



## A History Mystery

Last month's History Mystery photo (above) was a picture of 28 women and children gathered around a tall pole covered with vines.

We had a nice call from Pauline Colby DeGusto, who lived with her grandmother Cora Bell Colby in East Andover many years ago. Her grandfather Frank Colby ran the Halcyon Dairy.

Pauline thinks that #17 is her grandmother Cora Bell, who as a young woman taught at the Tucker Mountain School on Tucker Mountain Road. Pauline recalls her grandmother attending meetings of the Ladies Aid Society, so that may be what brought all these women and children together.

Can you suggest another reason for them to have gathered? Can you name the date or place the photo was taken? Can you identify any others in the photo?

1. Beatrice Andrews
2. Betty Andrews
3. Madelyn Thompson
4. Florence H. Thompson
5. Minnie F. Hall
7. Ruth Chaffee
8. Grace F. Chaffee
9. Joan Chaffee
13. Lily Young
15. Nannie Hersey
16. Mellie Flanders
17. Cora Bell Colby
19. Blanche Robie
20. Ruth Bachelder
25. Grace Adams
27. Daisy Eastman

If the History Mystery column is to continue, we need a volunteer or two to take charge of it! Please contact the Beacon at 735-6099 or Mail@AndoverBeacon.com to learn how you can help.

## Andover Snowmobile Club

By Allan Houle  
Andover Snowmobile Club

The month of December usually means that the trails will begin to open, and we can begin our riding season. The Andover Snowmobile Club has had a very active fall getting the trails in order. Trail Master Greg Miller has had a crew out just about every weekend.

The trail up to Mount Kearsarge has had a complete overhaul and will be a blast to ride. The view at the top of the mountain is fantastic – a trail worth trying out if you are in the area.

There have been major bridge re-decking projects on Corridor 2 (the railbed) along with lots of brush cutting to make room for a wide trail. By this time all of the trail signs will be in place and we will be ready to put some hours on the grooming equipment.

We would like to thank everyone that has put in the hours to get our trail system in shape. Trail work is a continuous project – thanks, everyone!

Our club fundraiser raffle is going well, and some lucky winner will go home with a 2006 MXZX 550F Skidoo Rev. Tickets are still available. For more information, you can contact Lance Demers at 735-4418.

We have some upcoming events that you may want to place on your activity calendar. On Saturday, January 27, we will host our Annual Italian Buffet. This

is a great time, with great food along with our Penny Raffle, and the grand finale with the raffle sled being awarded. There will be more information regarding this event in the next issue.

We will also host our fifth annual Highland Lake SnoFest Antique and Vintage Snowmobile Show. This event is getting bigger and bigger each year. This event will be held on Saturday, February 17.

You can also get up-to-date information regarding club activities at our Web site at [AndoverSnowmobileClub.com](http://AndoverSnowmobileClub.com)

In closing, we would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season. May your rides be safe and often!

## Hersey Family Farm Raffle Winners

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

The Hersey Family Farm Alliance, which is working to raise enough money to purchase a conservation easement on the Hersey Family Farm on Route 11 in East Andover, announced the winners of its fundraising raffles.

Brooks Bicknell won a cord of wood, delivered, donated by the Shaw farm and stacked by the Andover-Salisbury Boy Scouts. Joshua Norris won a cord of wood donated by the Hersey Family Farm, delivery donated by Mark Thompson.

Leighton Terwilliger and Patty Pond each won a half gallon of maple syrup donated by Everett Jones.

Maggie Ford says she's delighted to have won the load of horse manure that Linda Barnes donated. One can only imagine the delight of Roy Meier, who won a basket of jams donated by Peter Zak of Highland Lake Apple Farm.

Ken Tripp won a selection of organic veggies donated by Nelson Lebo, and Nancy Teach and Theresa MacDowell each won a gift certificate donated by



Ben LaPlante (l) and his son Joe admire the original painting Ben won.

Photo: Lisa Jelleme-Miller

Ellen Osborne of Hillside Orchard.

And now, the winner you've all been waiting for... Ben LaPlante of Northfield, a descendent of a long-ago Hersey, won Lisa Jelleme-Miller's beautiful painting of a scene from the Hersey Family Farm.

The Alliance continues to work hard at raising the remaining funds it needs to purchase the conservation easement. For more information or to help, contact the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust at 526-6665.

## CONSERVATION CORNER

By Tina Cotton  
Andover Conservation Commission

The Wilmot Conservation Commission mailed a survey to all Wilmot property owners in August. Graphical results were presented at a public meeting on October 26, and additional information is posted on the Wilmot Web site at [www.WilmotNH.org/Pages/WilmotNH\\_Conservation/SURVEY3](http://www.WilmotNH.org/Pages/WilmotNH_Conservation/SURVEY3).

The questions asked were similar to those asked by the Andover Conservation Commission a couple of years ago. Those results were published in the *Beacon* and are available online at [AndoverBeacon.com/online.asp](http://AndoverBeacon.com/online.asp) in the February 2005 issue on page 5.

Wilmot, however, asked the respondents whether they were full-time or part-time residents and their approximate length of residency. Overall, the answers to all questions were similar between the groups. The biggest difference was that long-time residents, over 30 years,

favored hunting and motorized traffic on public and conserved lands, whereas those with shorter residencies were more negative towards hunting and favored foot traffic, such as hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing.

Special places in Wilmot were similar to those gathered informally in Andover on voting day last March – open spaces including forests and fields, views, water bodies of all types (ponds, rivers, and wetlands), scenic roads, and historic buildings. Andover's were listed in the *Beacon* and are available online at [AndoverBeacon.com/online.asp](http://AndoverBeacon.com/online.asp) in the May 2006 issue on page 12.

My impression is that Andover has a lot in common with Wilmot and probably Danbury, Hill, and Salisbury, also. We are all relatively small towns coping with balancing growth versus historic rural landscapes and ways of life.

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**WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN DO IT!**

Without your help, the Alliance can't preserve the Hersey Family Farm for future generations of Andover residents to enjoy.

We need to reach our goal by **December 31**. Please send a check today, or use your credit card by calling ASLPT at 526-6555.



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