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Financial report for the fiscal year October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009. Audited financial statements are available at nhhistory.org or by contacting Director of Finance Dorothy Duclos at 603-856-0602.

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6 Eagle Square
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Front Cover: New Hampshire Seal Centennial Exposition Shield, unidentified artist, 1876, oil on board; gift of Benjamin F. Prescott. Thanks to a grant from the McIninch Foundation, high-quality digital images were recently created of more than one hundred "iconic" museum and library items, including this shield. The project is part of the Society's plan to expand access to its collections through the use of technology.

Right: Dance broadside, October 31, 1863. Purchased with funds from the Edith Shepard Freeman/Margaret H. Jewell Fund.

Page 4: War of 1812-era canteen, owned by Enoch Bartlett (1791–1818) of Nottingham. Purchased with funds from the Katharine Prentis Murphy Fund.

PROCLAMATION !

WHEREAS, a certain notorious white-whiskered guerrilla by the name of **JACK FROST**, claiming to hold his commission of "**KERNEL**" under the arch-rebel **WINTER**, hath lately made several nocturnal incursions into this peaceable region for the purpose of facilitating an early invasion by his cold-livered **Commander-in-Chief**;

AND WHEREAS, the late Proclamation of the worthy **President** of this Republic contains no call or requisition for conscripts or volunteers, either male or female, to be raised for a prompt resistance, and for the repelling of said invasion :

BE IT KNOWN, that the

Entire Population of Young Folks

except those physically disabled, are summoned to appear at

UNION HALL, FRIDAY EVE., NOV. 6,

at **EARLY CANDLE-LIGHTING**, when a

GENERAL DRAFT

will be enforced on the choicest festivities of the season---**Music, Dancing, Refreshments, Fun!**
Gents "mustered in" for 25 cts. Ladies FREE.

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Wolf bore', Oct. 31, 1863.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Since starting as executive director on April 1 I have been welcomed with open arms by the New Hampshire Historical Society family. What was immediately striking to me is the deep reservoir of affection for the Society among that family—our members, volunteers, staff, and trustees. An institution

does not get to be 187 years old without such devotion. I also am impressed by the excellent job done by my predecessors, Bill Veillette and Interim Executive Director Michael Sununu, who have left the Society in a strong position.

I am pleased to share with you some of my priorities for the future:

- Speaking out at every opportunity about the Historical Society's value to New Hampshire.*** People love our state for both its natural and cultural landscapes. Our culture is the product of our history, and an appreciation of history is fundamental to developing an understanding of our individual and collective identities. In facilitating this the New Hampshire Historical Society is essential not only to our members, but to all New Hampshire citizens, young and old.
- Working with our talented staff to find new ways to deliver our "product."*** Each year the lives of over 50,000 people are enriched by our educational programs for both youth and adult audiences, exhibitions at our museum and satellite locales, our library services for scholars and the general public alike, and our exemplary publications such as *Historical New Hampshire*. We do all of these very well but will look for ways to make them even better.
- Continuing to build the Society's financial strength.*** Our financial situation is stable, but cannot be taken for granted. The Society as it exists today is the product of prudent financial management and the generosity of members and donors over the years. We will strive to continue sound management practices and to merit the continued philanthropic investment of our donors.
- Taking full advantage of new technologies.*** The Internet is perfectly suited to content-rich institutions such as the Society. Plans are being implemented to build a new electronic catalog of the Society's library and museum collections and to make digital images of the collections available online. This will make our collections more accessible not just locally but across the globe.
- Continuing our engagement with New Hampshire's local historical societies.*** In recent years the Society has reached out to local historical societies to provide support and technical assistance—and, significantly—to ask for their opinions. We share a common mission with the local organizations and believe strengthening them will make us stronger as well.

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From this list you can see we will be busy in the months ahead. We are grateful for the interest and support of you, our members. Without you none of this would be possible. Please e-mail or call me anytime with comments, suggestions, questions, or constructive criticism. Your involvement helps us do a better job. Thank you.

Bill Dunlap
Executive Director

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The New Hampshire Historical Society is proud of its highly successful education programs serving students statewide through museum and outreach programs. Above, fourth-grade students from Mastricola Elementary School in Merrimack get an up close and personal look at the state's history on the *Highlights of New Hampshire History* tour at the Society's museum.

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These portraits of Joseph George Sprague Carleton (1837–191?) and Edwin Bartlett Carleton (1832–51), painted around 1840 by Jonathan Treadwell, Jr., and donated to the Society by C. B. Robinson, were conserved in 2009 thanks to the Katharine Prentis Murphy Fund, an endowment fund to support the acquisition and conservation of museum collections.



Unrestricted annual gifts to the Heritage Fund, made in addition to membership dues, are vital to the Society's work to save, preserve, and share New Hampshire's heritage. The Society is grateful to all of its Heritage Fund donors and is very fortunate to have a number of loyal supporters who have served as leaders in unrestricted annual giving beginning at \$1,000. Listed below are Leaders Circle members as of May 1, 2010.

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This 1936 drawing of the 118th Co. CCC Camp entrance in East Jaffrey is part of a collection of works by artist and architect George C. Soule (1914–2008) of Manchester. The collection, documenting Soule's life as a CCC worker and his building design projects, was donated by Patricia, Cynthia, and Peter Soule.

The Society recently added this 1827 letter from John Farmer (1789–1838) to its extensive collection of Farmer papers. Farmer was founder of the Society and is considered the “father of American genealogy.”

Our electioneering campaign is about commencing. Our candidate for Governor is General Pierre, a native of Guelmsford, whom you probably know. He was 68 years old last December - but is

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to acquire New Hampshire-related artifacts, memorabilia, and similar items

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The Edward & Julia Tuck Society honors all those who have included the New Hampshire Historical Society in their estate plans. A bequest to the Society's endowment preserves your legacy and provides support in perpetuity. For information on making a gift to the endowment or to discuss including the Society in your estate plans, contact Director of Development Anne Hamilton at 603-856-0608 or ahamilton@nhhistory.org.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	FY2009 Total	FY2008 Total
CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT					
Contributions and memberships	\$ 292,251	\$ -	\$ 13,990	\$ 306,241	\$ 349,791
Grants, gifts, and fundraising	7,496	56,748	3,604	67,848	422,664
Contributed goods and services	23,626	-	-	23,626	6,993
Total contributed support	323,373	56,748	17,594	397,715	779,448
INVESTMENT AND EARNED INCOME					
Earned income and special events	274,073	-	-	274,073	289,152
Rental income, net of related expenses	327,503	-	-	327,503	347,359
Trusts and other investment income	101,063	-	-	101,063	100,599
Investment return designated for current operations	346,854	-	167,488	514,342	470,292
Transfer of funds in accordance with investment policy	167,488	-	(167,488)	-	-
Total investment and earned income	1,216,981	-	-	1,216,981	1,207,402
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	93,894	(93,894)	-	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES, BEFORE INVESTMENT RETURN IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT TRANSFERRED FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS	1,634,248	(37,146)	17,594	1,614,696	1,986,850
EXPENSES					
Museum and exhibitions	370,978	-	-	370,978	353,062
Library	319,307	-	-	319,307	318,544
Education	157,595	-	-	157,595	127,124
Publications	77,319	-	-	77,319	95,144
Museum store and visitor services	146,321	-	-	146,321	149,770
Buildings, grounds, and security	17,881	-	-	17,881	14,204
Membership, development, and public relations	308,792	-	-	308,792	323,212
Administration	220,861	-	10,000	230,861	247,673
Collections acquired by purchase	109,023	-	-	109,023	97,488
TOTAL EXPENSES AND COLLECTION ITEMS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE BEFORE ENDOWMENT ADDITIONS AND DEPRECIATION	1,728,077	-	10,000	1,738,077	1,726,221
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE INVESTMENT RETURN IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT TRANSFERRED FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS, ENDOWMENT ADDITIONS, AND DEPRECIATION	(93,829)	(37,146)	7,594	(123,381)	260,629
LESS ADDITIONS TO ENDOWMENT	107	-	32,439	32,546	136,665
ADD BACK RENTAL DEPRECIATION	41,272	-	-	41,272	61,238
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE INVESTMENT RETURN IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT TRANSFERRED FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS AND DEPRECIATION	\$ (52,664)	\$ (37,146)	\$ (24,845)	\$ (114,655)	\$ 185,202
INVESTMENT RETURN					
Unrealized investment gains (losses)	897,489	-	352,666	1,250,155	(2,065,935)
Realized investment gains (losses)	(636,139)	-	(316,712)	(952,851)	(51,462)
Investment expenses	(30,776)	-	(15,154)	(45,930)	(65,392)
Investment income, actual dividends, and interest	106,788	-	-	-	-
197,888	304,676	326,856			
Total investment return	337,362	-	218,688	556,050	(1,855,933)
Less amount designated for current operations	346,854	-	167,488	514,342	470,292
Total investment return in excess of amount transferred for current operations	(9,492)	-	51,200	41,708	(2,326,225)
TRANSFERS TO ENDOWMENT	107	-	32,439	32,546	136,665
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE DEPRECIATION	(62,049)	(37,146)	58,794	(40,401)	(2,004,358)
DEPRECIATION	206,047	-	-	206,047	234,928
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(268,096)	(37,146)	58,794	(246,448)	(2,239,286)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 10,660,349	\$ 327,502	\$ 3,003,602	\$ 13,991,453	\$ 16,230,739
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 10,392,253	\$ 290,356	\$ 3,062,396	\$ 13,745,005	\$ 13,991,453