

## WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Murdock

On May 24, 2014 in San Diego, CA Betsy Kriner of Stillwater, OK and Scott Murdock of Mont Vernon, stationed in San Diego, CA, were married in a double ring ceremony performed by Bill Ford, a close friend of the couple, at the San Diego Rowing Club overlooking Mission Bay.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Mary Kriner of Stillwater, OK, and the bridegroom is the son of Dana and Thea Murdock of Mont Vernon.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Kevin Kriner. The maid of honor was Stef Bolas (friend of the bride). The bridesmaids were Kelsey Murdock (sister of the groom), Carolyn Dickinson (friend of the bride) and Kathleen Scott (friend of the bride.)

The best man was Jose Negrete (friend of the groom). The groomsmen were Brian Kriner (brother of the bride), Blake Rochell (friend of the groom), and Jo Cappeto (friend of the groom.)

A reception was held at the San Diego Rowing Club.

After a honeymoon in Italy and Switzerland the couple have returned to their home in Carson City, NV.

The bride graduated from Randolph High School, San Antonio, TX, Class of 2007, Oklahoma State University, Class of 2011 and Oklahoma State College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2014. She is employed as a Dr. of Veterinary Medicine at Quail Ridge Animal Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Bishop Guertin High School, Class of 2006 and Oklahoma State University Class of 2010. After 4 years of service in the United States Marine Corp he is now employed by Gyford Standoff Systems on the advertising and marketing team.

## ENGAGEMENT



Soucy – Hastings

Lucien & Sharon Soucy of Mont Vernon, NH are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Lee Soucy to Michael Fox Hastings son of Paul & Deborah Medici of Amherst, NH & Michael & Pam Hastings of Plymouth, MA.

Amanda graduated from Souhegan High School & is a graduate of University of NH receiving her degree in business management & has gone on to receive her LNA currently working at a rehab facility assisting those with head injuries. Michael is also a graduate from Souhegan High School & is currently on active duty with the ARMY as UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief for the 10th Mountain Division stationed in Fort Drum, NY. Michael has recently returned home from a 9-month deployment in Afghanistan.

Amanda & Michael live in Evans Mills, NY and are planning a September 2014 wedding at Monadnock Berry Farm Troy, NH.

## Amherst Recreation Summer-Fall Programs

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T/Th evenings at Amherst Middle School 7:00-8:00

**Zumba Gold®**

This popular low-impact exercise with Camy Opre will get you moving! For those who love to dance with easy to follow steps and great instruction. Multiple registration options.

**Who: Adults**

**When: Mondays and/or Thursdays 3:45-4:30 and 5:00-5:45**

**Where: Clark School Multipurpose Room**

### Family Programming

**Summer Concert Series**

Summer is not even close to over-we have four great evenings planned

for the whole family!

**July 29, 6:30-8:00** Don't miss our very own Mr. Robert Allwarden, Amherst music teacher, on the Village Green this Tuesday July 29th! He will be accompanied by Mr. Chris Brunelle, AMS Band Director and 4th grade teacher Mr. David Wright. This will be a great night for kids to see friends they have been missing since school ended!

**August 5, 6:30-8:00** The Amoskeag Strummers won't just play instruments on the Green this year. They tell stories, share history and will keep you entertained while you tap your toes and sing along.

**August 12, 7:00-8:30** The Amherst Town Band will again appear on the Village Green. Bring a picnic

and a blanket and enjoy a quintessential summer night.

**August 19 6:00-8:00** The WZID Block Party has become a summer tradition. This event will return to the front lawn of Wilkins Elementary with food, entertainment and a little bit of something for everyone.

**Moon Hike – Sturgeon Moon**

Let us help you around the night sky. Join us for stories and a walk in the woods along easy paths that accommodate people of all ages. Bring a flashlight to help you navigate uneven terrain. Lemonade is served by candlelight to end the program.

**Who: Individuals and Families**

**When: Saturday 8/9 8:00-9:30pm**

**Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center, 66 Brook Road**

**Wet and Wild Fun Runs**

The Amherst Recreation Track and Field team will host two dates for their Youth Fitness Challenges. Bring the whole family down for a great experience at beautiful Freestyle Farm! Please see our website for more details.

**Who: Any aged 6 and up**

**When: Sunday September 14 and Sunday September 28**

Registration begins at 9:30, the 2.5 miles at 11:00 and the 4.0 mile course 12:00

**Where: Freestyle Farm LLC, 188 Mack Hill Road**

More programs are coming soon, so check our website often and make time for Recreation

## A 19th Century Shopping Mall – in Amherst Village

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\$650. Jonathan added an apothecary department by partnering for the year June 1813-March 1814 as Holmes, Wallace & Kidder with druggists Isaac Wallace & Moses Kidder, who had bought out the medicines and other stock of the late firm of [Dr. Matthias] Spalding & [David McG.] Means, whose store had been located a block east. Among the products were a cold cream for ladies' complexions and sore nipples at 75 cents per box and a cosmetic lotion at 50 cents per bottle. The next year, Holmes was again sole proprietor. Although Kidder bowed out, Holmes continued to offer "a good assortment of Medicine which will be generally attended to by Doctor Isaac Wallace, and put up under his inspection." (Dr. Wallace joined the practice of Dr. M. Spalding, at 19 Main Street, for the next couple years.) As for payment, in July 1814 Holmes had to get tougher: "No credit will be given for goods to exceed 90 days, except particular agreements." From Nov. 1815 to Nov. 1816, David & Jonathan Holmes formed a co-partnership in the store, offering a "general assortment of English and West India goods." After that year, David bought out Jonathan's share of the inventory (assessed for taxes at \$1000 for 1816/17) and then sold it in Oct. 1817 to John Cavender, a relative of Jonathan's wife, who lasted only a couple months. So David again occupied the large store but only until Jan. or Feb. 1818. Jonathan had married in 1814 and thereafter occupied the house at 3 Carriage Road, on which he paid taxes although it was owned by his out-of-town father-in-law. He removed from Amherst in 1821, going to Franklin to be a merchant there; he was in Lyons, N.Y. when he died.

**1810 Nov.: Card Factory**

Edmund Snow (1761-1843), longtime maker of hand cards for carding cotton and wool, came from Peterborough and advertised in Nov. 1810 that he "wanted 20,000 tanned Sheep Skins [and] 20,000 split and rough shaved or finished Card Boards" and wanted "to hire four active industrious young men" to work in the card manufactory "in the new Brick Building on Amherst Plain." For that first year (until Oct. 1811), he partnered with Jonathan Holmes and David Holmes. In July 1813, both the "Genuine Medicine Store" of Holmes, Wallace & Kidder and Reed & Shepard's store (successor to Read & Son) offered "E. Snow's make" of cotton and wool cards, so Edmund must have continued but it's unknown how long he remained in the brick block before moving their card-making operation to a building adjoining the tavern then at 101 Boston Post Road.

In May 1812, David Holmes "wanted to hire, 6 or 8 industrious young men, to work in a card and wire manufactory." No site was specified; possibly this was in Am-

herst's 3-story brick building, but as he was at this time clerk of the New-Boston Wire and Iron Manufactory, he may have been advertising on their behalf. A likely alternative timing is that, instead of Holmes, Woolson first jumped into the breach, taking the card factory space upstairs in the brick block to go into direct competition with Edmund's son, Alonzo Snow & Co., making cards for carding machines. See below.

In Nov. 1815 (by which time Woolson had left Amherst and Alonzo Snow carried stock at \$200), the new firm of D. & J. Holmes also had a "card factory" in which they "manufacture and sell Machine Cards for cotton and wool, also hand cards." In March 1816, they "wanted to purchase 20,000 Card Boards (rough)." By June, they also carried "warranted comb plates for carding machines." For 1815/16, the brothers were each taxed on stock of \$400, which would cover both the store and the factory. After the dissolution of their partnership, David continued to manufacture machine cards. Is it mere coincidence that his brother, the former partner, left town in 1821, and in Jan. 1822 David joined up with a new partner (who happened to also be a relative, of his wife's, originally from Peterborough)? The new firm of Holmes & White used 8 Main Street as their card factory. When that partnership dissolved or evolved, David Holmes again ran a card factory out of an upper floor of the 3-story brick building, where he sustained some damage in the fire of 1830.

**1813 Nov. : Stove Factory**

Thomas Woolson Jr. (1777-1837), in Nov. 1813, had on hand and was "constantly manufacturing a variety of Sheet Iron Stoves, and Stove Funnel," "in the third story, directly over J. Holmes's store," employing a workman well acquainted with working sheet iron and tin plate. Old tin would be repaired at a reasonable price. "His usual shop business" was also "carried on" there. Two months prior, Woolson had first advertised his entry into machine-card-making for wool & cotton carding, no location specified. Did he continue clockmaking, too? Early in 1812 he had rented the shop at 3 Carriage Road (now gone) for half a year, then moved his watchmaking business to a shop on the turnpike (north end of Middle Street or Boston Post Road block north of the Common). In Jan. 1814, "Thomas Woolson Jr. & Co." announced a shoemaking business with a hired shoemaker. In Dec. 1814, E. & T. Woolson, presumably Thomas Jr. and his eldest brother Ezra (b. 1761), advertized their iron casting furnace "lately erected" in Amherst; they didn't say where, but it was probably two miles west of the Village where Ezra & son would later run a foundry from 1828-1843. Thos. Woolson Jr. moved to Clare-

mont ca. 1815.

**1813 Aug. -1814 Jan. & 1818-1819: Tailor**

Caleb Woodward (1792-1877) came to Amherst from Concord, N.H., in May 1812, taking a room in a Village tavern to carry out his occupation of tailor, and then bounced around the Village for the next six years. In Aug. 1812, he moved to the "Prior house" (still standing at 11 Courthouse Road) with his wife Joanna Danforth (1793-1851, born in Merrimack), whom he had wed in Oct. 1811. In Aug. 1813, Caleb moved his shop from that house to the brick block to carry on tailoring of gentlemen's traveling coats, dress coats, officers' uniforms, and liveries for gentlemen's domestics. (I wonder what the demand for such liveries was in this area?) But after less than a year, in Jan. 1814, he moved to the shop formerly occupied by Samuel Foster, watchmaker, one door east of the Cabinet office (both then on 3 Carriage Road lot). In July 1814, he partnered in tailoring with Hugh Moore, who also cleaned & repaired watches. In Aug. 1816, Woodward had returned to Amherst and resumed tailoring in "the building occupied as a card factory adjoining the tavern of Mr. E. Snow"; in Oct. 1816, he moved to former law office of C. H. Ather-ton (still standing at 9 Courthouse Road, occupied earlier, in 1810, by Moore as a tailor shop); in Oct. 1817, he was back next to the tavern at 101 BPR. In March 1818, he once again moved his tailor shop into the brick block. By 1819, the Woodwards removed to Haverhill with the first of their four children, a daughter born in Amherst in 1814. Upon arrival there, Caleb emphasized that he was "of Boston," which was indeed his place of birth, and remained in Haverhill as a merchant tailor until his death, excepting a couple short forays into Boston. He was one of the early abolitionists, "denounced as ignorant fanatics" by others as John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet and himself an abolitionist, wrote in a letter penned Dec. 1835 from Haverhill.

In June 1818, Thomas Benden (1791-1848), a tailor born in England, set up shop "in the room directly over the store lately kept by Mr. David Holmes." It's likely that he replaced Woodward. In Oct. 1820, he "wanted two capable steady girls" as tailoring apprentices. How long he stayed in the brick block is unclear but certainly not after Jan. 1821, when he married milliner Sarah Low and thus gained her house-cum-corner store.

**1816 May-1817 May: The Cheap Cash Store**

Timothy Danforth (1778-1873) took "the store in the three story brick building, formerly occupied by Mr. David Holmes," intending to "receive and sell on commission any kind of goods or other property, ei-

ther at private sale or at auction." In May 1816, he had "on hand at private sale" a general assortment. As he was an auctioneer, he used the space for auctions. Five months later, in Oct. 1816, Tim sold his stock to Ephraim Bowers & Ephraim Goss Jr., who then offered a general assortment of English and West-India Goods, Crockery, Glass & Hard Ware, Hats, Shoes, Cotton & Wool Cards, Clothiers and Hatters Jacks, Powder and Shot. Bowers & Goss dissolved their partnership after a single month and Bowers continued alone, selling his goods for cash or country produce. In Feb. 1817, Bowers put all the stock in the store as well as scales, weights, and measures up for auction, and hoped that the store would be let to the highest bidder until 10th of May next.

**1817-1819: Boot & Shoe Store**

In March 1817, David Holmes opened a new store in which he "keeps constantly for sale, by the dozen or single pair, various boots and shoes manufactured by Joseph Warner [a local shoemaker], from the best materials." (Possibly this was in Bowers' former space, presumably the smaller ground-floor room on the west end.) In March 1818, Hartwell Richardson took over that space for boot and shoe making. A year later, Benjamin F. Hill & Winslow Hill commenced a Boot & Shoe Making Business there. Winslow appears on Amherst taxpayer rolls only in 1819, assessed only the poll tax, whereas Benjamin (c.1795-1860) lived in Amherst until 1825, never owning stock nor real estate, but later moved to Mont Vernon, hometown of his wife to whom he was married in 1822.

**1818 May-1821 Sep.: Millinery & Fancy Goods Shop**

Mrs. Nancy (Shepard) Curtis was proprietor of her own millinery (bonnet-making) business in Amherst Village for 6 years from 1816 through 1822, and was in the brick block for more than three years. She and her competitor Sarah Low were the first women in town to be taxed on "stock in trade," both for merchandise valued at \$200 in 1819, which was the same amount of David Holmes, machine-card-maker, in 1820, whereas saddler Dickey carried \$100 worth. Nancy was widowed June 1820 with two children; remarried Feb. 1823 and moved out of town; d. 1827, aged c. 31.

**Sources**

The quotations are from advertisements in the Amherst, N.H. newspaper, the *Farmer's Cabinet*, which usually indicate when a business started. Proprietors much less frequently announced their departures, and no other source has been found to document exactly how long each tenant stayed.

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