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**The Outing Club Presents
New London Winter Carnival
Dodgeball Tournament**

When: Saturday, February 18th, 2017
Time: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Where: Outing Club Indoor Center
114 Cougar Court, New London, NH
Cost: FREE

Prize for 1st place team

Register Your Team Today!

Team Instructions:

1. Teams consist of at least 6 players
2. Players must be at least 14/yrs old
3. Fill out and send in registration form online at:
 - Website: www.theoutingclub.net
 - E-Mail: nloc.soccer@gmail.com
4. Choose a team captain
5. Arrive at 2:45 pm on Saturday afternoon.

*Costumes are encouraged
Registration Deadline:
Feb. 15th, 2017



This picture was taken around 1913 or 1914 at the Hersey farm on Chase Hill Road (Keniston today) in East Andover. Front row: Samuel Hersey (my uncle), Mary Eastman Hersey (my great grandmother), Dorothy Hersey (my mother), Benjamin G. Hersey (my great grandfather) and Kenson Covey (a cousin). Back row: Nannie Robie Hersey (my grandmother and the mother of Samuel & Dorothy), and Ellen Hersey (the author of "The Good Old Days" journal).

Sharing Memories of the Good Old Days: Part 2

Continued from last month's issue

**Rita Noranader, For the Beacon
Introduction**

The material for this article continues to be taken from a journal written by my great aunt, Ellen Hersey Schoolcraft Taylor, who was born in 1885 and died in 1975. Ellen grew up on Chase Hill Road in East Andover, along with three sisters and a brother, Guy, who was my grandfather.

My previous article relayed Ellen's excitement as a child, while visiting her Grandfather Eastman and his farm on the other side of Tucker Mountain in Hill. Ellen is older now, and she and her sisters often take turns staying with their grandfather, and helping him during the busy summer season. In this section of Ellen's journal, she tells a little bit about her grandfather's hired help, and she writes a few character sketches of people in the area.

Excerpts from Ellen's Journal

Grandpa had a big farm with 200 sheep, some cattle and horses, and a big garden. He never locked his doors, so the neighbors could come and take things, and help themselves to his garden. Because the farm was so big, Grandpa would hire a man each summer to help him with the haying and the tending of the garden. Usually someone would come along looking for work and Grandpa would hire him.

A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

One particular summer, a man came along named Frank Brown. He was very agile and did so well that we liked him very much. One rainy Saturday, Frank told Grandpa he wanted to visit his folks in Salisbury. Grandpa let him take a horse and wagon, and gave him a buffalo robe so he would be warm and dry. Not long after, Grandpa was summoned to go for his horse and wagon. Frank Brown had sold them! Fortunately for Grandpa, the robe had the letters

E. T. Eastman printed on the inside of it. This had given Frank away, and Grandpa was able to get everything back.

Apparently, Frank had seen where Grandpa kept his money in the top bureau drawer in the front room. Frank had broken into the drawer and stolen some of the money – actually a good deal of it! (Ellen writes: I have this bureau in my East Andover home now, and it still shows where the lock was broken.) Well, he didn't work for Grandpa anymore that year, but he did return one day.

My sister, Blanche, was coming in from the back room, which was open in the summer. A masked figure came up behind her and said: "Got any money?" He proceeded to the front room to look for some, but he found none. Grandpa had moved his money, and now hid it in his bed! Blanche told me to run to the neighbor's house, which was up the hill. Our neighbor wasn't home, but by that time, all was quiet again. My brother Guy later discovered that Frank had lived in the sap house for a while, and had dug up some of Grandpa's vegetables, but he had since disappeared.

The Pelloagers

The Pelloagers came again and since Grandpa needed more help, he hired them. He had to take both of them, and they stayed in the front room for about four weeks. It was very warm when they were here, and how we missed being able to use that room. We had to cook for them, and they were so fussy. How thankful we were when they left!

Character Sketches

The Hilliard Brothers: Nate, John, and Tim

Nate got married, but his wife never seemed to stay at home. So Nate said: 'I'm just as well off without her!'

John was sort of a hermit, and lived by himself. He had a cow of which he was very fond, and he received most of his living from the cow's milk. He

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Save the Date!



Annual Meeting



Tuesday, March 7, 2017
4:30 p.m.
**Sugar River Bank Community
Room**
10 North Main Street Newport, NH

GUEST SPEAKER:
Alan T. Kono, MD, FACC
DHMC Heart & Vascular Center

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