

THE FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE MUSEUM

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SCARECROWS

3 GENERAL STORES?

Recently several folks were at the Heritage Museum and the Museum at the Beehive and ran across an old 1936 store receipt. The receipt was for the purchase of some cheese from the A. E. Holt General Store.

KEEP THIS SLIP, IT IS THE ONLY ITEMIZED BILL YOU WILL RECEIVE.

BOUGHT OF **A. E. HOLT**
GENERAL MERCHANT
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Paints and Oils
Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Flour, Feed, Etc. Livery
Connected
Telephone 33-12
Francestown, N. H., July 13, 1936

M. *Mary Kelley*

No. _____

Clerk _____

	ACCOUNT FORWARDED
1 <i>cheese</i>	35
2	2.89
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
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10	
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12	

Your account stated is date. If error is found return at once.
Folio Book, Union, Mass.

There was nothing particularly remarkable about the receipt except the heading indicated that this must have been a fairly good size concern as it listed a wide range of the various goods available. Ranging from groceries to clothing to hardware. Now the group discussing this find included several venerable souls who had lived here all their lives and nobody could recall an A. E. Holt General Merchant.

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THANK YOU –

With the closing of the Farmer’s Market for the season so ends the weekly opening of the Heritage Museum on Friday afternoons. That does not mean we are closed for the season. The Thanksgiving holiday will soon be here. If you, your relatives or friends are suffering from “turkey bloat” and would like a tour of the museum some afternoon please call me (547-8320). It is no trouble to walk over and open up for you. That being said with the caveat, “dress warmly”, the museum is not heated.

The staff does want to thank all who attended this past year and for the many donations, especially enabling us to obtain the Hob ‘N Knob Farm Lady’s vis-à-vis.

We have already started working on several new exhibits for next year so don’t be strangers in 2023.

This past summer, in addition to being open concurrent with the Farmers Market, we would like to thank Pam Avery and Priscilla Martin for having the Beehive Museum open. All these entities complement one another and provide our visitors with a wide range of interests to pursue.



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The annual **Scarecrow on the Common** contest sponsored by the Francestown Recreation Department took place on the common .



(3)



(4)

THE BALLOT COUNT SHOWS THE WINNER WAS FRANKENSTEIN



NOVEMBER THEME CROSSWORD

This is a coded puzzle - there are no clues. The answer words in the diagram are represented by numbers. Each number represents a different letter of the alphabet and all of the letters of the alphabet are used. When you are sure of a letter put it in the **Code Key Chart** and cross it off in the **Alphabet Box**. A group of letters has been inserted to start you off. The theme words are in the yellow blocks. The answer appears on page #6.

23	9	8	9	17	13	10	23		21	18	18	9	18	18
9		4		16		15				8		23		13
21	1	24	21	13	23	24	11		23	21	1	21	2	9
17		9		10		13		19		23		13		17
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23		13				9		23		8				21
	4	21	26	21	23	7		15	9	23	15	21	24	7
16		24		19						10		17		18
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14				9		16		25				24		4
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8		9		23				21		18		10		25
24	25	22	5	9	13		19	20	10	13	24	20	20	21

CODE KEY CHART

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						D		E	O			T
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			P			Z	A		R	I		

ALPHABET

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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3 GENERAL STORES –

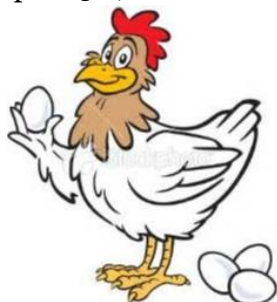
Surely there would be mention of this in the two books detailing the history of Francestown (Cochran and Shott). Nope! For those who may not have heard, there is currently a third reference book on the town (Pobst) that should be available around the end of this year. This author also had not heard of it.

There is a second part to this tale. Along with the receipt was also a check stub reimbursing a local resident, Margaret Cilley, for the sale of 29 dozen eggs.

FORM 4332		H. P. HOOD & SONS, INC.		CHECK NUMBER	
EGG DIVISION		40 LAKE STREET, SOMERVILLE, MASS.		№ 44031	
DETACH THIS STUB AND HOLD FOR YOUR INCOME TAX RECORD					
PARTICULARS	DOZEN	RATE	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF CASES IN THIS PURCHASE	DATE PURCHASED
EXTRA LARGE	1	36	6 46	1	
LARGE	12	36	4 32		
MEDIUM					3-20-46
SMALL					
PEWEE					
TOTAL DOZEN	29	TOTAL	10 78		
NET AMOUNT			10 66	PRODUCER NUMBER Cilley	

Knowing that this resident's son was still in the area we contacted him and sure enough he remembers his mother selling eggs. He also remembers going with her to the Holt General Store which was located in what is now the Francestown General Store on Main Street. Arthur Holt sold the A.E. Holt Store to the Vadney family in 1945 who ran it as the Vadney General Store (the storefront sign is an exhibit in the Heritage Museum) until 1985.

The only other remarkable thing about this whole story is the price of the eggs. 29 dozen for \$10.66 is about 36¢ a dozen. When was the last time you paid 36¢ for a dozen eggs? Ω



THE NOVEMBER WHAT'Z IT



The November What's it is a teaser for next month's Newsletter.

Over the past several years the museum has received numerous donations from one individual and her family. They all deal with the Fiber Arts – carding, spinning, weaving, dying, etc.

She has also done several demonstrations of these skills at our Labor Day open house. To that end we will devote the next newsletter to our "Fiber Frau" and detail some of the various donations which you can see on your next visit to the Heritage Museum.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

