



Gilford Village Historic Buildings Have Open House

2009

The three historic buildings in Gilford Village will be open to the public on August 15th and August 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no charge for touring these buildings. Although donations are always happily accepted, and help defray the costs of maintaining the buildings.



The **G**range was organized on March 1, 1875 and remained in active use for that purpose until 1990 when it was sold to the Thompson-Ames Historical Society. It now contains the John J. Morrill Dry Goods Store, circa 1857 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The **M**eetinghouse was constructed in 1834 jointly, by the Universalists and Christian Baptists as the Union Meetinghouse. It served as a place of worship until 1943 when it became the property of the Society and now serves as a museum containing various displays depicting numerous aspects of Gilford life in the 1800s.

The **R**owe House was built by Benjamin Rowe in 1883 from bricks he made himself. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. There is a parlor, dining room, kitchen/pantry and bedroom all furnished with items from that period.



So, if you are visiting this area on vacation, a resident or just passing through why not stop in and see what we have to offer. All are located on Belknap Mountain Road and are quite easy to find. If traveling in from Route 3A making the turn onto Belknap Mountain Road the buildings are located on the left, with the Grange being first, the Meeting House second, and the Rowe House last. If coming from the opposite direction, they will of course be on your right and start with the Rowe House.

Each building will have a docent on hand to guide your tour.