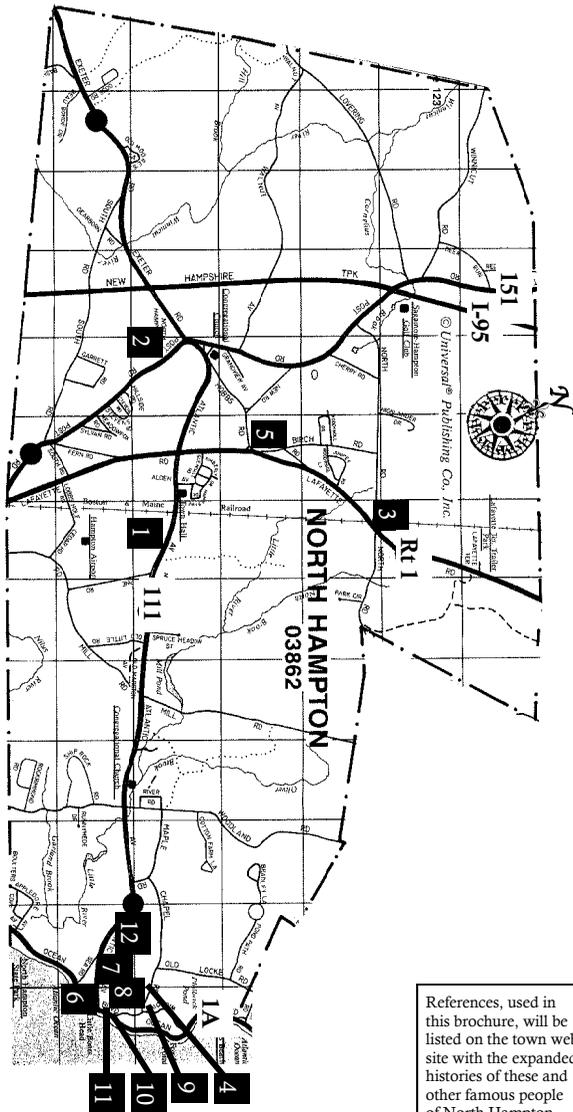


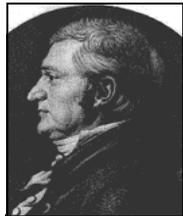
Some of North Hampton's Famous People



References, used in this brochure, will be listed on the town web site with the expanded histories of these and other famous people of North Hampton, New Hampshire.



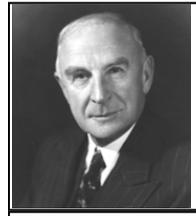
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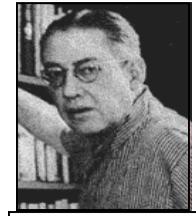
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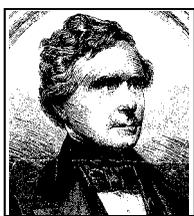
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Frances "Fannie" Batchelder-Ward

DOB: 1872
DOD: 1952

Fannie started her career by running away from school at age 13 to appear on stage at the Bijou Theatre in 1885. She became a famous New York City performer in plays as "The Ugly Duckling." She was in the opening play of Harrigan's Theatre in NY, "Reilly and the 400" and traveled with his stock company to Baltimore, Ford's Opera House in Washington, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Newark, Brooklyn, the St. Louis Pope's Theatre, the Grand Opera House in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chicago. She played in San Francisco in 1888-1889. Reviews read, "Fannie Batchelder is not only pretty, but she sings and dances like an angel." Fannie was known for her long flowing lustrous chestnut hair. She was related to Rev. Stephen Bachiler (Hampton's founding father.) Her parents were George Batchelder (No. Hampton), supt. of the B&M Railroad and Georgiana Sanborn Batchelder (Hampton Falls.) (Note: Over 7 centuries worldwide, the family has spelled their surname 44 different ways.) Home: 200 Atlantic Ave. (Levi Bachelder house c.1835) The barn was converted into her private theatre, "Hearthstone Playhouse," for Shakespearian performances.



Secretary Henry Dearborn

DOB: February 23, 1751 North Hampton
DOD: June 6, 1829 Roxbury, MA
At Rest: Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston

Physician with Dr. Hall Jackson, Portsmouth First NH Regiment, Battle of Bunker Hill - American Revolution; POW in Battle of Quebec 1777; Washington's staff at Cornwallis surrender Battle of Yorktown; Jefferson's Secretary of War 1801-1809; Senior Officer US Army, War of 1812; Pres. Monroe's Minister to Portugal 1822-1824 Home: 90 Post Rd. (site marker) Dearborn Family garrison house, birthplace of Henry. Home destroyed by fire in 1917.



Colonel Abraham Drake

DOB: December 4, 1715
DOD: August 1, 1781

Historical Marker at Drake Farm states that Col. Drake was a captain of horse in the French and Indian Wars, fought at Crown Point 1755-1756, one of the first to take up arms in the Revolution as Lieutenant Col. in 3rd NH volunteers, commanded by Gen. Washington. He attended Councils of War, a member of Provincial Congress at Exeter 1775, colonel in New Hampshire Militia 1776-1777, and marched with his company drawing artillery with oxen from North Hampton to Saratoga intercepting Gen. Burgoyne and was present at Burgoyne's surrender.

Home (site): 148 Lafayette Road currently known as Drake Farm Books and Abigail's Gift Shop (home site first built in 1705)



Alvan Tufts Fuller

DOB: 2/27/1878, Charlestown, MA
DOD: 4/30/1958, Boston, MA
At Rest: Little River Cemetery, North Hampton, NH

MA House of Representative 1914-16
US Representative, MA 1916-20

Lt. Governor, Massachusetts 1921-24
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1925-29

When in his teens, he opened a bicycle shop in Charlestown and was a champion bike racer. In 1899, at 21, he sold his racing prizes to fund a trip to Europe, buying two cars. They were the first automobiles to be imported through the Port of Boston, which started his successful dealership in Boston.

As a politician, he perhaps is remembered as the sitting governor who refused to pardon Nicola Sacco and Batholomeo Vanzetti, convicted of murderers. He was a protégé of Theodore Roosevelt and was strongly considered for the Vice Presidency at the 1932 Republican Convention. He never cashed a paycheck as a public servant (over \$80,000). He had an art collection incl. Renoir, Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Monet, etc., donated to the Nat'l Gallery of Art in Washington and The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Home: Willow Ave to Ocean Blvd, (site only) and Fuller Gardens, 10 Willow Ave, North Hampton, NH



John William Fogg Hobbs

DOB: January 3, 1815 No. Hampton
DOD: 1890

JWFH was the son of Jonathan Hobbs, Jr., a tanner/farmer/shoemaker, and was the 6th-generation descendant of the original settler, Morris Hobbs. John had a twin brother and 7 other siblings. Becoming a successful Boston business man, he invested in real estate and founded the horse-drawn trolley business (omnibus) for \$1,600, which he sold to the City of Boston for over \$100,000 in the 1850's.

His generosity to North Hampton was considerable, donating funds to build Centennial Hall, completely remodeling the interior of the Congregational Church, a substantial contributor for perpetual care of the cemeteries and for the purchase of a town hearse.

John W. F. Hobbs suffered the death of his 1st and 2nd wives and all of his 6 children, leaving no direct heirs. The home, known as Hobbs' Farm, became the property of John's great nephew and still remains in the Hobbs family estate.

Home: 2 Elm Road, North Hampton built 1862 for \$11,000 (before plumbing was later added.)



Please contact the North Hampton Heritage Commission (Town Office) if you have historical information about your home.

If you wish to donate historical artifacts, please contact the North Hampton Historical Society, Priscilla Leavitt - Curator.





Malvina Hoffman
 DOB: 6/15/1887, New York, NY
 DOD: 7/10/1966, New York, NY

Malvina Hoffman was the daughter of Richard Hoffman, a well-known concert pianist who was the organist and choir master for 27 years at St. Andrew's By-the-Sea at Rye Beach.

She was destined to become a famous sculptress. Auguste Rodin recognized her talent immediately, as did Claude Monet. In 1930, Stanley Field, nephew of Marshall Field, commissioned Malvina to sculpt and cast bronze figures depicting the peoples of the world. This was to be her greatest project and achievement—the creation of "The Hall of Man" for the Field museum of Chicago. "The Races of Mankind" is the largest singly commissioned body of her work and consists of 104 busts, heads and life-sized figures.

She summered at the Bachelder's Hotel (below—site only) until it was razed in 1928. The following summers, Miss Hoffman rented a home at Little Boars Head.

She was known locally as author of the "Story of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea" in 1945.



Ogden Nash

DOB: August 19, 1902, Rye, NY
 DOD: May 19, 1971, Baltimore, MD
 At Rest: Little River Cemetery, North Hampton, NH beside both his wife and butler

Ogden Nash was a widely known humorist, satirist, and poet. His limericks demonstrated his playfulness with the English language. His first book of poetry, Hard Times, was a best seller in 1931. The New Yorker magazine published many of his poems. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1965.

Many local residents remember humorous limericks. At the beach, he would order his hamburger and relish in rhyme.

In 2002, the US Postal Service issued a portrait stamp in his honor. It was celebrated by a lecture, held by the Historical Society, where the North Hampton Post Master presented a cake with the image of the stamp on it.

Ogden Nash's family began spending summers at Little Boars Head in 1934. He bought his home in North Hampton in 1962. Home: 9 Atlantic Ave



Herbert Arthur Philbrick
 DOB: 5/11/1915
 DOD: 8/16/1993, North Hampton, NH

I LED THREE LIVES (TV fame)

Herbert Philbrick was a double-agent for the FBI and one of the leading anti-communist spokesmen from the 1950's.

In 1952 he published his autobiography, I Led 3 Lives: Citizen, "Communist," Counterspy. He was technical advisor for the popular television series based on this book, which aired 1953 to 1956.

Between 1977 and 1979, Philbrick was Store Manager for Fletcher's Paint Works in Hampton, N. H. A local resident recalled that Philbrick owned the Rye General Store at Jenness Beach, easily identified by its awning bearing the title of his television drama, "I Led Three Lives." From 1982 to about 1989, he was court reporter and free-lance writer for Rockingham County, N. H. newspapers.

Home: 12 Chapel Road
 North Hampton, NH
 Built in the early 1900's



President Franklin Pierce

DOB: November 23, 1804 Hillsborough, NH
 DOD: October 8, 1869 Concord, NH
 At rest: Minat enclosure in Old North Cemetery, Concord, NH

NH House of Representatives 1829-1833
 United States Senator 1837-1842
 Hero in Mexican War 1846-1848
 President of the United States 1853-1857

Brigadier General Franklin Pierce became 14th President of the United States just after losing his only surviving child in a railroad accident.

His close friend/biographer, Nathaniel Hawthorne (world famous poet) said that Pierce had a talent for managing "brighter men" for better purposes.

In 1865, Pierce bought the Brown farm on the northern half of Little Boar's Head for \$6200 to develop as a resort. The next year, he built a 2-story cottage from which he could see the Isles of Shoals, Cape Ann and Eastern Point. The present Union Chapel is built on a lot formerly part of this property. He spent the remaining summers of his life in North Hampton until a few weeks before he died. In the spring before his death, he sold most of his property, except for the house lot and 2 other parcels. The Pierce house was bought by ex-governor George Spaulding.

Col. Ashworth bought the home for \$600. Half of the house was moved to 422 High St. in Hampton, NH.



Gov. Huntley Nowel Spaulding

DOB: 10/29/1869,
 Townsend Harbor, Townsend, Mass.
 DOD: 11/14/1955

Governor of NH (1927-1929)

During World War, Spaulding chaired the New Hampshire Food Production Committee and was appointed (1917) New Hampshire Federal Food Administrator. Later Spaulding chaired the European Relief Council; he urged the United States' entry into the League of Nations.

As Governor, the disastrous flood of 1927 gave Spaulding an opportunity to float a \$3 million bond issue to meet the emergency.

Spaulding was known for his philanthropy in the fields of health and education. In 1944 the University of New Hampshire awarded Spaulding the Charles Holmes Pettee Memorial medal for distinguished service to his state and nation.

Home: 58 Ocean Boulevard
 North Hampton, NH
 1930 "Balmoral," a replica of his home in Rochester, NH



Secretary John L. Sullivan

DOB: June 16, 1899 Manchester, NH
 DOD: August 8, 1982 Exeter, NH
 At Rest: Arlington Cemetery, Wash DC

New Hampshire Attorney, 1923
 Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, 1940-44
 Asst. Sec. of the Navy for Air, 1945-46
 Under Secretary of the Navy, 1946-47
 Secretary of the Navy, 1947-49

Sullivan was, at one time, mayor of Hanover, NH and was twice Democratic candidate for Governor of NH. After serving in several executive departments of the US government during WWII under President Roosevelt, Mr. Sullivan was appointed Secretary of Navy by Harry S. Truman. He was awarded the Medal of Merit, Silver Medal and the Treasury Dept.'s Distinguished Service Award.

Secretary of Navy John L. Sullivan and his wife, Priscilla Manning Sullivan, resided in their summer home in Little Boar's Head for many years. The home remains in the family. Home: 48 Ocean Blvd., No. Hampton, built 1898



Reverend Matthew M. Warren
 DOB: September 27, 1907, Eckley, W. VA.
 DOD: April 1986
 At rest: St. Paul's Cemetery, Concord, NH

Rev. Matthew Madison Warren was summer rector for St. Andrew's By-The-Sea in Rye Beach (1938-1954). He was rector of St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. (1954-1970). He brought about many changes at St. Paul's,

an Episcopal school that is one of the oldest Protestant church schools in the country. He increased the number of teachers and students and was responsible for racial integration there. He began planning for coeducation; the first 70 girls were enrolled in 1971.

In 1932 he received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained a minister in the Episcopal Church. He was chairman of the National Council of Independent Schools (1959-1961) and was author of The Slow of Heart, published by Harper in 1959.

He and his wife, Rebecca Guiher Warren, were summer visitors to Little Boar's Head. In 1970 they bought the "Chinese Umbrella" from Helen Regan. One of his sons, Alexander Zab Warren and wife Sarah, reside there.

Home: 33 Atlantic Av.
 North Hampton, NH
 "Chinese Umbrella", built in 1915, moved to site in 1940



Notice: Drake Farm **3** and Fuller Gardens **4** are the only public access locations listed in this brochure. Please respect the privacy of homeowners.

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