



An Andover Fourth of July parade pauses for a photo on what is now Poplar Street in Andover Village, sometime around 1898. The photo was taken by Elbert D. "Bert" Currier, whose photography building appears in the background (the striped building, which is actually a large wagon). It sits about where the old firehouse sits now.

The man standing in the sailboat is Bert Currier's brother Harry. Can you identify any other people in this photo? If you can, please let the *Beacon* know.

Today, Cindy Benson lives in the house on the left; Grace Stetson lived in the house on the right until she moved to Havenwood; the Andover Lions Club uses the old firehouse for its Lions Den; and the Southworths live in the house at the end with the porch columns, where Harry and Bert, great-uncles to Clyde Currier and Charlotte Clark, grew up.

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**ANDOVER
 OLD TIME
 FAIR**

Sunday, August 2 • 9 AM - 2 PM,
 To benefit the Andover Historical Society
 Potter Place, Andover • Depot Street off Rts. 4 & 11

Lindsey Schust & Ragged Mtn. Band
Mammoth Flea Market • 9 AM
Auction • 12 NOON
Farmers Market
Three Concord Coaches
 Blacksmithing • Chair caning • Penny rugs
 Hand-Spinning & Weaving • Basket making
 Felting • Wood carving • Wood Turning • Fly Tying
 Ride the old railroad handcar • Children's games
 Historic Victorian RR Station Museum
 Exhibit: Photos by Charley Freiberg - Architectural
 Features Along the Rail Trail
 Enjoy strawberry shortcake at the Emons Store.

Auction Items
 3 dining tables w/chairs, 2 step end tables, Leather chair, 6 drawer pine dresser,
 7 drawer maple dresser, 4 draw file cabinet, Antique flexible flyer sled, Large
 pine hanging shelf, Pine cobblers bench coffee table, Wash bowl and pitcher,
 Tole floor lamp, Oak TV cabinet, Wall curio shelf, Doll house and furnishings,
 Quilt Rack, Framed photo of Keasarge Mt. by David Bashaw, Large Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, Exerciser rowing machine
More items arriving daily!

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens for the Season

Come squeeze lemons
 on July 12

**Donna Baker-Hartwell
 Andover Historical Society**

The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse will be open on Sunday, July 12, from 1 to 3 PM. Come squeeze your own lemons and make real lemonade!

If you would like to tour the William Tucker cellar hole, Donna Baker-Hartwell would be happy to show you. William Tucker donated the land for building the school in 1836. His

large farm burned in 1903. It was located just across the road from the school.

Also, the 2016 Andover Historical Society calendar will be available for purchase at \$10 each. It's called "Andover Center Old and New," and each month has an archival photo of some place in the center and a second photo of what it looks like now. They make wonderful gifts!

For more information, call Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586 or Pat Cutter, president of the Andover Historical Society, at 735-5628.

Center Road from page 15

I'm not sure when the eastern section of the road was discontinued, but I don't remember our family ever using it. It was, however, one of the back roads I enjoyed riding on with my future husband Bob during our "jeeping" days!

Even though this road was once called the Center Road, I don't remember ever hearing it called by that name – or by any other name, for that matter. Our family usually referred to it as "the road going over the hill by Clarence's" (a cousin who lived at the top of the hill).

During the '40s and '50s, and maybe even later, there were two houses (since torn down) on the eastern side of the hilltop, which were in Andover. Everett Wilson, his wife Rose, and daughter Irene lived in the upper house, and Everett's brother Bill lived a little farther down the hill.

When Irene was of school age, she walked all the way from her house to the Dyers Crossing School. Being an only child, it wasn't uncommon for Irene to suddenly appear at our door, looking for one of us to play with her. This was after having walked across lots and through the woods to our house – a very long way!

Pasturing Our Cows

As our family grew in size, so did the number of cows we had. Our barn had room for only six cows, but we often had more than that (counting heifers and calves) during the three seasons of the year when they could be outside.

Before long our small pasture wasn't large enough to sustain so many. My mother's cousin, Clarence Rayno,

owned the Center Road property at the top of the hill. His land abutted ours on the brook side and Last Street to the east, and included the Clay Bank or Hogback.

Clarence was using some of his land for his own cattle, but not all of it. My father and Clarence came to an agreement, which allowed my father to use the remainder of the land for grazing our cattle. When I think of it now, it must have been very difficult for my father to fence in and maintain this large, hilly area of land.

My father included a wooden gate in the fence on the other side of the brook near our barn. When the morning milking was completed, the bars in the gate were lowered, and the cows were free to wander off to greener pastures.

The area immediately across the brook from us was very hilly and wooded. In order for the cows to reach their grazing area, they first had to make their way up a steep, zig-zag path.

There were two main grassy areas, which were separated by more woods. We used to call these areas First Pasture and Second Pasture. As evening milking time approached, the cows usually came home by themselves. If they didn't show up on time, one of us would volunteer – or more likely be appointed – to go find them and drive them home.

We hoped they'd be in the first pasture, and not the second, as the latter went all the way to the Center Road. Usually though, "going after the cows" was a chore we didn't mind doing. It was good exercise, a pleasant walk in the woods, and we got to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.

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