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ADHS Annual Dues

Information has been mailed out about the annual dues. If you did not receive this, please contact the ADHS. Join or Renew by January 31, 2024.

- Individual \$20
- Family \$50
- Non-Profit \$25
- Organizations \$25
- Business \$250
- Life Membership \$500

ADHS Meetings

Meetings are held in the Lobby of the Audi beginning at 5:30pm.

There is also a ZOOM link available.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th 5:30pm

1905 Stables Update

Work continues on getting permits to complete the cleanup of the Stables for the future Museum.

Look for the link to see the 1905 Stables interior in next month's newsletter.

Fun Facts and Did You Know ?



The Shaws Brothers recorded two songs about the Concord Coach - both very informative and enjoyable to listen to. Check them out.

The Ballad of the Concord Coach & Lucy Come Ride in My Wagon

At one point in time the Abbot Downing Co employed 300 people - 299 men and one woman.

Image what that was like for **Maria Putnam**.

The Abbot Downing Factory was located in the south end of Concord. It would have been bordered by these present day streets.

South Main, West Street, South State Street and Perley Street.

Concord Coaches were used on every continents except for **Antarctica**.

The Abbot Downing Historical Society works with many other groups to keep the history of the Concord Coach and the Abbot Downing Co alive for future generations. Invite a friend to join us.



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Each month we will highlight one of the coaches that you will find at the future ADHS 1905 Museum. Come take a Sneak Peek.

This is coach number XIV (14 in Roman Numerals) built in 1847. In the beginning from 1828 to 1847 the company known as Downing & Abbot and from 1847 to 1865 the company known as L Downing & Sons used Roman numerals. Some think they were serial numbers but great evidence points to them to be "shop numbers" used to keep track of parts for coaches while they were in production. The same numbers were used over and over.

This coach was donated to the Society by Jean Fernandes who also owned the North Conway Bank and hence the Bank's name on the transom. It was the first of several to become part of our collection. It was restored by Ed Rowse and his wife, Barbara. The Fancy painting was done by Barbara. It has replacement wheels and some new wood in the body and the thoroughbraces are new.

It is a nine passenger mail coach. A mail coach was designed to go town to town and carry the mail in addition to passengers. The passenger designation refers only to the number seated inside. In addition, this coach could carry four more, three on the roof behind the driver and one beside the driver.