

## **Newport Historical Society Museum Report for July 14, 2014**

Since our last meeting (12) visitors have signed the attendance book.

Dan Budd (Budnitz) had a family reunion visit to the Museum 7/2/2014

Purchases: We made no purchases of museum artifacts since the last meeting.

We have had (3) donations of artifacts since the last meeting:

Gloria McDonough (2) photo magnets

Gina Grantham (3) ball point pens as the NH Spelling Bee Champion

Heidi Bartlett (1) pair of wooden Dutch skates dating to 1890's

We have called the New Hampshire Director of Historic Resources asking for direction as to what replacement windows they recommend for us to use. We are still waiting for his response. I went to LaValley Building Supply to see what they have to offer. We have no feel for cost at this time; as, they would have to measure the windows. There are 23 windows in the Nettleton House. Christina O'Brien said she has several window contacts and has offered to look into it; but, I would like to hear from the State Historic Resources before I get too much information.

We have received a \$3,000 targeted donation to correct the water issue on the East end of the Nettleton House. We are waiting on a quote to correct the problem using reinforced concrete. Other suggestions were to remove the asphalt and plant grass or use stone. I am afraid that either of these suggestions wouldn't be effective in removing the moisture like the concrete proposal would do. I feel the asphalt at the end of the grass or stone would be a dam holding in the water until it either evaporated or was absorbed into the ground. No decision has been made.

We received (13) 24" x 30" x 6" deep acid free boxes from Gaylord as was approved in June.

We need volunteers to assist the Museum Committee members and the Historical Society Board members on Sundays when the Museum is open. Training will be provided. We desperately need Docents, you will enjoy the experience.

Respectfully

Larry Cote, Museum Director