

# Campton Historical Society - House Tours, Nature Walk and Potluck Lunch

Saturday July 18, 2009 starting at 9:00 am

**The day starts at the Dole Mill.** The historic Dole Mill is for sale - come see and hear the history of this awesome building while opportunity allows. From the site marker flyer on our web site: "The section of the Mad River below the dam was also the site of several mills. The most visible is the now inactive red Dole Mill, founded in 1820 by Moses Cook. It was one of the oldest woolen mills in the country. Some of its products included Campton Pants, which "never wear out", woolen socks made during WW2, and carpet yarns made until 1965."

For those interested, tours of the hydro plant will be available as well. The plant is still producing electricity and is able to fit a few people at a time.

**DIRECTIONS:** On Rt. 175 just south of the traffic light at the junction of Rt. 175 and Rt. 49.



**Following that we will make our way to Clarke House B&B** My guess is we will arrive there at 10:15am. The Clarke House has a charm all its own. It is told that the house served as a stop for the Concord Stage Coach Line. The original Route 3 (now King Road) ran right in front of the house. When the present Route 3 was built many years ago, the Tavern blocked the new roadway so it was rolled up the hill and attached to the Coach Stop House.

Although the house was renovated some years ago in order to preserve it, it still maintains much of the original structure. The front staircase has its original railing and banister and the flooring in the Breakfast Room highlights original wide pine planks.

We "refound" a cannon ball buried in a garden, "planted" there by Roberta King after she found it buried in the cellar wall. Any theories out there?

And, thanks to Julie Quesnell, we have a copy of the original 1767 Campton Regrant, the Original Charter of the Province of New Hampshire from King George the Third. It was signed by Ebenezer Taylor, a farmer, who was one of the very first settlers of Campton and who lived in this house!



**DIRECTIONS:** On King Road which is on Rt. 3 about 1.2 miles south of the Rt. 49 junction.



**Following that we will make our way to Leah Gray's house for the potluck lunch.**

My guess is we will arrive there at 11:30am. If you don't have time to bring food please don't let that stop you from joining us.

**DIRECTIONS:** On route 3, 1/4 mile south of Blair Road—parking on her front lawn or at Blair Woodlands Natural Area across the street.



**Last but not least— the Campton Conservation Commission** will do a nature walk of Blair Woodland Natural Area. Leah donated this 17 acre piece with 1,000 feet of river frontage to the Town of Campton

CCC members will point out the natural and human history of the site, including historic landmarks, plants, trees, birds, insects, and more. The grand finale is the money shot of Blair Bridge so don't forget your camera.

To download or read the tour guide, go to <http://www.camptonnh.org/docs/BWNAbrochure.pdf>