

Etna Historical Society Meeting
July 8, 2024
Trumbull Hall
5:30 PM

Adair Mulligan

The Etna Historians welcomed Adair Mulligan, Executive Director of the Hanover Conservancy and active member of the Lyme Historians to speak to us about the many activities of both organizations. She brought materials to share and welcomed questions on a variety of topics. Below are some notes from her talk.

Books

- Several books have been compiled by the [Connecticut River Joint Commissions](#). One is Where the River Rises, which documents the history of the watershed. These are available on their website and some are at the Etna Library.
- [Gazetteer of Grafton County 1709 - 1886](#). This book is available online. It gives town-by-town histories. You can look up a name and the book provides all kinds of information about that person
- 1927 American Geographical Society Geological Survey, James Goldthwait. Jay Barrett spoke to us about Goldthwait in June. His contributions are in books about our area and include maps that show old farms at higher elevations that were abandoned
- Big House Little House Back House Barn, by Thomas Hubka. This book details the history of “connected house” architecture
- We Had Each Other: A Spoken History of Lyme, NH, by Mary Daubenspeck and Judith G. Russell. This book is at the Etna Library. It contains transcripts of oral histories from many Lyme residents, compiled in 2000

Maps

- 1855 and 1892 Maps: Adair has high-resolution digital versions
- Keith Quinton Maps: He has some old digitized maps that were created to track the white pine blister rust disease in forests. Adair can put us in touch with him in case anyone would like to get copies of any of his maps

Trails and Sites

- Trescott Water Lands: The trails are named after families who had farms there. There are numerous plaques at intersections with information
- Cellar Holes: About 75 have been recorded so far in the area. Most are on private lands
- [NH Stone Wall Mapper](#): The Lidar mapping method is being used to document stone walls in New Hampshire. This is a crowd-sourced method. Individuals can identify stone walls and people in the know will verify them to add them to the database

- Hikes of the Month: Available on the Hanover Conservancy website
- Tunis Schoolhouse – visits by appointment
- Significant historic building on Goose Pond Road recently added to a state/national register

Lyme Historians

- Headquarters: Churchill-Melvin house in Lyme Village
- Members pay \$15/year
- Quarterly newsletter
- Inventory of historic (> 50 years old) homes
- Inventory of cellar holes, stone culverts
- [Guide books](#) – available for about \$5
 - Walking tour of Lyme Village
 - Historic Lyme Common
 - Historic Lyme Center
 - Historic Schoolhouses
 - CT River
 - Patterns and Pieces: The history of Lyme