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The Bartlett

Historical Society

The Campaign Continues...Thank You For Your Continued Support

We continue to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members and non-members who have shared our vision for the Bartlett History Museum and donated to this project. The support of every donor has helped this project move forward. Your support has energized our ability to do the major work to, first, save this historic building from a dismal fate of demolition and, second, it has given us the means to take a great many positive steps forward in the renovation.



In our winter 2023 newsletter, we said that the snow and cold stopped our work to complete the residing of the building. But, with spring here, we are anxiously getting ready to restart our work on the building. Our first task will be to complete the residing project. Snow piles are being pushed aside so we can get to the building to start work as soon as possible. We've included a more detailed review of our near-term renovation plans in this newsletter.

Over the winter, several people asked to see the building's interior and, we happily opened our doors to show what we have accomplished as well as talk about the remaining renovation work and the museum itself. When our visitors entered the building, without fail, the first word we heard was "Wow!" From all the work that has been done, visitors can envision the future of this building as a cultural center in Bartlett. The question most often posed to us is "When will the museum be opened?" Our straightforward answer is "as soon as we have the funds to complete the renovation." While we have been humbled by the generosity of support received for this project, we are working with the realities of contractor availability and seemingly ever rising prices for materials. We only schedule work on the building as we have the funds to pay for that work. This is a challenge but we are determined to complete this renovation and get this museum open.

Campaign Update: To date, with the generous donations of 544 individuals, foundations, and businesses, many having made multiple donations, we have raised \$453,822 out of recently revised \$605,000 campaign goal! Project expenses to date are about \$385,824; of that total, \$358,090 in real capital value has been added to the building. We are estimating that we need to raise \$152,000 to complete Phase 2 and open the museum. We are and will continue to stretch every donated dollar as far as possible to complete the renovation. *How can you help get us to this goal? First, any donation you can make to the project is greatly appreciated. Second, if you know of anyone who is interested in adding their name to our growing list of donors, please contact Phil Franklin, at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you. Museum Donors: 12/21/2022—03/28/2023*

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President's Message

There's always something refreshing about spring. The winter snow is melting away while leaving white mounds where the sun can't quite reach, wildflowers start to appear as the trees bud for another season, and game cameras capture images of the newly born bear, bobcat and deer. At BHS, we've had a relatively quiet winter but still held our Annual Meeting and first quarter presentation in January. We also did a lot of planning for our museum project and the future of BHS.

In January, we had a well-attended Annual Meeting where I reviewed our 2022 results and we elected our 2023 Board of Directors. I then introduced our first presentation speaker of the year, Howie Weymss. Howie gave a very interesting presentation on the History of the Mount Washington Carriage Road and Glen Houses.

Our 2023 BHS Membership Drive has seen a great response. We thank the 222 people who have either renewed their memberships or joined as new members. If you haven't sent in your 2023 membership renewal or joined yet, please take a moment to go online to access the membership information.

On our museum building, the winter cold and snow stopped all outside work, but we are planning to finish the exterior work when the weather breaks. On the interior, our next step is installing the wallboard in the building. This will be an exciting accomplishment as this will be a giant step forward in the renovation. Over the winter, Bill Duggan, our General Contractor, and I had several discussions planning work tasks to put the funding we have raised to its best benefit for the project. We've included an overview of the plan in this newsletter.

Our museum project was featured in the Saturday, January 21, 2023, edition of the Conway Daily Sun (CDS). Our thanks to Tom Eastman, CDS feature writer; CDS photographer, Rachael Sharples; and CDS editor, Margaret McKenzie, for publishing this article. If you haven't seen it, it is available in the CDS archives. As a result of this article, we have received many compliments on our work to renovate our historic building and some added donations to the project.

We have continued our research into the world of social media as a means of broadening our communication and awareness of BHS. We already have a BHS Facebook page and soon, plan to have our BHS YouTube channel up and running. Responding to my call for help in the navigation of this world, BHS members, Jackie and Tom Connors, offered their expertise and guidance in this process. My thanks go to them for their support. We've included more on our social media plans in this newsletter.

We are actively planning for our third BHS Golf Tournament that will be on Saturday, June 10, 2023. We are dedicating this tournament to the memory of our friend and longtime BHS member, Bob "Elvis" Holmes. He died suddenly on December 2, 2022. Bob had a larger-than-life personality and he lit up the room when he entered. He was a big supporter of our museum project, sponsor in past golf tournaments, one of the founders of the Mount Washington Valley Car Club, a huge Elvis Presley fan, and well known person in town. I always enjoyed chatting with him. We've included a flier in this newsletter to provide more information on the tournament, sponsorship, and donations in "Elvis" memory.

Finally, on behalf of our BHS Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of BHS and our museum project. If you have any questions, comments or ideas about BHS or Bartlett, Hart's Location or Livermore history, please let me know by dropping me an email at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

President, Bartlett Historical Society
Phil@BartlettHistory.org

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on our website at www.BartlettHistory.org

Election of 2023 Bartlett Historical Society Board of Directors

In our 2023 BHS Annual Meeting, Phil Franklin concluded his presentation with the nomination and election of the 2023 BHS Board of Directors for the coming year. The nominated slate was:

Nominee	Board Position
Phil Franklin	President
Hannelore Chandler	Vice President
Scott Mallett	Secretary
Sue Franklin	Treasurer
Kathleen Howard	Curator
Robert Foppiano	Director

No other nominations were offered by the audience so this slate of officers and directors for 2023 was elected by unanimous consent. On behalf of the 2023 BHS Board of Directors, Phil promised to continue working for the betterment of the society, being focused on our mission and continuing the work on our Bartlett History Museum renovation. He thanked everyone for their support .

BHS Leadership Plans to Broaden Our Communication Channels

In our winter 2023 newsletter, Phil Franklin announced that the Board of Directors is exploring ways to move BHS deeper into the world of social media. He also asked for help in finding the best path on which we could move forward. We are very pleased that BHS members, Tom and Jackie Connors, offered their assistance. Tom and Jackie are university level lecturers in the field of Computer Information Technology. They have been very helpful in offering advice and direction as we develop our plan to bring BHS into a new level of communication. We thank them for their continued support and excellent advice.

Working with the Connors' we have developed the following plan to broaden our communication channels beyond our current Facebook, BHS website, emails and newsletters.

- Implement a BHS YouTube Channel by the end of April 2023 to post videos of our Quarterly Presentation Series events and other items such as museum renovation videos
- Establish a Twitter presence by the end of August 2023 to offer another means of letting people know of BHS events, bits of regional history and getting their feedback.

We hope that taking these steps in the digital communication world will give members and donors from away the opportunity to, for example, view our quarterly presentations and videos of museum news and let others know of the rich history of our area. We'll keep you up-to-date with our media implementations.

100 Years Ago ...

In the 1923 Bartlett Annual Report, Selectmen's Report Inventory listed 128 horses and 223 cows were valued at a total of \$27,245

Three schools were open in 1923—Glen School (24 pupils), Intervale School (22 pupils), Goodrich Falls School (9 pupils). Mumps, measles and whooping cough kept attendance low in fall and winter

22 children were born in 1923 in Bartlett



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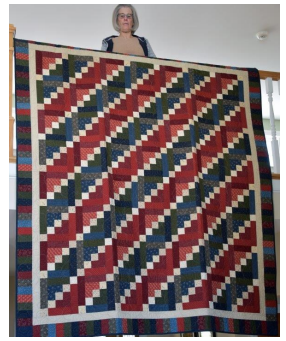
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2023 BHS Quilt Raffle

Our BHS Quilt Raffle has been a popular fundraising event for the past two years. The proceeds from the raffle have averaged about \$1,000 for each of the raffles. For the 2023 raffle, Sue Franklin, our Treasurer and a master quilt maker has made another beautiful quilt. Our 2023 quilt is full/queen size. The colors are traditional colonial ones including deep reds, blues, greens mixed with some lighter fabrics in a very unique, eye-catching design. A color picture of the 2023 quilt is on our BHS website at www.BartlettHistory.org.



Our 2023 Quilt Raffle tickets are available by:

- ⇒ Purchasing them via our BHS website and using your credit card
- ⇒ Sending in a ticket request to BHS, Quilt Raffle, PO Box 514, Bartlett, NH 03812; Please include the number of tickets you'd like to purchase and a check or credit card information for those tickets; We'll mail the tickets back to you at your return address

Tickets will also be available at all BHS events.

The drawing date for the quilt is Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at our final 2023 Quarterly Presentation Series event (the winner does not need to be present). Tickets are:

1 for \$5.00 5 for \$20.00 15 for \$50.00.

All proceeds from the raffle will be directed to the BHS Museum Fund for the renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building, transforming it into the Bartlett History Museum. Questions on the quilt can be directed to Sue at the email address BHSTreasurer1890@Gmail.com. We thank you for your support.



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Donations to BHS that are designated to the Museum Fund or those that are undesignated are currently funneled to the Museum Fund. Donations designated to the General Fund are directed to our operating fund.

All donations are greatly appreciated and we thank you for your continued support.

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BHS Quarterly Presentation Lineup!

As we continue to hold our presentations at the Bartlett Congregational Church, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the church leadership for allowing us to use their building for BHS presentations and other activities. Their support has been tremendous and we hope to some day be able to repay their generosity.

The History of the Mount Washington Auto/Carriage Road and Glen Houses: 1855—2020 **January 8, 2023 Presentation Recap**

Our presenter, Howie Weymss, took us on a great tour of the carriage/auto road from the beginning of its construction to the current day. We also learned about the different Glen House hotels that have been at the base of the mountain, including the newest one that opened in 2018. This was a very interesting presentation and we thank Howie for sharing it with us.



Our 2023 Quarterly Presentation Series—Our Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, The History of Livermore, NH with Dr. Peter Crane

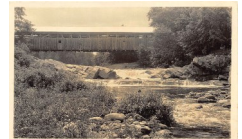


Livermore was once a thriving logging town bordering Bartlett, Hart's Location and other towns. As major logging in the area ended, so did the town of Livermore. Peter has done extensive research on the former town that today is the subject of legend and lore. He'll tell the story in his talk. Many people in Bartlett have connections to Livermore.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023: Covered Bridges in New Hampshire with author Kim Varney Chandler

There were once nearly 400 covered bridges in NH; today only 54 remain. Bartlett had three covered bridges but today only one remains. Kim will talk about the romance and function of these bridges as well as tell us about some of the local bridges, past and present. Come and learn about how these bridges were essential parts of the community infrastructure, not just historic sites as they are today.



Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023: The History of the Willey Family and Crawford Notch with author Rex Wiley



Focusing on the family of Samuel Willey and the dramatic events that led to the tragic death of that family in 1826, Rex, a descendent of the Willey family, will talk about the facts and mysteries surrounding that family. Learn about their Bartlett connection and the rescue effort as well as other historical, fun and interesting news about Crawford Notch.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

2024 Ideas? Let us know if you have an idea for a presentation. We're starting to think about 2024 talks.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. We gratefully accept donations at the door. All donations are directed to our Bartlett History Museum project for the renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building. Please join us for these interesting presentations.

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Bartlett History Museum Renovation Project

Moving Forward with Persistent Determination

As we restart our renovation work on our museum building, we are also starting down the path toward completion of the effort. However, there are still several tasks to complete and with a lot of hard work, scheduling of contractors, securing of the right building materials and, most importantly, funds to be raised to complete this renovation. Every step we complete is a step in the right direction.

Recently, Phil Franklin was chatting with a donor to the project. In that conversation, the donor complimented us (BHS) on our work toward realizing our vision for the building. They did their own recap of the major accomplishments we have made toward the saving and reopening of the building mentioning the removal of the hazardous material, the installation of the new roof structure, the new sidewalks, front steps and mobility assistance ramp, the installation of the new windows, the restoration of the original stained-glass windows and now the residing of the building. Their point was to compliment us on our efforts and encourage us to continue to move forward.

To that end, we have several work items planned for 2023 so far. They include (reading left to right):

Installing a new emergency exit door at the back of the building	Restarting and completing the residing project	Installing a new bulkhead door
Restoring the triangular “Sodality of the Holy Rosary” stained-glass window on the back wall of the building	Applying a 2nd coat of paint to the newly installed exterior siding (a volunteer project)	Installing a rain gutter over the door to and from the mobility ramp (a volunteer project)
Preparing the interior for the installation of the sheetrock wall covering	Installation of the sheetrock wall covering	If possible, installation of the ceiling insulation after the sheetrock is installed
Raising of our new 20’ fiberglass flagpole that was generously donated by a BHS member	Installation of landscaping in the front of the building (under the direction of a BHS member)	<i>All this work will be done with donated funds & volunteer support</i>

Stained-Glass Window Lightbox Update: The LED panels for our lightboxes displaying the original stained-glass windows have been ordered and are being manufactured by a company in Minnesota. They should be here by the end of April. All the lightboxes have been assembled and the stained-glass window have been installed in them. They will be hung in the museum as a part of the final details before opening.

Henney Historical Fund Grant: We received a generous grant from the Henney Historical Fund to cover the cost of the components for a new audio-visual system for the museum building. While it may seem a bit early to a be thinking of the audio visual for the building, it is an important component for the operation of the building. By pre-purchasing this equipment now, we will be able to use some components now while others will be used as the museum opens.

With those projects completed, the next steps we are fundraising for include:

Purchase and install all of the interior trim woodwork	Purchase four chandeliers for the main display area	Purchase fixtures meeting ADA requirements for the lavatory
Finalize the plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems	Purchase and installation of an air exchange unit	Sanding and sealing the original flooring in the building
Installing the mechanism to automatically operate the mobility assistance door	There are a few more items beyond these but with these items complete, we’re getting closer and closer to an opening day.	

We continue to have the good fortune to have Bill Duggan as our General Contractor. Together, Bill and Phil work through the detailed planning for the project, do a lot of the renovation work with help from Bill’s employees and map out work that can be completed by volunteers.

If you have any questions about our project needs or if would like to see the building, please contact Phil Franklin at Phil@BartlettHistory.org or on his cell phone at 860-638-7966. As always, we thank you for your support.

“Energy and persistence conquer all things.” Benjamin Franklin

Janet Hadley Champlin

Dedicated to Making a Positive Difference in the Lives of Others

by Phil Franklin

On February 27, 2023, I sat with my good friend, Hadley Champlin, in the living room of her home that she shares with her wife, Janet Anne Pillion, in Bartlett. On the coffee table was a thick three-ring binder with news clippings from Hadley's career that her mother diligently preserved. The idea for this conversation started in November 2022 when I first approached Hadley. Her immediate response was "Why me?" While I admitted that we usually tell the stories of local folks who have a long history in town, I said that she has a unique story that should be told. This is a story of international travel and living, a deep commitment to the profession of community policing and philosophy as well as practice of caring for the victims of crimes, most importantly victimized children. So, here we are and here's Hadley's story.



... Starting with Her Youth and Family

Born in 1961 in Greenwich, CT, Hadley was the youngest child of Ralph and Mary Jean Champlin (Mary was known by her middle name, Jean). Hadley has an older brother, Jeffrey. Her father was a salesman and business executive in San Francisco and eventually New York City. Her mother was a "stay at home mom" as was typical in the early 1960s. Ralph and Jean met at the University of Minnesota. They moved to California after marrying where Jean had a career as an x-ray technical in San Francisco. When Hadley was seven years old, her father was transferred to London, England so the family packed their bags and became residents of London. She said they lived in central London, not far from Buckingham Palace. There, she attended the *American School in London* with other American children as well as children from all over the world.

Not knowing how long her father would be stationed in London, the Champlins made the most of the time they had there, using school vacations to travel all over Europe. She admitted, though, that she didn't appreciate the exposure to the different cultures, languages, and food as much as she does today but still, she was able to see far more of the world than most pre-teens and referred to herself as a "citizen of the world." One of the highlights of attending the American School in London was that field trips were always to famous historical sites, noting visits to Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. These trips lit Hadley's desire to learn more about history and architecture, an appreciation she still has today. When asked if she picked up an English accent while in London, she said "No", but she could certainly imitate one. She added that she developed a good ear for accents because of her exposure to the different international students and travels.



Her father was transferred back to New York City after eight years in London. Upon their return to America, the family took up residence in New Canaan, CT. There, she attended New Canaan High School. This was a challenging time for Hadley for a couple of reasons. First, the school had many cliques, so it was hard to make friends. Second, while in London, she was used to traveling by herself on the London underground system, for example. That freedom ended with the return to the states. While in London, she started playing the trombone and in New Canaan, she joined the school band. To this day, she plays different brass instruments and is now a member of the Mount Washington Valley Band. At New Canaan, she was a member of the swimming team for one year and a four-year member of the track team, becoming the team captain. She proudly noted that she held the school record for the discus throw. Her closing comment on high school was that it was not a lot of fun.

A Search for Direction

In her senior year of high school, the time for some real decisions was at hand. Hadley said she really didn't want to go to college immediately after graduation because she had no idea what she wanted to study or what profession she wanted to pursue. On the advice of a guidance counselor, though, she did apply to Southern Connecticut State College (SCSC) (today known as Southern Connecticut State University) and was accepted as an incoming freshman. Still, Hadley wasn't sure she wanted to go to college. She had saved about \$2,000 from high school jobs and, with a friend from Massachusetts who she met in London, decided to try to find herself on a backpacking journey through Europe. By the end of the summer of 1979, her traveling companion needed to head back to America to go to college and Hadley found that her money had all but evaporated so she returned home and enrolled in SCSC.

At SCSC, Hadley was still working on her plan for life. She said that she took a variety of classes but nothing that gave her enough credits to graduate in four years with a college major. The results of an aptitude test taken in her senior year were, among other suggested careers, those of musician, forest ranger and police officer. While she enjoyed playing her instruments, she had no interest in the rigor of being a professional musician; the idea of being a forest ranger was interesting but not enough to pursue for a career.

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Hadley Champlin continued ...

Beginning of a Career

The idea of being a police officer hit home. Hadley's extended family members had several different professional careers to their credit including a cardiologist, dentists, teachers, business executives but no police officers. Knowing this career path would likely be a dud with her parents, over Christmas break in 1982, she decided to tell them of her career choice in a restaurant where their reaction would hopefully be measured. That conversation led to their final plea that she should finish college with a degree but that meant spending another year in college which she didn't want to do. Hadley is a driven woman and had a calling to be a police officer. She had already started applying to police departments. She was accepted by the East Haven and Cheshire, Connecticut departments. She chose to work in Cheshire. Against her parent's wishes, she dropped out of college to pursue this career path. At that time, 1983, police departments were by-in-large, staffed by white males so this 21 year old would now be working with men who were not accustomed to having a young aspiring female officer as their peer. Still, she attended the Connecticut Municipal Police Academy, passed all her tests and became the first female police officer in Cheshire, Connecticut. She said that the academy was a para-military experience, challenging physically and mentally but she was determined to be successful, and she was.

Officer Champlin

Cheshire, Connecticut is a medium size upscale, politically moderate town in central Connecticut with a population approaching 30,000 residents. As a rookie on the Cheshire Police Department, Hadley knew she needed to excel in her position. She also expected and experienced a great deal of racism and sexism on the job. She added, though, that while there were officers who treated her badly, there were others who constructively coached her. This is where she started seeing the need for better scrutiny in the hiring and training of police officers. She recognized early on that there were some officers for whom the power of having a gun and badge was a dangerous thing. As she continued in her career, the mission to see officers hired who had the right attitude and passion for the job became paramount to her.

While in Cheshire, she led the department in arrests for a couple of years. Her work on drunk driving enforcement earned her two Congressional Awards for Professionalism and Excellence in Law Enforcement. Her work in Cheshire also led her to becoming a Community Police Officer. At Cheshire, she learned a great deal about policing and after five years on the force, she started to look for broader opportunities. She thought she might like to join the Boston Police Department, but they had a residence requirement; she thought about the Portland, Maine Police Department but they required a complete tour through their police academy and for an experienced officer, this was not appealing.

The Move to Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Hadley often vacationed on the coast of Maine. While traveling home after a vacation, she stopped in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a town she had passed by often but had never seen. She strolled the streets, enjoyed what she saw and stopped into the police department, introduced herself, and filled out an application. After passing all the tests and background checks, she was hired. She attended a two-week law package program at the New Hampshire Police Academy to learn the New Hampshire laws and then was on the job. She said that at that time, 1988, Portsmouth was very different than it is today. There were private clubs and a biker bar; they handled their issues internally. Lobstermen, likewise, handled issues between themselves at sea. The Naval Base and Pease Air Force Base were still open at that time. Hadley started working the night shift and was busy all the time, mostly dealing with fights involving intoxicated people.



In time, Hadley was assigned to the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force. She was the only woman on this task force. While working on this assignment, Hadley did a lot of undercover work, spending time in cities and towns across the state, naming Nashua, Manchester and Colebrook, in particular. Often dressed in a tie-dyed shirt with her hair longer than her usual style (she added it wasn't grey then!) she made numerous drug "buys" and worked to set up arrest cases to get these dealers off the streets. While on this assignment, she saw the tragic consequences of the drug world. While on one drug buy, she met a woman who was going to sell a large quantity of cocaine to Hadley. Hadley met the woman in the dealer's car. In the same parking lot were other police officials ready to make the arrest when the sale was made. Hadley said that when she was in the car, she looked in the back seat and saw a five or six year old boy, the son of the dealer. This was incredibly disheartening to Hadley but she said that quite often children would have to witness the arrest of their parents for drug dealing. She added that often, the parents would hide the drugs in their children's rooms thinking that the police officers would not search a child's room. It made it hard, she said, to have the children see the police as protectors, "good guys" if you will, when their house or apartment is swarmed by officers in raid jackets with badges showing, taking their parents out the door in handcuffs. These many incidents stuck with Hadley and further spurred her passion

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Hadley Champlin continued ...

to care for the victims of crimes, especially children. Here she said that it is her belief that we need to put funding into prevention programs, boys and girls clubs, child advocacy centers, and health and human services programs versus drug enforcement programs. While on this task force from 1992 – 1996, Hadley said she matured quickly.

Still working for the Portsmouth Police Department, while on the drug task force, Hadley was occasionally called back to investigate homicides in town. She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant after ten years on the force. During those years, aside from the drug task force, she worked in the patrol division, became a juvenile prosecutor and experienced duty in virtually every aspect of the Portsmouth department. She was eventually promoted to Lieutenant and worked on sexual assault cases of adults and children. For her work on these cases, she was awarded a third Congressional Award for Professionalism and Excellence, this time from the state of New Hampshire. In her fifteenth year on the department, she was promoted to the rank of Captain.

While on the Portsmouth Police Department, in addition to all of her other police responsibilities, she fulfilled her parent's wish from 1983 by completing her undergraduate college studies. Hadley earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science from Granite State College while working in Portsmouth.

When she was promoted to the rank of Captain, Hadley attended a three-month training program at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Hadley excelled in this program becoming one of five section leaders for their class of 250 individuals, participating in intensive training in all aspects of policing, and attended masters level classes at the University of Virginia (UVA). She earned a Master's Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from UVA. She said she didn't want to become an FBI agent because of her love for Portsmouth and the fact that as an FBI agent, you moved to different locations often so you could never get settled.



Returning to Portsmouth, Hadley became the head of the Bureau of Investigative Services. Here, she had about 20 detectives and a couple of civilians working under her leadership. While the hours were long and she was called out at all times of the day and night to a variety of crime scenes, she enjoyed the work. She started some proactive programs such as tracking down registered sex offenders, arresting ones who strayed from their probationary rules; initiating a drug enforcement program that resulted in many arrests for drug law violations; as the commander of an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, building cases against people who were committing child pornography and child exploitation crimes. Under her purview she had detectives working on drug cases, juvenile officers, family services support individuals and homicide investigators. Looking back, she still feels that this was a rewarding position because of the results seen under her leadership to make Portsmouth a safer and better place to live and work.

On top of all her other responsibilities as the head of the Bureau of Investigative Services, she was also responsible for investigating internal issues with the police officers in the department. Internal investigations, policing the police, was a stressful and difficult part of her job. Under her watch, she said that several officers who likely never should have been police officers left the department, some by choice and others under arrest. She said that it was disheartening to find that an officer with whom you may have worked for years was, behind the scenes, doing things that were unethical or even criminal, ultimately betraying their public trust as a police officer. On the other side of the coin, she was relieved to clear the names of officers who were wrongly accused by people who often times were trying to win a lawsuit.

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Retirement #1 and A Wake-up Call

In 2008, with her police career on the rise, Hadley was confronted with the harsh reality of having breast cancer. She said this was a “wake-up call.” She recognized that her job was her life, and she also recognized the need to make some changes in her life. After 25 years in the world of policing, and with some deep soul searching, she decided to retire.

She dealt with her cancer successfully with the assistance of the cancer specialists at the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. At 48 years old, Hadley was retired but not ready to stop working. She obtained a private investigator license and opened her own business – *Black Dog Investigations – Sniffing Out the Truth for You* working for insurance companies on fraud cases in New Hampshire and Maine, and did investigations for police departments and school boards. As an independent private investigator, Hadley was, for the first time in her career, independently in charge of her job.

Hadley Meets Anne Pillion

In 2010, Hadley was invited to a friend’s 50th birthday party. At this party, a mutual friend of both Hadley and Anne introduced them to each other. Hadley said that when they met, there was an instant attraction, and they knew they were destined to be with each other. Anne was an accomplished environmental scientist. She created an environmental compliance program at the Manchester NH Veterans Administration Medical Center and was living in Dover, New Hampshire. Her work in the environmental field earned her an EPA Environmental Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to her at the Faneuil Hall in Boston.

Anne’s parents lived in Jackson. Hadley had never really spent any time in the Mount Washington Valley but as she came to know the area, she realized this was a perfect place to live. She would learn to cross-country ski, hike, and kayak. As their relationship progressed, Hadley and Anne purchased a home in Bartlett in April 2011 thinking it would be a second home for them. This quickly changed, however, as they decided to make their Bartlett home their primary residence. In October 2011, they were married at the Jackson Historical Society (JHS) and, in the process, became good friends with JHS then-President, Warren Schomaker. That friendship continues to this day. They also became members of JHS in the process. Today, Anne is the President of JHS, still working closely with Warren.

Rejoining the World of Policing but Now in Bartlett

While in Bartlett, Hadley had a chance meeting with the then-Bartlett Police Chief Tim Connify. They knew of each other professionally and the result of that meeting was a job offer to be a part-time prosecutor in Bartlett. After getting recertified for police work, she accepted the position in 2012. Shortly after joining the Bartlett Police Department, a third party filed a complaint of potential unethical behaviors against Connify. Connify was arrested in January 2015. That same month, Hadley became the interim police chief in Bartlett and in April 2015, she was appointed as the Chief of Police in Bartlett, the first female police chief in Carroll County history. In the Connify matter, Hadley was asked to work with the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office to investigate the complaint. In September 2015, Connify pled guilty in Carroll County Superior Court to, among other things, a charge of lying to the grand jury in his testimony about the case. Hadley also noted that Connify’s predecessor in the chief’s position, Bob Snow, was also convicted of embezzling money from the department in 2004. As the new chief, Hadley stepped into a position where the Bartlett Police Department was not respected in the region. She was determined to turn this situation around and rebuild a reputable and respected police force in Bartlett.

In her role as Bartlett’s police chief, she said she “felt a sense of duty to clean things up as the chief.” To that end, she worked to get the right personnel in place and reorganize the department. She organized the evidence room and office files, investigated crimes and put cases together to address them and corrected many things that had been neglected over the past years. She said that she heard that Bartlett was a large distribution center for illegal drugs. Investigating this allegation, she worked with the attorney general’s drug task force.

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The result of this effort was the arrest of two individuals, confiscation of \$45,000 in heroin and another \$14,000 in cash. This was one of the largest drug seizures in Carroll County history. This is one example of how Hadley led the effort to make Bartlett a safer town in which to live.

While in her role as chief, Hadley worked hard to restore confidence and ethics to the Bartlett Police Department. As she did in Portsmouth, she focused on what she calls “community policing.” She spent a good deal of time getting to know the people of Bartlett. She visited the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School (JBES) and often sat with the students at lunch. She played in the JBES band. She was actively demonstrating the balance between enforcing laws and being a positive community leader. She noted that being the chief in a small town means you are on calls that can range from traffic accidents to violent domestic disputes, from drug arrests to confronting intoxicated individuals – alone – where in a larger department you would have backup — you need to be a “jack-of-all-trades”, and this is stressful and often dangerous. Still, being a police chief, she had achieved what very few police officers will ever accomplish by rising to the top of her profession. She added that being a police officer is a “young person’s profession.” All her hard work paid off and in roughly two and one-half years, she felt that the department was on the right path, respected locally and in the county, with a good outlook for the department. With this assessment in mind, Hadley retired for the second and final time on April 28, 2017, closing a 30-year career in policing.

Active Retirement and a Serious Reflection

Hadley said that with her retirement, this is the first time in many years that she has not been on a board of directors for a non-profit organization. Her leadership roles included serving on both the Rockingham and Carroll County Child Advocacy Center boards and on our Bartlett Historical Society Board (I offered her the opportunity to rejoin our board, but she smiled and declined). However, she has filled her retirement with many other things.

Leading up to the 2020 presidential election, Hadley and Anne became actively involved in support of the candidacy Senator Amy Klobuchar. She said this was a first for both Anne and her. They held an informational session at their home; they went out knocking on doors; and they attended Klobuchar presentations. Asked if she was interested in jumping into the political arena, the answer was “No.”

Hadley has continued her civic service to Bartlett by serving as a Ballot Clerk on election days. She also mentioned that she occasionally consults with peers from her police workdays helping them work through issues they are facing.

In 2020, Governor Chris Sununu established a Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability in response to a nationwide deterioration of police/community relations. Hadley distinguished herself when she testified before this commission. In her testimony, Hadley outlined twelve recommendations to help establish a better atmosphere between the police and the public with a strong focus on police *ethics*.

In our conversation, Hadley said that she feels she made the most positive impact in her career in her efforts to restore ethics and community trust in policing. She rhetorically asked, “How do you test for ethics?” She continued saying, ethics is not in a person’s job history but in how they live their lives, their background, their social media history, what kind of a person are they, not who they know. Proper background investigations need to be done. It is important that we change the mindset of what the job of being a police officer really is. She added that she would rather have a few emotionally and ethically qualified officers in her department than a larger force with potentially improperly qualified people. She feels that rather than calling their job “law enforcement” which has a negative connotation, police departments should focus on “community policing.” She emphasized the stresses of the job and the need for support for the police with a focus on maintaining a work/life balance, something that was ignored in the past. All these well thought out comments come from Hadley’s experience in her many responsibilities as a police officer, her efforts to help victims of crimes, her strong sense of justice and balance, and her promotion of positive community relations.

In Summation

This brings us back to that thick three ring binder that her late mother so diligently kept of Hadley’s career. Now, living a retired life, she is enjoying playing tennis, traveling with her wife, kayaking, hiking, playing in the Mount Washington Valley Band and simply taking life at her own pace. She looks back on a successful career where she made a positive difference in the lives of many people – a career captured in news clippings by her mother. At her retirement party, I personally saw many of her peers from across the state attend to honor her.

Hadley is a delightfully complex person. She’s a true professional and advocate for community policing, open to exploring new avenues for things to do in life, able to carry on an intelligent conversation that includes serious moments, laughter, and listening to other points of view. She and Anne are great company and great for each other. I hope from all we talked about in this conversation, the question of “Why me?” has been answered.

My thanks to Hadley for sharing her story. It is a great addition to our stories of Bartlett people.



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2023 BHS Membership Drive is Underway

Our 2023 BHS Membership Drive is well underway. So far, 186 past members have renewed their memberships and we have welcomed 36 new members into BHS. Thank you to all of those who have responded to our membership drive. Your support keeps us moving forward and working to keep the history of our region alive and interesting.

If you have not responded to our membership drive, please take a moment to do so. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our Mission is to discover and preserve history of Bartlett, Hart's Location and Livermore and to offer opportunities to learn about this history as well as the history of our region. This is important because by understanding the work, actions, decisions, events, folklore, and dreams of our forefathers, we understand how our local towns became what they are today. *History really does matter!*

Membership in BHS is a philanthropic gesture of support for the organization. We don't offer any prizes other than the gift of information which the recipient turns into knowledge. With that said, however, your membership and support help us in other ways such as:

- ⇒ Demonstrating to foundations and other donors that this is an organization worth supporting
- ⇒ Learning of your interests so we can gear our historical research toward those topics
- ⇒ Assisting us in the running of events
- ⇒ Purchasing artifacts that are important to our history but are not donated so we can bring them "home"
- ⇒ Finally, paying our operational bills.



Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in history, especially our local history.

Please take a minute to renew your BHS membership or become a new member with BHS.

- ◆ **Online Membership by Credit Card:** You can access our online membership process at <https://www.bartletthistory.net/membershipjoinrenew>, complete the information requested and enter your credit card information via a secure link through Square Credit Card processing
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