



# New Hampshire Archeological Society

Annual Meeting 2015. Saturday, October 3rd.

John O'Leary Adult Community Center

4 Church St., Merrimack, NH

Meeting registration at the door: \$10 per person (\$5 with student ID).

Pre-registration with lunch: \$20 per person (\$15 with student ID).

9:00 - 9:55 am Registration and Coffee.

9:55 - 10:00 am Welcome: Linda Fuerderer, NHAS President.

10:00 - 10:30 am *Historical Archaeology at Puddle Dock: The Foundation of Historic Preservation.* Alexandra Martin, Archaeologist, Strawberry Banke Museum.

10:30 - 11:00 am *End Scrapper Reduction at the Corditaipie Site of Central New York: A Critique of Functional Typologies.* Cory Atkinson, Binghamton University.

11:00 - 11:20 am Break.

11:20 - 11:50 am *Archaeological and Architectural Remains of the Union Locks and Canal Company System.* Matthew Labbe, M.A., Project Manager, Monadnock Archaeological Consulting.

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch with pre-registration (see the form below); otherwise on your own.

1:30 - 1:45 pm Business Meeting.  
*Candidates for election: Bruce Rusch and Marika Labash each for a three year term as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Board.*

1:45 - 2:00 pm Members' Forum.

2:00 - 2:30 pm *2015 SCRAP Field School: New investigations in Holderness.* Dick Boisvert, State Archaeologist, NHDHR.

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Please return this portion **ASAP** (to reach us by Sept 30) to confirm your attendance and lunch choice.

Meeting and Lunch Fee: **\$20** per person , **\$15** with Student ID

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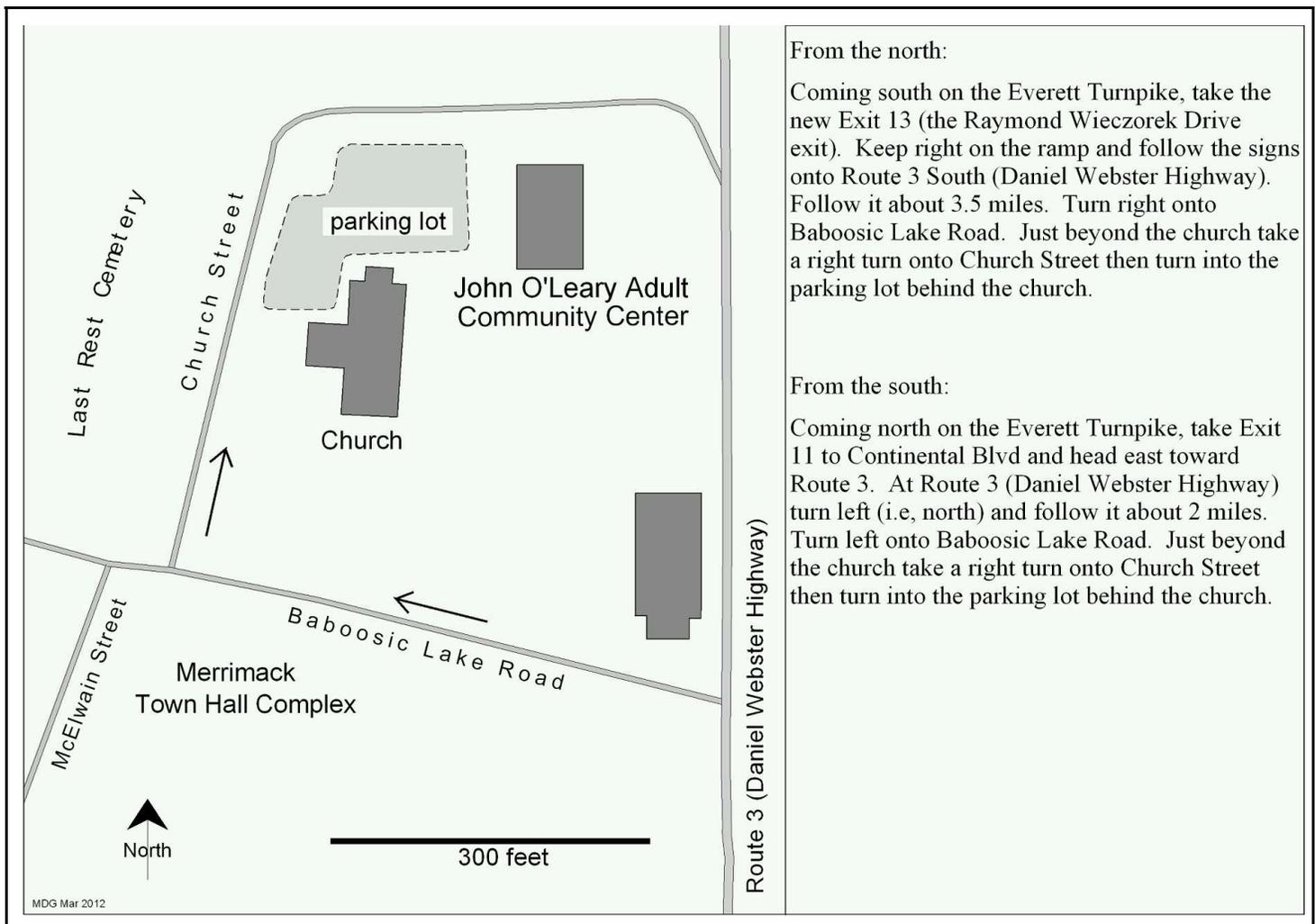
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**Abstracts for Presentations at New Hampshire Archeological Society Annual Meeting  
Saturday October 3, 2015**

**10:00 – 10:30 am. *Historical Archaeology at Puddle Dock: The Foundation of Historic Preservation.***

**Alexandra Martin. Archaeologist, Strawberry Banke Museum**

Abstract: In the summer of 2015, Strawberry Banke Museum held its 19<sup>th</sup> archaeological field school. Our focus this summer was on the c. 1800 Yeaton-Walsh House. This house is currently undergoing rehabilitation through the museum's Heritage House Program, a program designed to rehabilitate underutilized buildings at Strawberry Banke to provide both rental space and revenue to support museum operations. Preliminary excavations were carried out around this property during the Strawberry Banke archaeological field school in 2007, and this field season was intended serve as a larger-scale recovery effort to mitigate the disturbance of rehabilitation projects (i.e. repairing the deteriorating foundation and digging for new pipes and wiring). Thousands of artifacts were recovered from a trench north of the house dating to the time period during which an Irish immigrant family were residents – in the 1850s and 60s and tenants, and from the 1870s through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century as owners. We also uncovered deposits dating to the mid- to late-18<sup>th</sup> century, during which time the property was in use as a Mast Yard, owned by James Marden. A comparison between these commercially-related artifacts and features and the residential materials will help us to continue to learn about daily life at Puddle Dock over time.

**10:30 - 11:00 am *End Scrapper Reduction at The Corditaipe Site of Central New York: A Critique of Functional Typologies.***

**Cory Atkinson, Binghamton University.**

Abstract: Functional typologies have been used to define and categorize artifacts in archaeology from the very beginning of the discipline. However, the use of such typological distinctions has come under fire recently. Functional typologies can constrain interpretation through an uncritical association of form and function. Thus, the true function of a tool may be misidentified based on the morphology of the final stage of its use life. An example of this is the spurred end scraper. The spurred end scraper is an accepted typological designation in northeast Paleoindian discourse, yet it has not been consistently defined. As a result, the mere presence of a slight protuberance on the corner of an end scraper's working edge is often enough to classify that scraper as a spurred end scraper. This designation assumes that the spur was purposefully created for a specific preconceived task. This paper presents the results of an analysis of 28 end scrapers from the Corditaipe Site in central New York. The results suggest that the spurs were the byproduct of a functional process rather than an intentional act. Furthermore, this paper suggests that the term spur must be applied in a more critical manner in future analyses of Paleoindian collections.

**11:20 – 11:50 am *Archaeological and Architectural Remains of the Union Locks and Canal Company System.***

**Matthew Labbe, M.A., Project Manager, Monadnock Archaeological Consulting.**

Abstract: The Union Locks and Canal Company built six canals on the Merrimack River between 1811 and 1813 as a means to make the river navigable from Concord to Nashua. By connecting with the Middlesex Canal, it became navigable all the way to the river's estuary in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Most of the Merrimack Valley town histories claim that nothing remains of any of the canals, but at least some architectural features can be found at each of the canal sites. The best preserved among these is the canal at Moor's Falls in Litchfield which has remains of both the lock and its associated toll house and tavern. In addition, its location on private property protected this site's archaeological features for nearly 200 years.

**2:00 – 2:30 pm *2015 SCRAP Field School: New investigations in Holderness.***

**Dick Boisvert, State Archaeologist, NHDHR**

Abstract: Throughout much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Neilsen family collected artifacts from their garden at their residence on Piper Rd. in Holderness. Located between Big Squam and Little Squam Lakes, this site was ideally suited to take advantage of aquatic resources. The 2015 field school set out to identify time periods that the site was occupied and to recover potential subsistence data. A summary of the discoveries and potential for future research will be presented.