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There were three Cilleys listed, and records show many Cilleys had homes on Cilleyville Road here in town. (Back then it was called Maple Street.)

There was also a Frank P. Elkins listed.

Gilbert A. Tucker served. My grandfather, Willis Tucker, lived in Danbury and was born during the Civil War.

Of the 30 men from Andover in Company E of 10th NH, two died in battle or from their wounds. Two died from disease, two died in a southern prison. Ten were mustered out as disabled, one deserted, and one resigned. Twelve served until the end of the war!

A total of 75 men enlisted from Andover. Sixty went into the infantry, 12 into the New Hampshire Cavalry, and one into the Navy.

There were 16 Andover men in the 4th NH, 12 Andover men in the 1st NH Cavalry, and 15 Andover men in seven other regiments. The men from Andover were as brave as any who fought in that war!

The South, while it still had reserves, would replace a regiment's losses with their reserves. The North, generally, would not, but would rather raise new regiments. Replacing was better, as it allowed veterans of battles to guide new men. Often, as months went by, a regiment of 1,000 men would shrink to two or three hundred.

Railroads were new. There was

much marching, but for the first time a war was fought using railroads. In fact, at the first battle at Bull Run, Stonewall Jackson's troops arrived by train just in time to turn the tide of the battle. Had they not arrived, this could have been the only major battle of the war and could have eliminated the last three years and tens of thousands of deaths.

Accurate rifled weapons were used for the first time, greatly increasing the killing power of the armies. The artillery was as good, with few changes, as that used in World War II, 75 years later.

The average man then was two inches shorter and ten pounds lighter than today and could march from Andover to Concord in a day with a 60-pound pack on his back. Of course, 90 percent of them were farmers and were fit.

However, many who returned home had their health ruined for life.

The average man in New Hampshire in the middle 1800s often had never in his lifetime traveled more than 20 miles from where he was born. When put in large bodies of men, many contracted childhood diseases, which often caused them to be much sicker as adults than had they had the disease when they were a child

Pay was \$13 a month. At least it wasn't Confederate money, which suffered great inflation and was worth nothing after the war.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens For Season

By Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse opens for the season on Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 PM, with a new 38-star United States flag. A flag and pole were given to the Andover Historical Society by Elbridge "Wally" Grover of New London. Wally visited the schoolhouse last summer after watching the video re-enactment of an 1887 day at the school. (You can watch that video at YouTube.com/watch?v=hFQEOqww828w.)

In 1887, there were only 38 states in the union. Wally thought that the



Wally Grover donated the new flag after watching the video re-enactment of an 1887 school day.

school should have a period flag hanging outside, so he purchased one through Patriot Flags of Unity, New Hampshire. We will proudly fly the new 38-star flag on Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 PM. Thank you, Wally!

Many period artifacts will be on display including books, ink wells, slates, and quill pens. Copies of the video re-



The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse now flies a 38-star flag, as it did in 1887. Photos: Donna Baker-Hartwell

enactment, greeting cards, and other memorabilia will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Andover Historical Society.

The schoolhouse will be open on the second Sunday of each month, June through October, from 1 to 3 PM. For more information, or to schedule a visit other than on those Sundays, please contact Pat Cutter at 735-5628 or Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586 or DonnaBH@tds.net.

Refreshments will be served, featuring Pat Baker's homemade cookies.

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