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- [Jaffrey Grange 135 Scholarship Fund \(2010\) Scholarship](#)
- [Bertsch Memorial Fund \(2010\) Scholarship](#)
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- [Jaffrey Betterment Trust \(2023\)](#)

The Joel Parker Fund

Created: 1901

Purpose: Library; Cemetery

"Income for library books and care of cemetery lot at Jaffrey Center"

Biography of Joel Parker

Joel Parker was born on the Parker homestead in the northeast corner of Jaffrey, January 25, 1795, (see Genealogy, Volume II, page 566) and was the youngest of nine children of Hon. Abel and Edith (Jewett) Parker. He attended the district school in Jaffrey, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1811. He studied law with his brother, Hon. Edmund Parker, at Amherst, was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of his profession at Keene, in September, 1815. He was a member of the New Hampshire legislature in 1824, 1825, and 1826, and was appointed a member of the committee to receive and accompany Lafayette in his visit to New Hampshire in 1825. In 1833 he was appointed associate Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire and in 1838 he became Chief Justice, and, in the language of the resolutions adopted by his associates after his death, he brought to the discharge of the duties of that high office "an intellect of the highest order, an industry that never tired, a profound knowledge of law accompanied by strong common sense. . . . In private life and personal character Judge Parker was distinguished for the same integrity, simplicity, manliness and dignity which characterized his judicial career, and that in all the relations of life he manifested a love of justice and a high appreciation of whatever was right and noble and good which secured for him the respect, the confidence and the esteem of all who knew him."

Judge Parker was a trustee of Dartmouth College from 1843 to 1860, and Professor of Medical Jurisprudence from 1847 to 1857. In 1848 he resigned his position of Chief Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire to accept that of Royall Professor of Law at Harvard University. In 1837 Dartmouth College conferred upon him the degree of LL.D., and in 1848 he received the same honor from Harvard University.

His life was a long and busy one, including such notable service as acting as a commissioner for the revision of the public statutes in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts, besides contributions to the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the discussion of constitutional questions arising in connection with the Civil War, which have found a permanent place in the legal and constitutional literature of the country. Among his last contributions to historical literature was his address at the centennial celebration of his native town on August 20, 1873, in his seventy-ninth year, a work of great interest and value that remains one of the choicest literary treasures of the town.

Judge Parker died August 17, 1875, and among his many public bequests was one for founding a professorship of law in Dartmouth College, and, of special interest in this tribute to his memory, we record, as an evidence of filial regard for his native town, a bequest of ten thousand dollars for the support of a library in Jaffrey. This bequest, still remembered as evidence of the generous intent of the testator, suffered from the acute depression of the period, and was by agreement with the executors reduced to one half the sum originally named, because it proved in excess of the funds available for the purpose, while the sum of five thousand dollars actually received and known as the Joel Parker Fund remains one of our largest benefactions and a source of immeasurable benefit to the town he so honored.

Source: Town History, vol I, p. 658

The Susan B. Clay Fund

Created: 1904

Purpose: Library

"Section 8 of Susan B. Clay Will. I give and bequeath unto said town of Jaffrey the sum of (2,000.00) to be held and invested by trustees chosen by said town and the income thereof expended in keeping my lot in Conant Cemetery and the grounds around said Library building in good order, the balance of said income not needed for those purpose [sic] to be used for the purchase of books for said library."

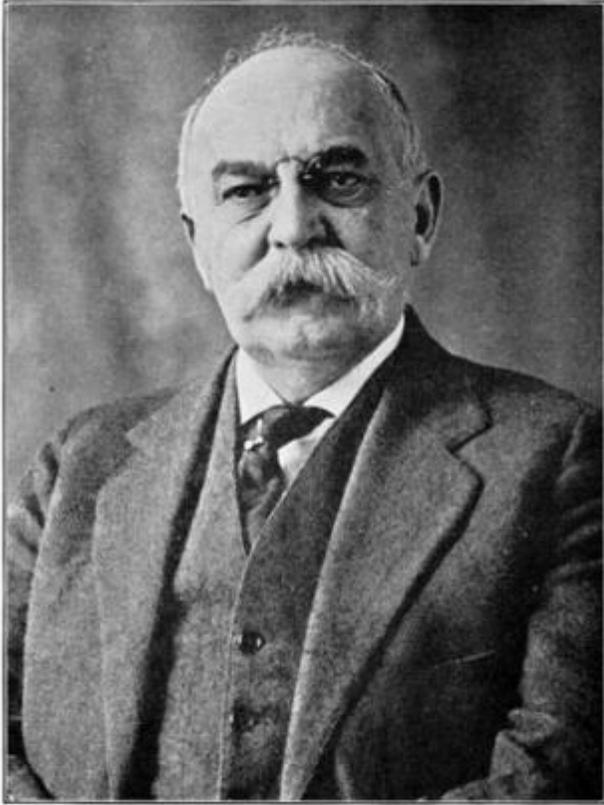
Biography of Susan B. Clay

Susan Bethiah Clay, the daughter of James and Rachel Prescott Clay, and granddaughter of that tall pine of the forest, Benjamin Prescott, was born in Rindge on a farm so near the Jaffrey border that in all but name it was a part of Jaffrey. The church affiliations of the locality were with Jaffrey; its children attended Jaffrey schools. And so she looked to Jaffrey as her home and to Jaffrey people as her people. She grew up in a home of singular retirement, where in her early days there was from her door the gleam of Contoocook water, and over the treetops the towering, unchanging, ever majestic peak of Monadnock.

The things that belonged to her ancestors belonged now to her. The Lord had not multiplied her kin in her home town of a hundred years. All that were left of them were scattered now or they were laid in seemly rows in the graveyard to wait the great awakening. They had labored faithfully to clear the earth that was given them. And now that her father was gone in middle age, her mother at ninety-one, full of years, her sister and companion in her middle years, and last of all her brother, the treasure they had laid up out of the labor of years was her sole charge to care for and bestow upon the world, so that it might give its increase to those who should come after and not be diminished. The thought of her stewardship was often upon her, and when the twilights were long and her eyes were weary with the day she thought of her trust as of an alabaster box for which she must now render the final account. There was in it the labor of the oxen that broke the stubborn glebe on her father's and her grandfather's farms. There was the work and conscientious care of her ancestors who had by labor of head or heart or hand added to the store that had grown little by little to a sum she could scarcely conceive. What could be better for a perennial spring that would bring rest to those whose work was done, and inspiration and the joy of endeavor to those who were young with the sterner duties of life still before them, than a library of useful books? Before her brother died she talked with him, and his thought was as her own. And so she made her Will and good neighbors and fellow townsmen witnessed it, and to the hands of two whom she had known in all the years of her life she entrusted her thought and the treasure of her heart. It was her alabaster box that she placed in their hands, with all the sacred memories and sacrifices it contained, out of which the house of her dreams was to be erected and its perennial fount of light and joy to those who should come be opened to the sky. And out of the alabaster box which she placed in their hands her administrators, by her will, built the house that the children now call the Library, as a place of refuge and a fountain of refreshment to all the coming years, and over its door where her name is carved in stone they might well have written of her, "Many daughters of Jaffrey have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

Source: Town History, vol I, p. 605

The Julie Clinton Durant Fund



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jule Clinton Durant". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Created: 1925

Purpose: Library, Conant High School

"PURPOSE OF CREATION 1/3 of income to Jaffrey Public Library. 2/3 of income to the Support of the said High School.

COPY OF MOTION CARRIED AT SCHOOL MEETING MARCH 12, 1945:

MOVED THE CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THE Trustees of trust funds to retain annually from the income of the Durant Fund the sum of \$2,500.00 to be used by the School Board to provide additional educational and recreational facilities for the students of Conant High School, the uncalled for balance of said sum to be reinvested by said trustees and held as a special fund for additional High School facilities until its expenditure is authorized by vote of the School District, Also that items of expense should be printed in the Durant fund report of the Trustee of Trust Funds."

Biography of Jule Clinton Durant

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I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no one is useless
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These words by Robert Louis Stevenson, on a faded card, bearing in the corners the marks of tacks by which it had been attached to his desk that it might be a constant reminder, were found after his death among the effects of Jule Durant. And the sentiment therein expressed well exemplifies the life and actions of a man who showed his love for his fellow men, particularly of his native town, by becoming perhaps its greatest benefactor, certainly its greatest when measured in dollars.

Jule Clinton Durant was born in East Jaffrey Village on March 23, 1856, the only child of Luther W. and Maria E. (Jewett) Durant. At the age of six years he was left fatherless, with his mother in straitened circumstances. She secured work in Cheshire Mill, and was frequently forced to have him accompany her, since there was no one else to care for him. He attended the District school for a few terms and Conant High School for three terms. But the desire to lighten his mother's load soon induced him to secure work himself as a bobbin boy in the mill, where the hours were eleven a day, six days in the week. Later he worked as clerk in his uncle's store at Fitzwilliam.

At the age of nineteen he decided to seek a wider field. At that period it was the custom of manufacturers of "patent medicines" to advertise the virtues of their products and to distribute them through the medium of salesmen who traveled the highways and byways in wonderfully decorated wagons drawn by beautiful and gaily caparisoned horses. One of the leaders in this business was J. C. Ayer and Company of Lowell, Massachusetts. To him the youthful Durant applied for such a job. The story goes that Mr. Ayer regarded the mere stripling and rejected his plea with a curt "You are too young." Durant replied, "Mr. Ayer, I shall outgrow that." Whatever his appeal, it was successful, and soon the young man, growing older, was advertising and selling the Ayer medicines in places far from home. For twenty years he continued this type of work, covering the United States from coast to coast in nearly every State.

His courtesy and natural ability, industry, and honesty so impressed the Ayer Company that when they sought a representative in foreign countries, Mr. Durant was chosen to take charge of an office and warehouse in Melbourne, Australia. His success here brought added responsibilities, and Tasmania, New Zealand, and the Straits Settlements were added to his territory. Later he was transferred to South Africa, with headquarters at Cape Town.

At one time during this period his regard for Jaffrey induced him to return for the purpose of entering a partnership with Marcellus M. Bascom in retail trade, but, whether the limited scope of opportunity appeared too confined or his former employers discovered enhanced value in his services, this arrangement proved but temporary, and he returned to his former post.

In 1901 he resigned from the Ayer Company and returned to Jaffrey to live, but his world travel had become so much a part of him that he could not accustom himself to the quiet ways of the village. He then joined the Foster-McClellan Company of Buffalo, New York, manufacturers of somewhat similar goods, as their foreign sales manager. In this capacity he introduced their product in France, England, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, his headquarters being at Paris. Branch offices also were established under his direction in Egypt, China, South Africa, and South America. While returning to Paris from a visit to his London office, he was stricken on board the train in the evening of March 18, 1924, and died the same night at Harwich Quay, England.

The possibility of such an end must have been ever before Mr. Durant's mind, and he had left instructions with his associates as to procedure in such a contingency. In accordance with his wishes his remains were cremated, this taking place on March 26, 1924, at Golders Green Crematorium in London in the presence

of a few friends, The ashes in an urn were brought to Jaffrey, where, in the Universalist Church on June 28, 1924, funeral services were conducted by Charity Lodge of Masons, of which he was a member, and interment followed in Conant Cemetery.

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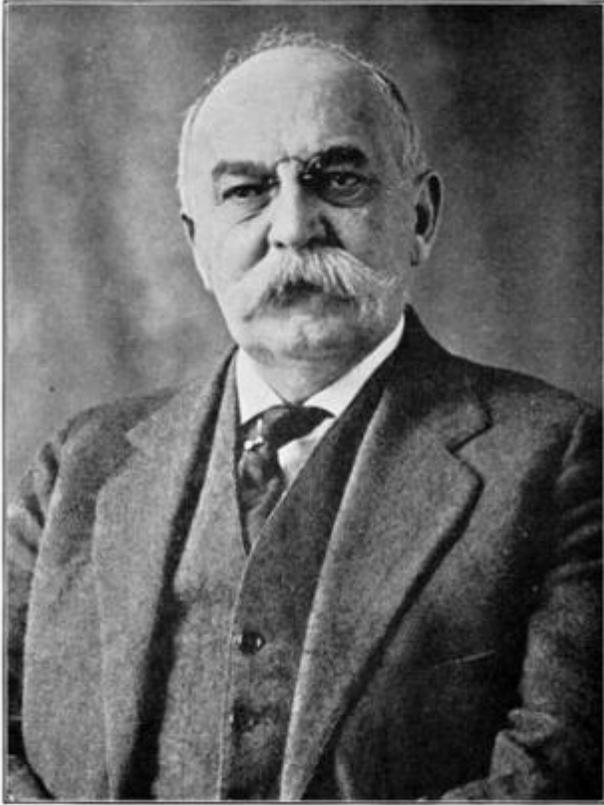
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The Warren Fund

Created: 1925

Purpose: Welfare

Be it remembered that I, Cornelius W. Warren of East Jaffrey in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking any will heretofore made by me.

...

Third. I devise and bequeath the remaining half of my property whether real or personal to the Town of Jaffrey, but in trust nevertheless for the following purpose. Said principal to be invested and handled by the Selectmen of Jaffrey and the income is to [sic] used by said Selectmen in aiding and assisting the industrious and worthy poor of said town of Jaffrey. Said principal to be invested at all times by said Selectmen in securities that are legal for New Hampshire Savings Banks. It is my desire if the town accepts this legacy that it be known as the Warren Fund for the worthy and industrious poor of Jaffrey [sic]

...

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of March 1916.

Biography of Cornelius Warren

CORNELIUS W. WARREN, b. Ludlow, Vt., May 8, 1831, came to Jaffrey as a child with his father's family. As a young man he worked in the chair factories of Gardner, Mass., but returned to Jaffrey in 1871 and bought the John French farm, now (1930) owned by Frederick W. Fassett. [Located on Jaquith Road]. He was an intelligent citizen and successful farmer; many years trustee of Monadnock Savings Bank, and of the Conant Cemetery Association. In October, 1886, he moved into East Jaffrey Village and bought the place near the Baptist Church, now owned by Percy L. Cutter. [Later owned by his daughter, Mildred. Immediately west of Post Office.] He m. Edna Wilbur, dau. of Leprelet Wilbur, b. 1831; d. Jaffrey, Apr. 8, 1920, a. 88 yrs., 11 mos. He d. Sept. 10, 1920, a. 89. Children:

13 I. IRVING W., d. Sept. 24, 1869, a. 6 yrs., 10 mos.

14 II. FRANK, d. May 24, 1871, a. 5 weeks.

Source: Jaffrey Town History, vol II, p. 835.

The Old Burying Ground Fund

Created: 1950

Purpose: Cemetery.

"Voted at Annual Town Meeting, March 1930 that a committee of three be appointed to have general care and supervision of the Old Town Burying Ground at Jaffrey Center with authority to prescribe rules and regulations for its future uses, lay out and sell lots in the unoccupied portion thereof, fix prices at which they shall be sold, give title deeds in the name of the town and to receive and expend the income of Trust Funds devoted to the care of lots or the care of said burying ground as a whole according to the terms thereof, and that the term of service of the committee hereby chosen shall be for one year or until their successors are appointed.

It was also voted under this article that all money hereafter received for the sale of lots in the Old Town Burying Ground at Jaffrey Center be invested as a special Trust Fund in the care of the regularly appointed Trustees of Trust Funds, the income therefrom to be expended under the supervision of the Committee heretofore named or its successors for the general care and improvement of the burying ground named."

"I give and bequeath to the Town of Jaffrey, as Trustee in Trust, the sum of \$1,000 to hold and invest and expend the income annually in the care, maintenance and improvement of my cemetery lot in the Old Cemetery in Jaffrey Center, N.H. If there should be any excess of income I direct said Trustee to expend the same annually in the care and improvement of the Cemetery."

Henry V. Shattuck Cemetery Fund. "Article 8. To the Town of Jaffrey, I give and bequeath the sum of \$300.00 dollars in trust nevertheless, to be held as a Cemetery Trust Fund, and the same to be invested and reinvested from time to time and income to be used solely for the care, maintenance and proper upkeep of the Daniel Cutter, Elwin R. Spaulding, & Henry V. Shattuck Lot all situated in the Cemetery in Jaffrey Center."

Source: Material provided by Charles Marvin.

The Conant Indigent Fund

Created: 1942

Purpose: Welfare.

"I give and bequeath to the Town of Jaffrey, the place I reside, one Cambridge bond \$1,000, one Cheshire Rail Road Bond of \$1,000. and sixteen shares of my Cheshire Rail Road Stock. The principal to constitute a perpetual fund and the income thereof to be forever applied for the benefit of the poor of said Town who are not paupers aided by said Town or by the County to be ANNUALLY distributed among said poor by a committee of three persons, two of whom shall be females, said committee to be annually appointed by the Selectmen of the Town in the month of March and to render an account and make a report of their proceeding ANNUALLY, at the annual Town Meeting in March. "

Source: From the will of John Conant.

The Alice Poole Fund

Created: 1944

Purpose: Miscellaneous

ORIGINAL

Alice W. Poole executed her Last Will and Testament on July 22, 1939. Article THIRTY-SEVEN of said Will states as follows: "All the rest, residue and remainder of my property and estate of every kind and wherever situated, I give, bequeath and devise to the Town of Jaffrey, as trustee, in trust, to hold, manage and invest the principal thereof and to pay the income thereof to a committee of five, the members of which shall be chosen annually, one to be named by the Directors of the Monadnock National Bank, or its successors, two by the District Nurse Association and two by the East Congregational Church. Said committee shall expend said income in providing additional comforts for elderly people, children and the youth of the Town of Jaffrey, to take steps to promote the health of said community, to make loans to pupils to assist them in obtaining education, it being my intention in particular to assist in promoting and improving the health and mental improvement of the youth of said Town and to aid the elderly residents thereof. In expending said fund it is my desire to vest in the committee a wide and inclusive discretion."

MODIFIED

That the terms of the trust be modified as follows: The Alice W. Poole Fund Committee shall consist of five (5) members, who are and continue to be residents of Jaffrey, who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of five (5) years. Initial appointments and vacancies shall be filled by the then serving remaining members of the Committee. Any vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of that member's term shall be filled for the unexpired term. One member of the Committee shall be a member of and chosen by the United Church of Jaffrey. One member of the Committee shall be a member of Saint Patrick Church of Jaffrey and chosen by the existing Committee. One member of the Committee shall be a representative of the Jaffrey School System and chosen by the existing Committee. Two members of the Committee shall be residents of Jaffrey and represent the public at large and chosen by the existing Committee.

ALICE POOLE FUND COMMITTEE (2016 Town Report)

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Judith L. Roberts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Requests for assistance or other information may be sent to the committee at the following address.

Alice Poole Fund Committee

P.O. Box 727

Jaffrey, NH 03452-0727

The Shattuck Park Fund

Created: 1948

Purpose: Miscellaneous.

Total Principal and Interest, 31 December 2010: \$3,709.48

"Article 9. I give and bequeath to the Town of Jaffrey the sum of \$1,000 in trust and the same to be invested and reinvested from time to time and the income therefrom to be used and expended for the care, maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the Pond Shore Lot, which I have bequeathed to the said Town under provision sixth."

Source: Will of Henry V. Shattuck.

The Willa Cather Fund

Created: 1949

Purpose: Cemetery

The Willa Cather Fund—Old Town Cemetery

TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 1949. Following motion was adopted. Article 14 That the town accept the sum of \$903.75, the same being the net proceed from the sale of the Willa Cather, the E. Granville Crabtree, and the Elizabeth Van Deman cemetery lots in the Old Jaffrey Burying Ground as well as an additional sum of \$336.25 to be added to said \$903.75, making a total of \$1200.00 said same to be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds, and identified as "THE WILLA CATHER FUND" the income from which is to be used for the perpetual care of the Old Jaffrey Burying [sic]

That said income is to be used primarily for the general care of the area in which all of said lots are located in the Southwest corner of the cemetery and bounded generally by stone walls on the South and West, the tomb on the North, and the main entrance driveway on the East.

That aiditions to said fund may be made by anyone interested in the proper maintainance of the Willa Cather grave and the general area in which it is located. and that after reasonable care has been given to said area and the lots of the particular owners mentioned, as well as those of future contributors to this fund any remaining unepened [sic] balance is to be used to care for the rest of said Old Jaffrey Burying ground. The following is a list of other contributors: Mrs James D. Adams, Miss Ruth Van Deman. Leland S. McKittrick, Mrs Frederick S. Ernst, Doris D. Hamlen, Catherine A. Wild

Source: Minutes of the Town Meeting in possession of the Town Clerk.

[Some corrections were made to the above in February 3, 2013.]

The wording of the article in the warrant reads: "14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the total sum of \$1,200 for the perpetual care of the Southeast section of the Old Jaffrey Burying Ground in which corner the "Willa Cather" lot is located or act in any way relating thereto, as petitioned for by George S. Austerman and others."

OUTLAYS:

Date	Amount	Vendor	Details
9/29/08	\$800.00	Wally's Tree Service	1 maple with crane
1/4/02	\$2600.00	Town of Jaffrey	Defray cost of cemetery maintenance

Date	Amount	Vendor	Details
1/4/01	\$1000.00	Town of Jaffrey	Defray cost of cemetery maintenance
1/19/99	\$2000.00	Town of Jaffrey	Defray cost of cemetery maintenance
7/7/93	\$1350.00	Keene Tree Service	1 white pine
4/17/92	\$1700.00	Wright Tree Service	1 each Hemlock, Cherry, Ash, trimming, grind 3 stumps
11/12/91	\$2130.00	Sunrise Landscapers	Beautifying Cather gravesite
11/12/91	\$262.50	National Fence	Granite curbing for approach
12/20/90	\$3820.14	Town of Jaffrey	Defray cost to cemetery maintenance
8/14/89	\$2940.00	Keene Monument	Repair, resetting of headstones

Source: Trustees' files at Town Office.

NOTE: No funds have been added since the inception of the fund.

The Conant Cemetery Fund

Created: 1950

Purpose: Care and maintenance of Conant Cemetery.

"Conant Cemetery - Perpetual Care Fund Article at town of Jaffrey town meeting of 1950. That the Moderator appoint three Cemetery Trustees, one to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years and until their successors are appointed and thereafter the Selectmen shall appoint a Cemetery Trustee each year for a term of three years. The Trustees first so appointed shall constitute a committee to negotiate with the Conant Cemetery Association looking to a transfer to the Town of the Conant Cemetery and all trust funds belonging to said Association and the income from funds held by other Trustees for the benefit of said Conant Cemetery, and if in the opinion of said committee, the interest of the Town, the purposes of the donors of said trust funds and the general interests of the Conant Cemetery as a whole will be properly safeguarded the Town will accept said Cemetery, to be administered as a Town Cemetery agreeably to the provision of law; all trust funds now held by said Association shall be placed in the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds, the income to be expended in accordance with the provisions specified by the donors, and also the income from funds held by other trustees for the benefit of said Cemetery and certain lots therein.

The Motion was adopted.

Another Motion. That if the Conant Cemetery shall become the property of the Town, the Cemetery Trustees are hereby authorized to sell lots therein at prices to be established by them and the proceeds thereof shall be deposited in a special fund with the Trustee of Trust Funds, the income of which shall be paid over from time to time to the Cemetery Trustees for the care and maintenance of said Conant Cemetery until otherwise ordered by the Town."

Source: Material turned over by Charles Marvin.

The Luigi Cilli Fund

Created: 1958

Purpose: Poor and aged persons.

"I give and bequeath to said Town of Jaffrey, as Trustee of Trust, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to hold, manage and invest and expend the income ANNUALLY for poor and aged person in said Jaffrey."

Source: Material provided by Charles Marvin.

Ralph E. Boynton Fund

Created: 1971

Purpose: "Income to Jaffrey Public Library for books."

Biography of Ralph E. Boynton

If any man has had a selfless affection for the town of Jaffrey, that man was Ralph E. Boynton, who held the office of selectman more years than anyone else in the history of Jaffrey, a total of twenty-seven years. He was a true Town Father, with the best interests of the town at heart always. He garnered many memories during his fourscore years, and one of the main delights of his latter years was the recalling of events and persons that have figured in the way we have come to where we are. Many of these recollections he wrote down and are being preserved by the Jaffrey Historical Society which was formed in 1958, and remained a member for the rest of his life, serving also on its board of directors. He was the first president of the Society.

Ralph E. Boynton was born in Sharon, New Hampshire, on September 15, 1888, the son of Frank J. and Hattie A. (Butler) Boynton. In 1890 his father moved to Jaffrey where the son received his education in the local schools. Upon attaining man's estate, he became an accountant for the Boston & Maine Railroad, in which capacity he served for fifty years. His genial and courteous manner during his service in the local station office won him many friends, both in town and among the railroad officialdom, whose friendships he treasured for the rest of his life.

He early acquired the so-called Lt. James Stevens farm near Gilmore Pond. which remained his home until old age. For many years he and his wife, Sarah L. (Taylor) Boynton, took in summer boarders, many of whom returned, year after year, to enjoy the peace and quiet of the farm and the genuine hospitality of their hosts.

As a young man he joined the Jaffrey Grange and remained an active and interested member for forty-six years. For a number of years he was the local Grange insurance representative. His active interests were county-wide and for twelve years he served as a Cheshire County Commissioner. In Jaffrey he served as a library trustee until his death. When the burden of his eighty years and failing health began to weigh heavily upon him, and fearful that he was not able to render his former measure of service, he considered giving up his latter post. But his associates found his service still valuable and encouraged him to stay on.

Fraternally, he was a fifty-year member of the Artisan Lodge of Masons of Winchendon, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the New Hampshire Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He was a member of the Jaffrey History Committee which was appointed in 1967. Among his other services to the town and its people was his town auditor office. He died on February 6, 1969.

Source: Town History, vol III, p. 272

The George Gordon Memorial Fund

Created: 1975

Purpose: Miscellaneous.

"The Annual income from previous BiCentennial Fund to be held in a special account. The Conservation Commission shall expend the income in the following manner. First the income will be used to reimburse any expenditures that might be incurred by the Jaffrey-Rindge School Board for maintenance of Children Woods as described in the Will of the late Albert Annett.

Secondly, if there be any income remaining it will be used by the Jaffrey Conservation Comission for the development and or maintenance of Carey Park, a Town owned Forest.

Lastly, it there still be any income remaining the Jaffrey Conservation Commission shall return it to the Trustees of Trust Funds to be added to the principal of the George Gordon Memiroal Bicentennial Fund."

Source: From typed document in Trustees' files. Possibly from the Town Clerk's minutes. There are no relevant warrant articles in the Town Meetings of 1974-77.

Source: Trustees' files at Town Office.

The Tolman Trust

Created: 1979

Purpose: Little League and awards.

Jaffrey Recreation Department
P. O. Box 386
Jaffrey, New Hampshire 03452
Director, LEE ROBIE
October 22, 1979

Toby Tolman Fund

The Toby Tolman Fund is a trust account being held by the Jaffrey Trustees of Trust Funds in the name of the Jaffrey Recreation Trust. The Tolman Memorial Fund was set up by Lydia Tolman and her family after the passing of her husband, Odella (Toby) Tolman. The general purpose of this fund is to use the interest generated from the principal to aid the Jaffrey Little League program in what ever way the Trustees of this account see fit. A definite purpose is to present annually an award to the Little League player most deserving for sportsmanship. This fund is set up with the flexibility of allowing donations to be added to the principal account at any time.

There will be three members of the Tolman Trustees for this fund. One will be a person representing the Tolman family; one will be a person representing the Jaffrey Little League; and one will be a person representing the Jaffrey Recreation Committee. Each of the three groups will be responsible for deciding who their representative is, with recommendations from the trustees if a position opening occurs. The three Tolman Trustees at the establishment of this fund are:

- Tolman Family Representative - Lydia Tolman
- Jaffrey Little League Representative - Kenneth Ryan Jaffrey Recreation Committee
- Representative - Owen Houghton

The Tolman Trustees will be responsible for controlling the use of the interest earned from this fund. There is no time limit for interest to be expended. Meetings of the Trustees will be called only when necessary.

We, the Jaffrey Selectmen, have agreed to accept \$1,000 for this Trust Fund.

*10/22/79 /s/ Howard Williams
10/22/79 /s/ Phil Cournoyer
10/22/79 /s/ Robert Bussiere"*

Source: Trustees' files at Town Office.

Homer and Ethel Deschenes Scholarship Fund

Created: 1980

Purpose: Scholarship

"It shall be used to provide financial assistance to worthy students graduating from the public or parochial hig[h] schools of Jaffrey, and deserving to attend college or to receive advanced education. It shall be administered by the Selectmen of the Town or their successors in office in such manner as they deem proper."

Source: Fund file

Hugh and Agnes Morgan Scholarship Fund

Created: 1981

Purpose: Scholarship

"...and the full net income therefrom shall be used and expensed by the Trustees in aiding students who are residents of Jaffrey and attend the Jaffrey-Rindge school. Each year, so much of the net income of the trust fund as provided below shall be paid to an eligible student. The responsibility for choosing an eligible student shall rest solely with the guidance counselor and the principal of the Jaffrey-Rindge school. The decision of the guidance counselor and principal, with respect to the selection of an eligible student, shall be based on the following criteria: (1) the student must be a resident of Jaffrey; (2) the student must have a clear financial need for the scholarship assistance; and (3) the student must have a superior academic record.

Bank interest and other income permitting, the scholarship will be for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If the income does not amount to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the scholarship will be adjusted accordingly. If the income exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the Trustees may accumulate the excess income until the income from the Trust Fund (including retained income) permits the granting of a second scholarship of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Upon written notification by the school principal, the Trustees will mail a check, for one-half of the full amount of the scholarship award at the beginning of the first semester and one-half at the beginning of the second semester, to the college where the student is to be enrolled."

Source: Section Three College Scholarship Fund from College Scholarship Fund Trust Instrument, The Hugh and Agnes Morgan Scholarship Trust.

The above section in italics was replaced by an amendment dated May 3, 1993.

Section three, second paragraph is hereby canceled and is of no further effect. In lieu of the canceled provision, the following section is substituted: Bank interest and other income permitting, the scholarship will be for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If the income does not amount to One thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the scholarship will be adjusted accordingly. If the income exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the Trustees may accumulate the excess income until the income from the Trust Fund (including retained income) permits the Trustees to increase the amount of the scholarship. Upon written notification by the school principal, the Trustees will mail a check, for one-half of the full amount of the scholarship award at the beginning of the first semester and one-half at the beginning of the second semester, to the college where the student is to be enrolled. The check shall be made payable to both the institution and the student awardee. If the student should fail to complete a semester, any refund due said student shall be forfeited and be returned to the Trustees.

Hugh & Agnes Morgan - College Scholarship Fund - net income shall be used and expensed by the Trustees in aiding students who are residents of Jaffrey and attend the Jaffrey-Rindge School. The responsibility for choosing an eligible student shall rest solely with the guidance counselor and the principal of the Jaffrey-Rindge School. Selection of eligible student shall be based on the following criteria: 1) student must be a resident of Jaffrey; 2) student must have a clear financial need for the scholarship assistance; 3) student must have a superior academic record. The scholarship will be for \$1,000. If the income does not amount to \$1,000 the scholarship will be adjusted accordingly. If the income exceeds \$1,000 the Trustees may accumulate the excess income until the income from the Trust Fund permits the Trustees to increase the amount of the scholarship.

Source: ?

In 2006, George B. Duncan of Old Lyme, CT, donated \$10,000 to this trust and \$10,000 to the John J. Morgan trust.

Past Recipients of Scholarships

- Heather Foss (2010) \$1,000
- Shannon O'Brien (2009) \$1,100
- Courtney Ascani (2008) \$1,300
- Nikki Donovan (2007)
- Jacob P. Ferrell (2006) \$800
- Nicole M. Jackson (2005) \$1,200
- Rachael Anne Dionne (2004) \$1,200
- Danielle Brideau (2003) \$1,600
- John W. Batchelder (2002) \$1,600
- Elliot M. Shea (2001) \$1,600
- Erin Mei Getty (2000) \$1,600
- Kristen M. Egan (1999) \$1,400
- Brandy Jean Adams (1999 or 2000) \$1,200
- Timothy I. Miller (1997) \$1,000
- Carrie A. Jayne (1995 or 96) \$1,000
- Elizabeth Bergeron (1996?) \$1,000
- Richard F. Stratton (1995 or 96) \$1,000
- Jill Marie Cournoyer (1994) \$1,000
- Lynn Mazorell (1993) \$1,000

Ralph E. Stratton Fund

Created: 1986

Purpose: Scholarship

"Stratton Fund - Ralph E. Stratton Scholarship Awards - four (4) cash awards of equal value from the net income. The awards are available to students enrolled at the Conant High School, to further their education. The basis for making the awards shall be preparation of a paper entitled "Why I am Happy to be an American." The best ten (10) of such papers, to be selected by the school, shall be read at a meeting composed of members of the general public including students at the school which meeting previously has been advertised. The decision as to whom is to receive such awards shall be made by a majority vote of the audience and shall be selected from the papers so read."

Source: ?.

Information on Ralph E. Stratton

Past Recipients of Scholarships:

- Kemp Kim (2010) \$900
- Joshua Seppala (2010) \$900
- Brianne Lambert (2010) \$900
- Tyler Seidenberg (2010)
- Claire Wiesenauer (2009) \$950
- Danielle Ireland (2009) \$950
- Mac Kenzie Griffin (2009) \$950
- Nora LaCasse (2009) \$950
- Lauren Niemela (2008) \$1,100
- Scott Keenan (2008) \$1,100
- Molly Taaffe (2008) \$1,100
- Kelsey Patten (2008) \$1,100
- Lauren J. Kabat (2007) \$1,000
- Kyle Turgeon (2007) \$1,000
- Bridgette M. Wiesenauer (2007) \$1,000
- Christopher D. Whitney (2007) \$1,000
- Shaun J. O'Loughlin (2006) \$1,000
- Casey Gordon (2006) \$1,000
- Joseph Pipitone II (2006) \$1,000
- Luke McCarthy (2006) \$1,000
- Meghan Clark-Kevan (2005) \$1,200
- Ellenkate Finley (2005) \$1,200
- Kale L. Stenerson (2005) \$1,200
- Jeremy Dionne (2005) \$1,200
- Bryn Bustead (2005) \$1,200

- Alex B. Douglas (2004) \$1,000 (check never cashed)
- Colleen Lewis (2004) \$1,000
- Ryan A. Ellis (2004) \$1,000
- Bettina E. Martin (2003) \$900
- Dane Martin Sauvola (2003) \$900
- Thomas J. Kachel (2003) \$900
- Wendy P. Stenerson (2003) \$900
- David Pipitone (2002) \$1,500
- Neil R. O'Keefe (2002) \$1,500
- Kelley D. Hagstrom (2002) \$1,500
- Michael F. McCarthy (2002) \$1,500
- Sondra L. Seppala (2001) \$1,600
- Lindsey M. Veautour (2001) \$1,600
- Tawny L. Alvarez (2001) \$1,600
- Colby R. Young (2001) \$1,600
- Michelle C. Blais (2000) \$1,650
- Katherine L. Ramey (2000) \$1,650
- Casey C. Walker (2000) \$1,650
- Nathan A. Luscombe (2000) \$1,600
- Nathaniel Oswald (1999) \$1,600
- Amanda L. Veautour (1999) \$1,600
- Jonathan W. Farmer (1999) \$1,600
- Anne M. Lambert (1999) \$1,600
- Jeremy K. Caron (1998) \$1,600
- Stacey M. Whicker (1998) \$1,600
- Shauna Hagstrom (1998) \$1,600
- Jeffrey M. Proulx (1998) \$1,600
- Michael Furze (1997) \$1,500
- Yarrow Elizabeth Wright (1997) \$1,500
- Mark Mitcheson (1997) \$1,500
- Holly A. Scheuling (1997) \$1,500
- Joey M. Stewart (1995) \$1,500
- Matt Gauthier (1995) \$1,500
- Jessica Ellen Proulx (1995) \$1,500
- Kenneth R. Lambert (1995) \$1,500
- Justin Happ (1994) \$1,500
- Cami Jack (1994) \$1,500
- Kirk Stenersen (1994) \$1,500
- Zachary Wright (1994) \$1,500
- Karen Lynn Hakala (1993) \$1,600
- Christopher J. Carreira (1993) \$1,600
- Kyle Houghton (1993) \$1,600
- Janice M. Laukka (1993) \$1,600
- Kimberly Jenney (1991) \$1,500
- Stacy A. Germana (1991) \$1,500
- Tamara D. Hebert (1991) \$1,500

- Heather Marie Garcia (1991) \$1,500
- Kimberley Peacock (1990) \$1,000
- Rachel LeBlanc (1990) \$1,000
- Adrianna Champney (1990) \$1,000
- Kristian Houghton (1990) \$1,000
- Jessica J. Edwards (1989) \$1,000
- Laura Harding (1989) \$1,000
- Robert C. Huckins (1989) \$1,000
- Gregory D. Leach (1989) \$1,000
- Amy Kipperman (1988) \$1,500
- Lance Adams (1988) \$1,500
- Frank V. Wright (1988) \$1,500
- Douglas Smith (1988) \$1,500
- Si Tien Ho (1987) \$1,500
- Jessica Devlin (1987) \$1,500
- Wade Tenney (1987) \$1,500
- Scott Stefanski (1987) \$1,500

Badger Trust

Created: 1986

Purpose: Benefit of the poor and aged.

I, DOROTHY F. BADGER of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, Donor of The Dorothy F. Badger Trust - 1959 under indenture dated May 6, 1959 as amended by instruments dated November 17, 1960, January 12, 1968 and August 5, 1976, of which Bank of New England, N.A. (formerly The New England Merchants National Bank or Merchants National Bank of Boston) is the Trustee, pursuant to Article TWELFTH thereof, do hereby further amend said indenture as heretofore amended and the trusts thereby created, as follows:

1. By deleting ARTICLE THIRD, Paragraph #2 thereof as inserted by the Third Amendment dated August 5, 1976 and inserting in place thereof the following Paragraph 2, viz:

"2. The Trustees shall distribute the balance of the remaining principal (the balance) as follows:

One-third (1/3) of the balance to TOWN OF JAFFREY, New Hampshire, the net income only therefrom to be used for the benefit of the poor and aged of said Town.

One-third (1/3) of the balance to BOYS CLUBS OF AMERICA, INC., New York, New York.

One-third (1/3) of the balance to THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Boston, Massachusetts."

2. I hereby specifically reserve the right hereafter at any time and from time to time to amend said indenture as heretofore and hereby amended and the trusts thereby created, and to revoke the same in whole or in part, all as therein provided.

3. In all other respects I hereby ratify, confirm and approve said indenture as heretofore amended by the amendments dated November 17, 1960, January 12, 1968 and August 5, 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of July , 1984.

/s/ Dorothy F. Badger"

Source: Trustees' files.

RECEIPTS

Date	Amount	Paid By	Details
7/20/89	1,252.38	Bank of New England	Addition to principal. Final distribution of the Town's one-third share of the trust.
7/20/89	4,348.04	Bank of New England	Addition to principal. Distribution of the Town's one-third share of the trust. Check from Bank of New England to Town of Jaffrey.
3/30/89	13,500.00	Bank of New England	Addition to principal. Distribution of the Town's one-third share of the trust. Check from Bank of New England to Town of Jaffrey.
3/30/89	7,000.00	Bank of New England	Addition to principal. Final distribution of the Town's one-third share of the trust.
1986	?	Bank of New England	Securities were delivered to the Town from Bank of New England in 1986

TOTAL: \$26,100.42 but this does not include the value of the securities.

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Amount	Paid By	Details
12/20/11	12,031.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/11/11	13,233.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
12/23/09	9,944.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
2/5/09	13,024.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
12/21/07	14,090.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
11/12/06	11,706.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
4/1/05	12,629.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
12/14/05	13,689.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
2/11/04	12,525.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.

Date	Amount	Paid By	Details
1/27/03	14,000.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/18/02	16,000.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/8/01	18,500.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/13/00	20,000.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/20/99	17,100.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/26/98	5,950.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
9/8/97	8,950.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/14/97	8,950.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
10/30/96	8,950.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
2/23/96	8,950.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
9/28/95	8,950.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/3/95	8,450.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
8/5/94	8,450.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/25/94	7,555.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
8/30/93	7,000.00	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
8/3/92	12,673.65	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
1/3/92	8,606.36	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
8/8/91	13,679.13	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
12/10/90	20,255.87	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.

Date	Amount	Paid By	Details
1/9/90	8,756.48	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.
9/11/89	8,715.69	Town of Jaffrey	Annual distribution of interest from Trust to Town.

TOTAL: \$353,313.18

Source: Trustees' files at Town Office.

Arthur Daniels Fund

Created: 1986

Purpose: Conant High School athletic facilities.

"Each share shall be devoted to such improvements of or additions to the athletic facilities of the School for whose benefit it was distributed (Conant High School) as the governing body of said School may from time to time determine. I do not intend the use of these funds for supplies, routine maintenance or the like. I contemplate that income only will be used for the foregoing purpose, but the governing board of each School is authorized from time to time to direct the expenditure of such amounts from the principal thereof as it may consider necessary to effectuate said purpose."

Source: ?.

THE AMOS FORTUNE FUND

Created: 1988

Purpose: Miscellaneous

Balance Principal, 31 December 2011: \$23,086.54

Balance Income, 31 December 2011: \$1,998.73

Total Principal and Income, 31 December 2011: \$25,085.27

Total Principal and Interest, 31 December 2010: \$24,724.90

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHESHIRE, SS PROBATE COURT
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF JAFFREY

v.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS
PETITION FOR CY PRES

NOW COME the duly elected Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey and state as follows:

- (1) Pursuant to RSA 31:22, the Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey administer a number of charitable trust funds given to the town for public purposes.
- (2) Under his will dated October 3, 1801, Amos Fortune bequeathed the sum of \$233.00 for the benefit of School House No.8 which long ago was abandoned.
- (3) The Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey administer the Amos Fortune Fund which has a current value of \$5,261.11 in principal and \$3,339.72 in income.
- (4) The principal value of the fund does not produce income sufficient to fund educational activities at the school and is therefore impracticable to administer.
- (5) RSA 498:4-a states *"If property is or has been given in trust to be applied to a charitable purpose, and said purpose or its application is or becomes impossible, impracticable, or illegal or obsolete or ineffective ... the trust will not fail."*

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that this Honorable Court apply the doctrine of cy pres to the Amos Fortune Fund and grant relief as follows:

- (1) Income from the Amos Fortune Fund shall be distributed to the Trustees of the Jaffrey Public Library on an annual basis to be used in providing educational programs on the life and times of Amos Fortune;
- (2) Any unexpended income shall be added to the principal on an annual basis until such time as the principal amount reaches \$10,000.00.
- (3) When the principal amount has reached \$10,000.00 all income shall be paid to the Trustees of the Jaffrey Public Library on an annual basis as described in (1).

Respectfully submitted
Trustees of Trust Funds
Town of Jaffrey
Date: 2 March 1998
William C. Arthur
35 Fox Run Lane

P.O. Box 349
Jaffrey NH 03452
Edward J. Shea
129 Gilmore Pond Road
Jaffrey NH 03452
Gary Arceci
232 North Street
Jaffrey NH 03452

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHESHIRE, SS. COURT OF PROBATE
NO. 1998-0099 JUNE 9,1998
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF JAFFREY
VS
ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
- ORDER-

The Court has received the Attorney General's Answer (via Michael S. DeLucia, Director of Charitable Trusts) which admits the allegations (1-5) of the Petition For Cy Pres. Since no issues are in dispute, and the Court regards the relief requested as appropriate, the Court grants the petition and the relief requested thereunder.
So Ordered.

[signed] Peter S. Espieffs, Judge

REVENUES:

Date	Amount	Source	Details
9/7/11	\$800.00	Jaffrey Historical Society	Booklets (2 @ 8)
7/19/11	\$10.00	Nathan Wiggers	Booklet
5/17/11	\$10.00	Dawnette Hovorka	Booklet
4/15/11	\$88.00	Various	Booklets (4@12; 4 @ 10)
8/30/11	\$12.00	Wendi Davis	Booklet
9/2/10	\$12.40	Lisa Cauwels	Booklet
6/21/10	\$12.00	Romano	Booklet
5/25/10	\$10.00	Millar	Booklet
12/23/09	\$10.00	Sawyer	Booklet
7/16/09	\$10.00	Barlow	Booklet
5/7/09	\$2.00	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 1 @ 12)
3/30/09	\$66.00	Forest Hills Middle School	Booklets (3 @ 10; 3 @ 12)
2/5/09	\$10.00	Siochi	Booklet

12/5/08	\$10.00	Vancina	Booklet
3/8/10	\$48.00	Various	Booklets (4 @ 12)
11/6/08	\$12.00	Taylor	Booklet
6/12/08	\$32.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 1 @ 12)
4/3/08	\$110.00	Various	Booklets (1 @ 20; 3 @ 10; 5 @ 12)
9/7/07	\$15.00	Henry	Booklet?
5/30/07	\$90.40	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 4 @ 12; 1 @ 12.40)
3/26/07	\$102.00	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 1 @ 12; 1 @ 80)
2/27/07	\$58.40	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 1 @ 12; 1 @ 80)
9/22/06	\$82.40	Various	Booklets (6 @ 10; 1 @ 12; 1 @ 10.40)
6/7/06	\$44.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 2 @ 12)
4/13/06	\$68.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 4 @ 12)
3/13/06	\$58.40	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 3 @ 12; 1 @ 12.40)
2/2/06	\$20.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10)
12/14/05	\$100.00	Various	Booklets (10 @ 10)
11/16/05	\$10.00	Dunphy	Booklet
9/29/05	\$42.40	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 1 @ 12.40)
6/6/05	\$10.00	Carbonara	Booklet
5/6/05	\$61.00	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 3 @ 12; 1 @ 15)
4/6/05	\$132.00	Various	Booklets (6 @ 10; 5 @ 12)
2/16/05	\$54.00	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 2 @ 12)
12/3/04	\$22.40	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 1 @ 12.40)
10/20/04	\$10.00	Halpin	Booklet
6/5/04	\$42.40	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 1 @ 12.40)
7/9/04	\$20.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10)
6/1/04	\$10.00	Cranford	Booklet
5/19/04	\$22.00	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 1 @ 12)
4/6/04	\$89.40	Various	Booklets (4 @ 10; 2 @ 12; 1 @ 12.40; 1 @ 13)
3/4/04	\$104.80	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 5 @ 12; 2 @ 12.40)
12/12/03	\$32.40	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 1 @ 12.40)
11/13/02	\$10.00	McGarrahan	Booklet
9/3/03	\$70.00	LaMantia	Packets
8/7/03	\$20.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10)
6/3/03	\$12.40	Stephenson	Packets (2)
5/7/03	\$153.00	Various	Booklets (9 @ 10; 1 @ 12; 3 @ 12.40; 1 @ 13.80)
4/7/03	\$149.20	Various	Booklets (4 @ 10; 6 @ 12; 3 @ 12.40)
3/5/03	\$56.40	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 2 @ 12; 1 @ 12.40)

12/13/02	\$20.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10)
11/7/02	\$22.00	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 1 @ 12)
9/30/02	\$117.20	Various	Booklets (8 @ 10; 3 @ 12.40)
8/5/02	\$51.00	Various	Booklets (4 @ 10; 1 @ 11)
6/13/02	\$277.60	Various	Booklets (12 @ 10; 1 @ 10.40; 1 @ 12.40)
5/1/02	\$82.00	Various	Booklets (2 @ 10; 5 @ 12.40)
4/3/02	\$161.40	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 11 @ 12.40; 1 @ 15)
3/11/02	\$54.80	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 2 @ 12.40)
2/6/02	\$22.40	Various	Booklets (1 @ 10; 1 @ 12.40)
12/14/01	\$54.80	Various	Booklets (3 @ 10; 2 @ 12.40)
10/31/01	\$52.40	Various	Booklets (4 @ 10; 1 @ 12.40)
10/11/01	\$12.40	Courtway	Packet
8/12/01	\$82.00	Various	Booklets (7 @ 10; 1 @ 12)
8/2/01	\$50.00	Various	Booklets (5 @ 10)
6/7/01	\$92.50	Various	not shown
5/8/01	\$328.80	Various	not shown
4/12/01	\$173.90	Various	not shown
3/14/01	\$151.60	Various	not shown
2/13/01	\$130.20	Various	not shown
12/28/00	\$367.80	Various	not shown
12/20/00	\$254.80	Various	not shown
11/5/00	\$350.00	Various	not shown
10/11/00	\$118.90	Various	not shown
6/19/99	\$50.00	Canterbury Childrens Center	Donation
5/7/99	\$100.00	Canterbury Childrens Center	Donation
8/30/94	\$10.00	Desmond Blake Family	Donation
8/4/94	\$5.00	Vanda Hei	Donation
5/18/93	\$100.00	Canterbury Childrens Center	Donation

TOTAL: \$5,663.30

OUTLAYS:

Date	Amount	Source	Details
9/30/11	\$2,000.00	Jaffrey Public Library	3 computers etc.
2/23/06	\$299.98	Jaffrey Public Library	Color printer
	\$590.00	Jaffrey Public Library	No purpose given

TOTAL: \$2,889.98

Source: Trustees' files at Town Office.

DOWNTOWN PLANTING FUND

Created: 2002

Purpose: Miscellaneous

Balance Principal, 31 December 2011: \$6,131.37

Balance Income, 31 December 2011: \$951.57

Total Principal and Income, 31 December 2011: \$7,082.94

Total Principal and Interest, 31 December 2010: \$7,032.74

May 16, 2002

Town of Jaffrey

Trustees of the Trust Funds

10 Goodnow Street

Jaffrey, NH03452

Dear Trustees,

Enclosed please find a check for \$3,000 from TEAM Jaffrey to be used in establishing a fund for the plantings in downtown Jaffrey. The interest from this fund to be forwarded to TEAM Jaffrey, Downtown Enhancement Committee on an annual basis. In the event of the demise of TEAM Jaffrey, the proceeds from the fund should be forwarded to the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce on an annual basis, to be designated for downtown plantings. In the Event of the demise of the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce. then the Town of Jaffrey will receive the proceeds on an annual basis, to be used for downtown plantings.

TEAM Jaffrey has met with the Board of Selectmen and received approval to establish this fund, and to add to it as fundraising permits. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact the office at 532-7168.

Sincerely,

Michael Provost, Executive Director

TEAM Jaffrey

REVENUES:

Date Amount Source Details

7/27/04 \$450.00 TEAM Jaffrey check

5/8/04 \$350.00 TEAM Jaffrey check "2003 installment"

10/24/02 \$1,000.00 TEAM Jaffrey check

5/24/02 \$3,000.00 TEAM Jaffrey check

TOTAL: \$4,800.00

OUTLAYS:

Date Amount Source Details

7/2/10 \$248.28 Coll's Garden Center Planters, etc.

5/19/02 \$299.98 Jaffrey Public Library "issue a check for the accrued interest to TEAM Jaffrey"

TOTAL: \$2,889.98

Source: Trustees' files at Town Office.

Henry and Marie Belletete Fund

Created: 2003

Purpose: Scholarship

"TOWN OF JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE for the establishment of THE HENRY J. BELLETETE AND MARIE E. BELLETETE MEMORIAL FUND for the perpetual memory of myself and my deceased brother, long-time residents of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen to provide scholarships and financial assistance for the needy and impoverished citizens of the Town of Jaffrey, New Hampshire.' Accordingly, I am enclosing herewith check payable to you in the amount of \$174,511.10 representing your one-third residuary share of the Trust."

Source: Letter dated July 18, 2003 from Attorney John M. Reynolds to the Board of Selectmen.

The Turner Trust Fund - Fire

Created: 2007

Purpose: Fire Department

Balance Principal, 31 December 2011: \$86,179.78

Balance Income, 31 December 2011: \$2,534.26

Total Principal and Income, 31 December 2011: \$88,714.04

Total Principal and Interest, 31 December 2010: \$94,408.39

In memory of Harold L and Frances P. Turner.

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen 10/22/07

INFLOWS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
9/13/07	\$82,082.43	
3/6/08	190.67	Remainder of bequest

OUTLAYS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
4/11/11	\$6,400.00	Airbag set

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

FRANCES P. TURNER

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, FRANCES P. TURNER, of Jaffrey, in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills and codicils by me heretofore made.

FIRST: It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be fully paid.

SECOND: I direct that my Executor hereinafter named sell all my tangible personal property and the proceeds shall become part of my residuary estate.

THIRD: I give and bequeath the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the JAFFREY VFW (5613) AMBULANCE FUND, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed, whatsoever and wheresoever located, and to which I may in any manner be entitled, including any property over which I may have any power of appointment as follows:

A. Fifty (50) percent to the TOWN OF JAFFREY FIRE DEPARTMENT, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

B. Fifty (50) percent to the TOWN OF JAFFREY POLICE DEPARTMENT, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

These bequests are in memory of HAROLD L. TURNER and FRANCES P. TURNER, late of Jaffrey, New Hampshire and are to be used for a special purpose or need of the said DEPARTMENTS. These bequests are not to be used to reduce the DEPARTMENTS' budgets. In the event that the proceeds from this bequest are in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to each residuary beneficiary, then the bequests shall be held by the Trustee of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey and the income only shall be used for the benefit of the residuary beneficiaries.

FIFTH: I hereby appoint ROBERT TAFT, of Greenville, New Hampshire, to be Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, but in the event he shall predecease me or be unable to serve, I appoint the senior partner of Fernald, Taft, Falby & Little, PA of Peterborough, New Hampshire to serve in his place and I direct that my Executor shall provide only such minimum bond as shall be no sureties on

such bond shall be required.

SIXTH: It is my will and I direct that all estate, inheritance, transfer, legacy and succession taxes and duties which may be assessed or imposed upon or with respect to property passing under this Will or property not passing under this Will (but excluding any additional tax concerning qualified terminal interest property for which a right of recovery is allowed under Section 2207A of the Internal Revenue Code or any generation-skipping transfer tax imposed under Chapter 13 of the Internal Revenue Code) shall be paid out of my residuary estate as an expense of administration and no part of said taxes shall be apportioned or prorated or charged to any legatee or devisee.

The Jaffrey Grange 135 Scholarship Fund

Created: 2010

Purpose: Scholarship

Balance Principal, 31 December 2011: \$61,387.04

Balance Income, 31 December 2011: \$1,200.98

Total Principal and Income, 31 December 2011: \$62,588.02

Total Principal and Interest, 31 December 2010: \$62,437.84

INFLOWS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
12/31/09	\$60,000	To establish the fund.

OUTLAYS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
12/7/10	\$350.00	Felicia Soumis
6/20/11	1,400.00	Francesca Ramos

AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE JAFFREY GRANGE #135 DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

This Corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and it is organized solely for non-profit purposes. On the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after payment of, or adequate provision for the debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed as follows:

The remaining assets of the Jaffrey Grange #135 shall be distributed to the Town of Jaffrey, a Municipal Corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, for the purposes of creating The Jaffrey Grange

#135 Scholarship Fund, to be administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds who, in their sound discretion, shall use the interest only from the Scholarship Fund to provide an annual Scholarship(s) to deserving Conant High School Student(s) who will be pursuing his or her higher education in any field of study in any duly recognized institution of higher education.

In the event that the Town of Jaffrey shall refuse to, or be incapable of administering these assets, then any local organization which is duly organized by law and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 Subdivision (3) (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall administer said scholarship fund for the purposes set forth above.

PURSUANT TO RSA 292:7

At a special meeting of the Jaffrey Grange #135 on June 24, 1986, after notice, the membership by a unanimous (majority) vote, hereby voted to accept the aforesaid amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Jaffrey Grange #135 and hereby amend the existing Articles of Incorporation accordingly.

Dated: June 24, 1986 (A true copy attest: copies filed with the Secretary of State and the Jaffrey Town Clerk)

/s/ Sandra Baker Sex/Treas
Clerk, Corporation

Mrs. Olive Bourque
109 Main St.
Jaffrey, NH 03452

December 31,2009

Town of Jaffrey, Trustees of Trust Funds
Attention Frank Mieso
10 Goodnow Street
Jaffrey, New Hampshire 03452

Dear Trustees:

As you may know the Jaffrey Grange amended its Articles of Incorporation on June 24, 1986 in order to provide that any assets remaining after dissolution would be distributed to the Town of Jaffrey for the purpose of creating the Jaffrey Grange 135 Scholarship Fund.

On March 10, 2009 the Jaffrey Grange, by unanimous resolution of its members, voted to dissolve as a corporation.

I am, therefore, able to make a final distribution of the remaining assets of the Jaffrey Grange for the purpose of establishing the Jaffrey Grange 135 Scholarship Fund. According to the amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation described above, the scholarship fund is to be administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds who shall use the income generated by the scholarship fund to provide an annual scholarship to a Conant High School student or students. It is my understanding that the selection of such scholarship recipient shall be made by the Conant High School Guidance Selection Committee.

I am enclosing herewith checks from the Jaffrey Grange 135 in the amount of \$60,000 made payable to the Town of Jaffrey for the uses and purposes described above.

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Olive Bourque

Accepted Jan. 11, 2010
Franklin W. Sterling, Jr.
Donald MacIsaac
Kathleen Batchelder



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Bertsch Memorial Fund

Created: 2003

Purpose: Scholarship

"4.3. Remainder. All the remainder of Grantor's trust, being all property, wherever situated, in which Grantor may have any interest at the time of Grantor's death not otherwise effectively disposed of, shall be distributed to the trustees of the trust funds for the JAFFREY-RINDGE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, for the purpose of creating a memorial scholarship fund in memory of the Grantor's late husband and the Grantor to be named THE MARTIN L. AND GERALDINE CLEAVES BERTSCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The fund shall be invested and the income therefrom shall be used for college scholarships to deserving and financially needy graduates of CONANT HIGH SCHOOL. The number and amount of scholarships and the criteria for awarding scholarships shall be determined by the trustees."

Source: Trust document 15 August 2005.

Information on Geraldine Cleaves Bertsch (Source: Monadnock Ledger-Transcript)

CONANT HIGH SCHOLARSHIP:

Rindge native, who left town after graduating from Conant,
leaves \$450,000 for scholarship fund

Geraldine Harmon Cleaves

"Gerry"

Ambition: Nurse

Success in nursing to Gerry Cleaves.
Conant will miss her when she leaves.

Activities: Junior Play, Senior Play, Dramatics
Club, Algebra team, Basketball Manager 4.



COURTESY IMAGE

A poem in the 1940 Conant High School yearbook wishes Geraldine Cleaves success as a nurse, although she later attended merchandising school, according to her obituary.

AN UNEXPECTED, WELCOME GIFT

By PRISCILLA MORRILL

Monadnock Ledger-Transcript

JAFFREY — The donation of \$450,000 by 1940 Conant High School graduate Geraldine Cleaves Bertsch for the Martin L. and Geraldine Cleaves Bertsch Memorial Scholarship fund for Conant graduates came as a welcome surprise to some members of the community when they learned of it earlier this month. It also sparked interest in the late woman's life.

"It's a tremendous gift," Jaffrey-Rindge School District Supt. James O'Neill said Wednesday. "We're just really, really pleased."

The bequest was left in the care of Jaffrey's Trustees of the Trust Funds to invest, and income from the fund is to be used on an annual basis for college scholarships to needy and deserving graduates of Conant from both Jaffrey and Rindge.

O'Neill said the scholarship is intended for students who are academically prepared for college, but may need financial assistance.

O'Neill said the school's Scholarship Committee would recommend candidates for the scholarship to town Trustees each year.

"On a year you had a large return, you could do a lot more," he noted.

Jaffrey Trustee of the Trust Fund Frank Mieso noted that he expects to begin giving out scholarships from the fund beginning in 2012. He said the Bertsch fund is now the town's largest fund for scholarships.

According to information from the school district Superintendent's Office, there were about 70 scholarships given out in 2010 from

donations made by various organizations and individuals, for a total of \$124,930. O'Neill said the Bertsch fund is a welcome addition that will help even more Conant students attend college.

Bertsch, who died in Florida at the age of 86 on Feb. 20, 2010, grew up in Rindge, according to her obituary provided by Dale Woodward Funeral Homes.

"She was born in Rindge, N.H., on June 25, 1923, the only child of William S. and Helen Cleaves," her obituary reads. "Geraldine attended merchandising school and retired as a retail buyer. Over the years, she and her late husband, Martin, lived in many places up and down the East Coast, and in Munich, Germany."

The couple did not have any children. Bertsch was an active volunteer in her communities, according to the obituary.

Although there was no funeral held, Bertsch was buried in a family plot at Hillside Cemetery in Rindge, Paula AuCoin of Jaffrey, Bertsch's family friend, said on March 24.

"I couldn't believe it," AuCoin said about the size of the bequest.

AuCoin knew Bertsch through AuCoin's late mother, Leona Letourneau, who passed away in 2005.

"My mom was from Rindge and she and Gerry were childhood friends," AuCoin said, noting Bertsch left the area after high school. "Once they were both widows, they became friends again."

Bertsch's father was the manager of the Ware Farm in Rindge, AuCoin said. Her grandfather was Shepley Cleaves of Rindge.

Past Recipients of Scholarships

Carolyn and Gordon Merrill Scholarship Trust



Created: 2013

Purpose: Scholarship

FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath all of the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real estate and personal property, both tangible and intangible as follows: 20% to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey, to be held in trust for the purpose of funding a scholarship for college education for a Jaffrey student graduating from Conant High School. The trust will be in honor of my wife Carolyn, and should be named, "The Carolyn Gordon Scholarship Trust". My trustees shall consult with the Conant High School administration and faculty to seek advice regarding a worthy recipient of this scholarship gift. However, the decision of my trustees shall be final with respect to the selection of the scholarship recipient. The amount of the scholarship gift shall be the amount of the income generated by the trust principal annually, less any administrative expenses.

Source: Letter from Tower & Crocker, March 23, 2011.

TOWER & CROCKER

Professional Association
47 Main Street, P.O. Box 510
Jaffrey, New Hampshire 03452-0510
May 10, 2013
Attention: Frank Mieso
Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey
10 Goodnow Street
Jaffrey, NH 03452
Re: Estate of Gordon Merrill

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is the check from the Gordon Merrill estate payable to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Jaffrey in the amount of \$100,000.00.

As I explained to you earlier this 'week, the final accounting will not be filed until after the audit period has expired for the IRS tax return. I expect there will be a small additional amount which will be added to this gift.

Please make sure the name of this trust appears as follows: The Carolyn and Gordon Merrill Scholarship Trust. I have also enclosed a receipt for you to sign and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,
/s/ David M. Tower
DMT/ah
C: Gary Menill

May 21, 2013

To: Selectmen, Town of Jaffrey
From: Trustees of the Trust Funds
Subject: The Carolyn and Gordon Merrill Scholarship Trust

Attached is a copy of a letter from Attorney David Tower providing the pertinent portion of the Last Will and Testament of Gordon Merrill to establish the subject scholarship trust. Also attached are the obituaries for both decedents.

The amount we have received is \$100,000 (see attached letter) which is to be placed in trust and invested by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The income derived from this fund will be used to provide a scholarship to a Jaffrey student graduating from Conant High School. The trustees shall consult with the Conant High School administration and faculty to seek advice regarding a worthy recipient of this scholarship.

The trustees respectfully request your review of the letters and acceptance of this scholarship trust for the purpose stated above.

[Signed] Frank Mieso, Gary Arceci, Robert Stephenson

Accepted:

[Signed] Donald MacIsaac, Kathleen Batchelder, Thomas Robermel

5/28/13

Carolyn F. Merrill

Birth date: April 1, 1932 Death date: April 19, 2008

Obituary: Carolyn F. Merrill, 76, of Colton Drive Jaffrey died Saturday April 19, 2008 at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough following a brief illness. She was born April 1, 1932 in Bangor Maine, daughter of the late Warren and Thelma (Allen) McNeil. She was a 1951 graduate of Conant High School in Jaffrey. Following high school she began working as a medical secretary and for the next twelve years Drs. C. Francis Wozmak and Franklin W. Sterling in Jaffrey employed her. She then moved and began working at the Keene Clinic, first at its former Main Street location and then at the present Court Street location. She retired in 1977. Mrs. Merrill has been a resident of Jaffrey since 2003, having previously lived for 27 years in Keene and 16 years in Troy before that.

Her husband stated she enjoyed everything she did. Following retirement she enjoyed sewing, weaving, crafts and computers. While living on West Hill in Keene, she and her husband enjoyed maple sugaring and cultivating blueberries. She particularly enjoyed the visits from all the wild animals that lived on their property. Following her husband's retirement, they enjoyed traveling together. She is survived by her husband of forty-nine years, Gordon C. Merrill of Jaffrey, an aunt Hazel Allen of Brownville, ME and several cousins.

Gordon C. Merrill

Birth date: August 13, 1933 Death date: December 20, 2011

Obituary: Gordon C. Merrill, 78, of Colton Drive in Jaffrey, died December 20, 2011 at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough following a period of failing health. He was born August 13, 1933 at home in Jaffrey, son of the late Leonard C. and Mary (Burgoyne) Merrill. He was a 1951 graduate of Conant High School in Jaffrey. During his high school years he worked for Wade's Motors, Camp Wa-Klo and Overview Farms. Following high school he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served at Westover AFB in Massachusetts and was later stationed in Japan. After his discharge in 1956 he entered New Hampshire Voc-Tech in Manchester. In 1958 he began his employment with Fairfield Motors in Keene as a mechanic. He became Service Manager in 1962 and held that position until his retirement in 1989. Following his retirement Gordon enjoyed gardening, cutting his winter wood supply, making furniture for family and friends, maple sugaring, and all of the animals that visited him and his wife daily. His wife of forty nine years Carolyn F. McNeil, died April 19, 2008. He is survived by nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was pre-deceased by his brothers Richard, Alfred and Lyman, and his sisters Dorothy and Phyllis.

Cemetery: Private burial in St. Patrick Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family.