph Tubbs (1714-1775) and Lucia (Robins) Tubbs (1717-1765)

## FINDING THREADS IN MARLOW HISTORY

by Stephanie Tickner

In June 2023, I was instantly drawn into a Marlow family story because of two photos from Linda Williams, a librarian from Enfield, CT. Linda emailed the Marlow Historical Society: "I am researching my Marlow ancestors, Leon Oscar Williams (1861-1935), and Avis Petts (1869-1964), paternal great grandparents. Velina Pitcher was Avis's mother and it seems the Pitchers and Townes (Velina's mother's maiden name) were very involved in Marlow. I believe one of them owned an inn."



One photo, thought to be from the 1890s, listed the names of the people, including **Velina Pitcher Petts**. While I hadn't recognized the name Velina Pitcher in the email, Velina Petts was instantly familiar. One of her poems was included in the Historical Society's book *Marlow By Heart: Poetry of a Small New Hampshire Town*<sup>1</sup>, and her name also appeared in our latest publication, *Civil War Journal of Corp. Ezra G. Huntley, Co. A, 18th Regt. N.H.V., Marlow, NH*<sup>2</sup>, as someone who exchanged letters with Corp. Huntley (see story on page 5).

Linda's family photo included three generations from before her paternal grandfather was born. The connections to Marlow stories we had researched and shared in previous newsletters only grew as I read their names:

- Velina (Pitcher) Petts (1844-1935) - married to George Albin Petts
- Clarissa (Towne) Pitcher (1812-1904) - mother of Velina Pitcher Petts
- George Albin Petts (1840-1923) - married to Velina Pitcher Petts
- Phoebe (Stevens) Petts (1813-1902) - mother of George Albin Petts

- Eva Gertrude (Petts) Robb (1875-1938) - daughter of Velina and George Petts. Married Marlow physician Dr. William Matthews Robb (1871-1944)
- Avis (Petts) Williams (1888-1964) - daughter of Velina and George Petts. Married Rev. Leon O. Williams (1861-1935)
- Marjorie Williams (1892-1993) - daughter of Avis Petts Williams and Leon O. Williams

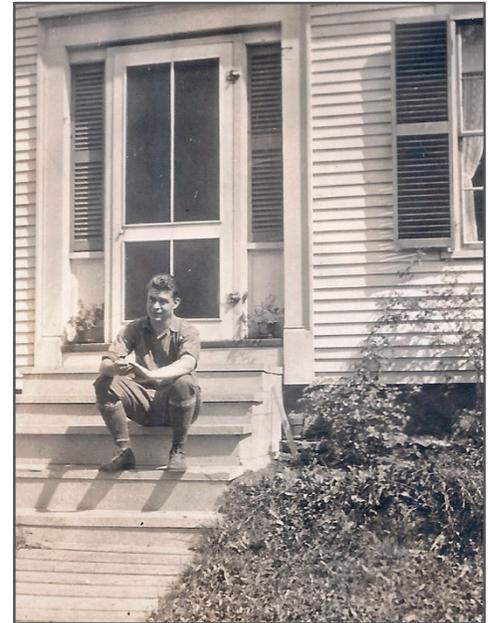
**Clarissa (Towne) Pitcher** was the oldest sister of **Sarah Jane (Towne) Huntley** (1828-1894), wife of **Corp. Ezra George Huntley** (1825-1902). Clarissa's daughter, Velina, was therefore Corp. Huntley's niece. This was information I had not yet learned!

Velina Petts' husband, **George Albin Petts** (sometimes referred to as Col. Petts), was the proprietor of the **Forest House** that burned in the **1916 Marlow fire**.<sup>3</sup> His father **David Towne Petts** (1810-1856), married to **Phoebe (Stevens) Petts**, ran the Forest House along with their three sons; Ferdinand (1832-1933), Lyman G. (1836-1927), and George Albin. The Jones History notes that this was the sons' "first lessons in what proved to be their life work, all being at one time or another successful hotel men. It is also remarkable that the three are still living at the ages of 88, 87, 83." They lived to be 101, 91, and 83. A November 9, 1920 *Keene Evening Sentinel* article noted when their ages totaled 251 years.

Velina and George's first daughter, **Eva Gertrude Petts**, married Marlow physician **Dr. William Robb**<sup>4</sup>. Their second daughter, **Avis (Petts) Williams** and her husband **Rev. Leon O. Williams** were Linda Williams' great-grandparents. They had two children, **Marjorie Williams** and **John Robert Williams** (1897-1988), Linda's grandfather.

Rev. Leon O. Williams was a minister who preached in **Murray Hall** in the late 1800s when it was the Universalist Church. The Williams family moved to Buffalo, NY in 1907, but they regularly visited George and Velina Petts in Marlow. The photo of Linda Williams' grandfather, John Roberts Williams, was likely taken on the front steps of the Petts home, previously the "Brown homestead on the state road below the village"<sup>5</sup> (now #648 Route 10).

On August 4, 2023, Linda Williams, her father, John Williams, Jr. and her stepmother, Martie Williams, stopped by Murray Hall to meet with Maria Baril and me. Linda donated a binder to the Historical Society with copies of family photos, a family tree, a dance card from the Forest House, and original letters - including two from Col. Ezra Huntley to his niece Velina Petts dated December 1864 and January 1865 when he was in City Point, VA! It was very exciting to see the actual letters that he had referred to in his journal.



*John Robert Williams, Linda Williams' grandfather in Marlow circa 1920*



*Martie Williams, Linda Williams, and John Williams, Jr. at Murray Hall in Marlow*

As we sat together in Murray Hall where our guest John Williams' grandfather, Rev. Leon O. Williams once preached, we exchanged information about the Petts, Williams, and Robbs. Mr. Williams remembers that his great-grandfather George Albin Petts was an avid fisherman - a story corroborated by an August 25, 1909 *Keene Evening Sentinel* Marlow social column that read, "G.A. Petts returned to his home last Friday. On Thursday he and W.R. Haydock took 214 pout from Ashuelot pond besides some fish of other varieties." Mr. Williams also recalled visiting his great aunt and great uncle, Eva Gertrude Petts and Dr. William Robb, saying that "they had the biggest cats ever!"

Recreating a family history is like putting together a huge jigsaw puzzle. Only when all the missing pieces are found and finally snap together can you visualize, understand, and appreciate the whole picture. We are grateful to Linda Williams for providing some essential pieces, and for donating the binder, which is now part of our museum collection.

1. *Marlow By Heart: Poetry of a Small New Hampshire Town*, Winter 2017 newsletter
2. *Civil War Journal of Corp. Ezra G. Huntley, Co. A, 18th Regt. N.H.V., Marlow, NH* Fall 2022 newsletter
3. *George Petts appears in articles about the 1916 Fire in the Spring/Summer 2023 newsletter, and Marlow Eateries in the Fall 2023 newsletter.*
4. *Dr. William Robb appears in the following newsletter articles: Marlow Police Dept. 1889-2017 - Winter 2018; A Scan of Marlow Medical History - Spring/Summer 2020*
5. *Keene Evening Sentinel, Page 9, 1920-04-13*

KEENE EVENING SENTINEL,  
MONDAY, JULY 30, 1894  
MARLOW.

Rev. L. O. Williams preached in Murry hall last Sunday at 1 o'clock, and will continue to do so on Sundays through August.

KEENE EVENING SENTINEL,  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1920  
MARLOW.

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KEENE EVENING SENTINEL,  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1929  
MARLOW

Old Home day was observed here last Thursday with a parade in the forenoon, a basket lunch on the I. O. O. F. grounds and a program in the afternoon in Jones hall. Mrs. Velina Petts read a poem she composed, "The Old Clock;"

## A SMILE WILL BRIGHTEN THE DARKEST DAY

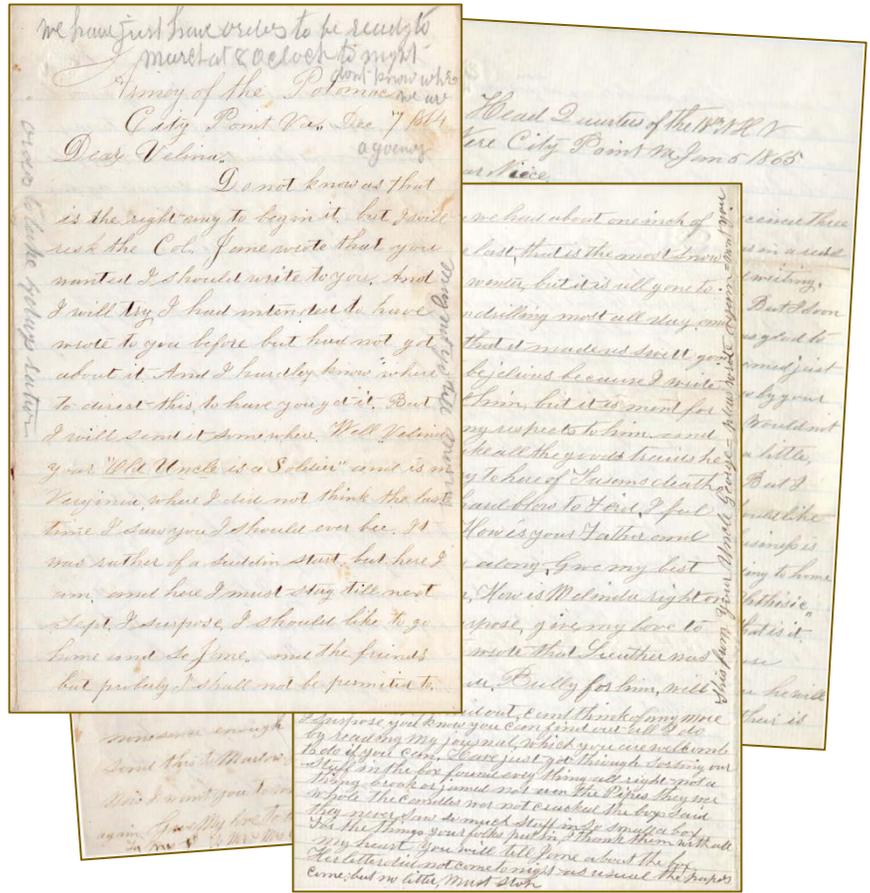
We now have two letters, dated December 7, 1864 and January 5, 1865, sent from City Point, VA to Marlow, NH, in the midst of a bloody and chaotic Civil War. They were written by Corp. Ezra George Huntley to his niece Velina Petts. The letters have survived intact thanks to Velina's descendants, who respectfully passed them down through generations and kept them safe all these decades (see story on page 3).

We are familiar with Corp. Huntley's writings from his Journal, which we published in 2022. In it he describes the grim realities of war in no uncertain terms. Passages in these letters, however, reveal a more lighthearted side of him: the "goofy" uncle who enjoyed teasing his niece and making her laugh. We also learned Corp. Huntley went by his middle name George.

He writes: "Well Velina your "Old Uncle is a Soldier." And: "What would my folks do if I should never come home. But none of that I am coming home. You wont get redd [rid] of me so easy for I have got to torment my niece some more yet."

And when he receives a letter from her: "Why it seemed just as tho you was talking to me. I know by your letter you are the same old sixpence. Would not I like to be where I could plague you a little and here [hear] you say "Why Uncle George!"

These letters have now found their forever home in our museum.



## DISCOVERING COMMON ANCESTORS

by Tom Britton

The homes of my grandparents, Ed and Cora Britton, and my great-grandparents, Charles\* and Jeanette Britton, perished in the infamous Marlow Fire of 1916. The Marlow Historical Society Spring/Summer 2023 newsletter featured articles about the fire, and I was able to provide relevant photographs.

It so happens that this year the name Britton has come alive again in Marlow. Raymond Britton, past proprietor of the Gilsium Country Store, has purchased and is restoring a house on Church Street. The editors of the newsletter wondered if Ray and I were related. Here is the narrative.



Charles Britton (1858-1917)  
Jeanette Wilson Britton (1864-1914)

My 5th great-grandfather - seven generations back! - Ebenezer Britton (1715-1788), had nineteen children, who had abundant children themselves, and so on through the generations. Understandably, I thought that all the Brittons in the area descended from Ebenezer. However, it turns out that Ray's forefather is Ebenezer's brother, Pendleton Britton.

Our common ancestor, therefore, is Ebenezer and Pendleton's father, William Britton. William, son of William and Mary (Pendleton) Britton, married Lydia (Leonard) Britton on October 26, 1698, in Taunton, MA. Records from Taunton refer to William as a "mariner." He was a member of the military company there in 1700 and 1710. William's grandfather, James, was the original Britton immigrant who arrived on the ship "Increase" in 1637.

Most of the townships in our area were incorporated in the 1730's-1740's. Early pioneers found their way here in the 1740's, but the population grew slowly due to Indian conflicts. Forts were eventually established for defensive purposes. The French and Indian War (1755-1763) further slowed the growth of settlements as our area was one of the fronts, with the French and their Indian allies traveling the Connecticut River to engage with these early pioneers. As hostilities subsided, settlements were able to establish townships more fully, with meeting houses and churches.

Ebenezer Britton moved to Westmoreland in 1771. His brother Pendleton did not make the move, but it is very probable that his son John (who himself had a child born in 1780) followed his Uncle Eben. Through the years members of the family spread out to the surrounding towns, including Marlow.

Both Britton lines flourished throughout the region. Members of both families were early pioneers in the westward movement to upstate New York. There was a clear mutual recognition of close kinship in these early days. As time and generations passed by this close kinship became more distant, until we reach our present day when numerous people with the same last name regrettably don't make a family connection. Many families have a similar story: numerous people with the same last name unaware that they are kin. Maybe the next time you run into someone with the same last name you might find out you are indeed related, even distantly, like Tom and Ray Britton!

*\*Charles Britton was the son of **Levi Britton (1821-1900)**, a Civil War veteran who lived near Lake Warren in Alstead. Levi served in the same regiment as Corp. Ezra Huntley, and his name appears in Ezra's Journal. In our Spring/Summer 2023 newsletter we mention that Ed and Alice Britton established a feldspar mine in Alstead, on land owned by their grandfather Levi.*

*Another one of Levi's sons, **John Wesley Britton (1864-1938)**, owned the house at 25 Church Street - across from the house Ray Britton is restoring at 28 Cross Street. John bought his house from Fanny Brockway in 1923, rented it to the Wilcox family, and then sold it to them in 1924. It appears that he also owned other properties in town. Elgin Jones' History of Marlow makes reference to him: "In 1797, Samuel Richardson began merchandizing in a house that stood in the corner of the road at John W. Britton's."*



Tom Britton and Ray Britton at Aaron's Specialty

## THE BIRTH AND EVOLUTION OF THE MARLOW BABIES PROGRAM

by Donna Chase

Back in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, 1987 to be exact, Scott and I purchased our first home, which happened to be in Marlow. At the time, local real estate agencies were part of the Welcome Wagon program, and we received a large mailing from Keene area businesses greeting us and introducing themselves. It was a wonderful way to learn about the region. This planted a seed which in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has grown into a caring and positive program.

Adding nutrients to the seed, in the late 1990s and early 2000s Cheshire Medical Center in Keene and Toadstool Bookstore teamed up to present a board book to all babies born at the hospital. I was a Marlow Library trustee at the time, and our librarian, Pat Strickland, suggested that we do the same for Marlow newborns. We loved the idea and promptly implemented it. A board book, a homemade bookmark and a card were mailed to each new baby that we learned about. Jeannie Merwin and Johanna Kent chaired and worked on this program.

Fast forward to 2009: I was learning how to quilt with the help of Marcia Levesque and some magazines. I was also working at a church whose tradition was to give a baby quilt made by their quilting group to babies baptized in the church. Marcia and I loved this idea, and proposed that we do the same for the Marlow Methodist Church. Thus, the **Marlow Quilting Group** was formed, with the baby quilt idea as their main purpose. After some deliberation we decided that it would be a nice outreach to include all Marlow newborns. Today, 2023, the group remains mostly the same: Marcia Levesque, Sue Berge, Barbara White, Nancy Vesco, Sharon Davis, Johanna Kent, Lynn Bailey and myself.

We then suggested to Pat Strickland and the library trustees that we pool our efforts and make one joint gift package. They were delighted and wondered if other organizations might like to join. Marcia and I played off each other's excitement, and, the **Welcome Marlow Babies Program** was born.

The program was officially launched in 2010 with the participation of the Methodist Church, Marlow Town Library, Historical Society, Women's Society (now defunct), Odd Fellows Lodge 69, and a few women who knit and donate hats. The Methodist Women's Fellowship joined later, as did the Fire Department, the Town Office, the Marlow Children's Enrichment Trust (now defunct), Hidden Valley SnoRiders, Friends of Perkins Academy (FOPA) and Old Kemp Farm. A postcard is included listing the Marlow FB pages, and the organizations offering gifts. We learn of births through word of mouth and the Sentinel. We also consult the annual Town Report, although parents sometimes request that the birth not be listed. Lynn Bailey and I have gathered and delivered the gifts over the past 13 years.

Sixty-one (61!) Marlow babies have received a gift bundle to date. Siblings of the first babies are often added to the list. And, of course, some families have moved away. The numbers have fluctuated: none in 2012, for example, but ten in 2013, including a set of twins. There were seven births in 2018 and six in 2019. Lynn visited two homes in 2020 after quarantining the gifts at the chapel for a few days. We hit a record of twelve (12!) Marlow births in 2021. Did the COVID 19 Stay at Home order and cancelling of events in 2020 have any part in this population boom?

I am proud and happy to have been a part of this program that continues to be a positive energy in our town. People outside of Marlow are surprised that we can pull it off, and amazed at the generosity of town organizations. I am not at all surprised - that is what Marlow is all about!



## MARLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our return to in-person events got off to an auspicious start in June with a potluck dinner at the Odd Fellows Lodge, featuring recipes from our recently printed cookbook, followed by a presentation in Jones Hall by writer, humorist, and storyteller Rebecca Rule. The interactions Rebecca had with those in the audience that day will no doubt make it into her future presentations as examples of Yankee quick wit. A scrapbook containing snapshots will record this and other events as days in the life of our community.

In July two of our members gave a tour to the Lyons family of Portland, Oregon, who are descendants of the Tubbs and Munsil families. In August we hosted descendants of the Williams, Petts, Pitcher, and Towne families from New Hampshire and Connecticut. We gave each family group a brochure with historical information and photographs of the landmarks visited during the tour.

On October 8, we showed the film *Four Days of Fury*, a documentary about the Great Marlow-Stoddard Forest Fire of 1941. The screening was dedicated to Charlie Strickland, who had passed away only a few days earlier. Charlie was 15 years old during the fire, and his recollections make the documentary come to life.

We participated in the Historical Society of Cheshire County's exhibit "Signs of the Times", open to the public at the HSCC museum in Keene from November 2023 until April 2024. Two Marlow signs were chosen: the one for Marlow's Cafe, our now-gone eatery, and a directional sign donated by past resident Bill Brady.

Networking with other historical societies is very important. We did so through attending Historical Society of Cheshire County Roundtables, and by hosting members of the Henniker Historical Society who expressed interest in viewing our restoration of the winter hearse.

Our published transcription of Corp. Ezra G. Huntley's Journal continues to be in high demand. In February Stephanie Tickner gave a presentation on the journal before the N.H. Chapter of the SUVCW (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War), on Union Defenders Day, in Concord. The Journal's significance to our collection was recently enriched through the donation of original letters from Corp. Huntley to his niece, Velina Petts.

Our newsletter continues to be one of our proudest achievements, and is very well received by members and non-members alike.

In addition to our ongoing efforts to preserve and document Marlow history, we are thinking of new ways to share Marlow's past with its current residents while creating our future history together. We host an open house at Murray Hall on the third Sunday of the month from May to October.

Finally, we would be remiss if we didn't mention that, for the second year, the Society has operated with vacancies in the President and Vice President positions. We would welcome any residents with a love of Marlow and its history to join us.

President: Vacant  
Vice President: Vacant  
Treasurer: Pat Strickland  
Secretary: Patty Little

Directors: Sharon Davis, Gary Levesque, Sharon Spalluto

**We thank you for your continuing support, and send best wishes for the new year.**





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## CHARLIE STRICKLAND - A PERSONAL TRIBUTE



Our beloved friend Charlie Strickland passed away on October 4, 2023, and we at the Historical Society miss him dearly. Nearly every one of our Marlow Historical Society newsletters through the years mentions Charlie. There is "*Time Travel with Charlie*"; or "*From Charlie Strickland comes this story*"; or "*Charlie Strickland remembers....*" His prodigious memory gave us an intimate glimpse into Marlow's past, always describing people and events in a way that was realistic, but never derogatory. He told anecdotes as if they happened yesterday, and would chuckle with amusement when retelling them. His delightful sense of humor was a gift to all who knew him.

When he was wheelchair-bound at home, I would often stop by with a list of questions. We would sit at the kitchen table - Petey, Marvin, or Ellie sprawled at our feet - and he would reminisce, while I scribbled furiously trying to get everything down on paper. He made you feel like your visit was the best thing that happened to him that day.

To me, Charlie was Marlow, and Marlow was Charlie: straightforward, upbeat and resilient. His memory will be always in my mind and in my heart, like a blessing.

Maria B.