

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gillis

Alexis Courtney Fach and John Christopher Gillis were married June 1, 2012, at The Popponesset Inn in New Seabury, MA. The double ring ceremony was performed by Jeffrey DeLisi, Esq. The bride is the daughter of Cole and Kristine Fach of Amherst and the groom is the son of Mrs. Ann Gillis Kearns and the late Ronald Gillis of Dorchester, MA.

The bride was escorted by her father. Serving as man of honor was her brother, Bradley Fach of Charlotte, NC. Paul Gillis of Dorchester, MA, brother of the groom, was the best man. Ushers were Ronald Gillis and Timothy Gillis, brothers of the groom, Timothy Gillis, Brendan Gillis and Christopher Gillis, nephews of

The Bride's Processional was "Edelweiss" a favorite song of her maternal grandfather. The soloist was Kimberly Gillis, niece of the groom who sang "Ave Maria". Readings were done by Kimberly Young, friend of the bride and Ronald Gillis, brother of the groom.

The bride graduated from Souhegan High School and Fairfield University. She is employed by Trinity Partners, LLC in Waltham, MA as a Senior Recruiter.

The groom graduated from Boston University. He was a founding member of Trinity Pharma-Solutions and is now a Senior Consultant at Trinity Partners, LLC in Waltham, MA.

After a two week honeymoon in St. Lucia the couple resides in Charlestown, MA.

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# Voting Rights Groups Pleased With Clarification of Student Voting Rights

CONCORD, NH - The League of license. Women Voters of New Hampshire and America Votes said, today, they are pleased that out-of-state college students will be able to continue to register to vote in New Hampshire without having to register their cars here or get New Hampshire driver's

"The Attorney General's office has made it clear that out-of-state students, members of the military and other citizens who may be in New Hampshire for a defined period of time can register to vote while they live here," said Joan Flood Ashwell, election law specialist for the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire. "Those citizens meet the requirements for voting without having to register their cars in New Hampshire and without having to get a New Hampshire driver's

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"The questions that arose because of new wording on the voter registration form have been settled," said Ashwell. "The statements from the Attorney General's office during the court hearing made it clear the law defining who lives in New Hampshire for voting purposes was not changed by the Legislature when they changed the voter registration form. According to the Attorney General's office, the statement about registering a car and getting a driver's license only applies to people who are planning to settle down and make New Hampshire their home indefinitely. The statement doesn't apply to students who are registering to vote but who are not planning to stay in the state when their schooling is complete."

### ► The Development of Carriage Road continued from page 1

#### 1795 – 12 Main Street: Joseph Cushing House

House built for Isaac Watson, older half-brother of John, also a saddle maker, who bought half acre from Dana heirs for \$60 in 1795 and sold with house in 1805 for \$1200 to Cushing et al. Still standing, aka Judge Edmund Parker House.

#### 1805 (or 1795 or earlier) – 5 Carriage Road: First House

A small house, said to have been built by Sam Stewart (d. 1776) and his father Robert when they lived on farm at 19 Main Street, was moved to this site. Capt. Luther Dana (1763-1832), eldest son of Samuel Sr., militia captain and storekeeper (until c. 1797), probably occupied until 1804. (In 1805 he was a mariner residing in Exeter, N.H.) The lot (combined no. 5 & 7) was legally created in April 1805 when the other Dana heirs quitclaimed 2.5 acre parcel to Luther for \$100. 1808, Dr. Samuel Curtis (c.1748-1822), innholder, apothecary and former postmaster, bought one-story dwelling on 1.25 acres (for \$500) to which he retired from tavernkeeping with wife Abigail (d. Dec. 1821, aged 68). 1825-1828, Henry Carter used as a bakery, while owned by his fatherin-law, Willard Marshall of Nashua. Old house torn down 1846.

#### 1810 - 11 Carriage Road: Rev. Barnard's

Parishioners built one-story house for Rev. Jeremiah Barnard (1750-1835) on an acre (combined no. 9 & 11) donated in 1809 by the Dana sons/heirs. In Sep. 1843, a few months after he wed, Henry W. Carter (b. abt 1822), pedlar (traveling wholesale merchant) dealer in fancy goods, bought the house for \$700 from Barnard's daughter, and kept 3 to 5 horses here. Sadly, his wife Caroline, daughter of Benjamin Leavitt, died three years later of consumption at age 24, leaving a 19 months old daughter. Henry found a new bride in Vermont in 1848 and moved his domicile there. Having no luck selling the place, his parents and three of his ten siblings continued to live here until about 1852, while his father William, a former hotel keeper in Bradford and Warner, was a baker. Henry sold off eastern part in 1844, which became

#### **1810 – 13 Carriage Road:** Frederick French Mansion

House (still standing) built for F. French, Esq. (1766-1824), a director of the failing Hillsborough Bank, later clerk of the Superior Court who bought 1.25 agree for Court, who bought 1.25 acres for \$120 from Dana heirs in May 1809



Old view of Carriage Road, looking east, c. 1895. On left is 17 Carriage Road, "Grace Cottage" of Rotch family.

(the same day they sold their pa's mansion to Dr. Matthias Spalding). 1830, Rev. Silas Aiken (1799-1869), fourth pastor of the Congregational Church of Amherst, paid \$2200 and lived here until 1837. Sadly, Rev. Aiken's (first) wife died early in 1836 at age 32, leaving him with three little children, the youngest 8 months and the oldest, Edward, 5 years.

#### 1815 – 16 Main Street: Dickey-Walker House

Thomas M. Dickey (1785-1846), saddle and harness maker, bought half acre in 1815 for \$60 from Samuel Dana Jr. and built starter house; expanded lot in 1827.

#### 1817 – 109 Boston Post Road: Cabinet Office

R. Boylston moved one-story printing office from 3 Carriage to behind (north of) his 1 Carriage Road dwelling. It was replaced with present building in 1833.

#### **1843 – 15 Carriage Road:** John O. David House

Built, probably by David Perkins Low (1816-1894), joiner, for David D. McKean (1809-1877), mechanic, who bought the land in Feb. 1842. John O. David (1813-1887), shoemaker and sign-language preacher, bought from McKean in March 1848 for \$1000, and he & wife Philenia Emerson, both deaf mutes, lived out their lives here.

#### 1844 – 9 Carriage Road: John **Carleton House**

Lot created July 1844 when split off from combined 9-11 lot, about half acre (for \$100). House built for Charles B. Tuttle (1818-1880), merchant, & wife Lydia Ann Cleaves (1823-1866, m. June 1843). 1855, Daniel Wheeler (1789-1867), yeoman, paid \$1150 and occupied with wife Martha G. Aiken (1798-1876). 1867, John Carleton (1819-1891), foundry worker, later machinist, bought for \$1000; he & wife Mary P. Hill (1822-1908) lived out their lives here.

#### **1846** /7 – **5** Carriage Road: Jonathan Knight House

Jona. Knight (1799-1884), housewright/ joiner who became steam mill owner; town treasurer; selectman 1852, '53, '61, '62 – acquired 1828; sold off 7 Carriage lot in March 1846; tore down old house in April 1846, and built new house (still standing). Jonathan was twice widowed with two teen daughters and 12-year-old son Robert by first wife, when he was married to 3d wife, Mary Ann Dodge (1814-1851) in 1848; she died shortly after giving birth to twins who survived less than a year. He was married in 1855 to 4th wife, widow Mary J. (McAlvin) Davis (d. 1901 aged 87).

#### **1846/7 – 7 Carriage Road:** Rev. Seneca White House

House lot created March 1846 when split off from 5-7 combined lot. House built for Harrison Eaton (1817-1889), iron founder, who married second wife, Laura Ann Wheeler (b. 1822) in Dec. 1846. Rev. Seneca White (1749-1865), retired clergyman, & wife/widow Élizabeth bought July 1852 for \$1600 and lived out their lives here. 1890, Dr. James B. Pettengill (1858-1911) bought for \$1510 and closed-in part of porch for his medical office. He & wife Ada E. Bartlett (1859-1933) raised 5 children and lived out their lives

1847ca. – 17 Carriage Road: **Grace Cottage** 

House built by David P. Low (1816-1894), joiner and carpenter, between 1842 and March 1848. First known owner-occupant was Robert Emerson (c. 1824-after1900), tailor, who paid \$1000 and stayed from Aug. 1849 to April 1851 with wife Frances (m. 1847, d. 1859, aged 32), daughter of Joseph Vaughn, jeweler and clockmaker. 1873, Mrs. Nettie E. Phelps (1832-1900) bought for \$600 and occupied until 1882 with husband Frank Peter Phelps (1837-1886), carpenter, firewarden and second lieutenant in the N.H. National Guard. Owner William Boylston Rotch (1859-1934), of the Farmers' Cabinet dynasty, called the place "Grace Cottage" after his

#### **1853 – 11 Carriage Road:** Busyfield

Edward D. Boylston (1814-1895), printer and editor-publisher of the Farmers' Cabinet, enlarged the 1810 house to two stories with a cupola.

#### 1855 – 3 Carriage Road: Henry A. Nichols House

Nichols (1822-1893), house & sign painter, bought the old house for \$400. The tax invoice value of Henry's buildings on three-quarters of an acre increased from \$100 in 1855 to \$650 in 1856, and Henry sold the place in 1870 for \$1600 which suggests that he was responsible for the house standing today, either enlarged from the old one but more likely built new (centered in lot). Having enlisted at age 37, Henry was wounded by a cannon ball during the Civil War in 1862.

1870, widow Sarah R. Eaton (c.1818-1893) of Nashua bought for \$1600. She was married to James R. Stearns (1832-1899), miller & farmer, in 1873, and they lived out their lives here. 1915, Alice M. Wyman (d. 1933, age 63) bought the place. Her husband Lindley F. Wyman (1866-1932) was town meeting moderator for 16 years, 1914 through 1930. His occupation was baker when married 1895, upholsterer 1900, confectioner 1910, undertaker 1920. During World War I, when German goods were unavailable, he ran a toy factory with the help of Howard R. Locke at 1 Belden's Lane, turning out such wooden toys as jumping jacks and children's ironing boards.

#### 1892 – 14 Main Street: Town Library

In 1890, a piece with 112 feet of frontage was split off from 12 Main Street lot, for which the trustees

## Obama Campaign Announces Amherst Republicans for Obama

The Obama Campaign in New Hampshire has launched Republicans for Obama, highlighting current and former Republicans from across the state who support President Obama's reelection.

Michael Hujsak and James Starke, both of Amherst, joined the Republicans for Obama effort.

The Obama campaign in New Hampshire is competing for each and every vote. Just last week, President Obama held a grassroots event in Windham, a town where Republicans outnumber Democrats 2-1. From now until November 6th, the campaign has been reaching out to Republicans across the state, discussing Romney's choice of running mate and identifying new support-

ers.
"From Amherst to Orford and Pittsburg to Portsmouth, supporters are going door to door talking to Republicans, independents and Democrats because they know how much is at stake," said Holly Shulman, Obama for America communications director.

## Souhegan High School Robotics Team Needs Software Mentors

The Souhegan High School FIRST Robotics team is in urgent need of mentors with software engineering background for the 2012/2013 season. The FIRST robotics program enables high school students to work hand-in-hand with professional engineers & scientists in solving a unique engineering challenge.

The Souhegan High School FIRST Robotics team includes approximately 40 students and ~10 mentors. The team begins meeting on Wednesday, October 3rd. The robotics team meets one-two evenings a week through December. We receive the FIRST game challenge the first week in January. The team has six weeks to design, build, and test a competition robot meeting three-four times each week. The team competes at the Granite State Regional in Manchester (March) & at least one out-of-town event (April).

The software team usually consists of 10 students and 5 mentors with varying levels of programming experience. The team uses the Wind River workbench and C++ programming language running on National Instruments' cRIO hardware platform.

Interested individuals willing to support this noble activity are encouraged to contact Bill Price (billp@yankeepub.com or 673-1355) or Brian Walters (bfwalters@ comcast.net or 424-8360) for more information.







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