Curator's Report for January 18, 2018

Cumberland Historical Society

To the Board of Directors of the Cumberland Historical Society:

Accessioning at the museum is coming along nicely, thanks to the efforts of the members who meet on Monday mornings. Brian Jensen has been able to start entering items into the computer, which will be a huge help for easy access to our superb numerous collections of artifacts and ephemera. In the meantime, after meeting with a group from the Cumberland Congregational Church on January 17 for research on the church's upcoming 225th anniversary, we were given a large donation of the records of the JayCees group that was in existence in the town from 1969 to its disbanding about ten years later. Ellie Walker, who headed the JayCee wives for many of the years, had these records, didn't know what to do with them, and did not want them to stay in her home. The Jaycees were an active civic group who supervised many informational events in the town, much like the Lions Club does today. These records are important in that they show those years of social and civic activity in Cumberland with that group.

Memberships have been coming in, thanks to Lynda Jensen's gentle reminders to members. Reaching out to folks seems to work much better than merely hoping that the reminders in the newsletters will jog them into action.

Again, the work on Monday mornings with accessioning has been very helpful in getting items catalogued and put in their proper places in the museum.

Respectfully submitted,

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