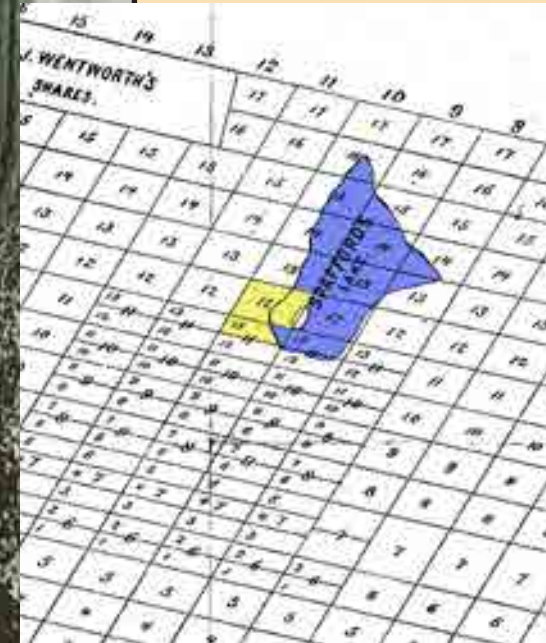
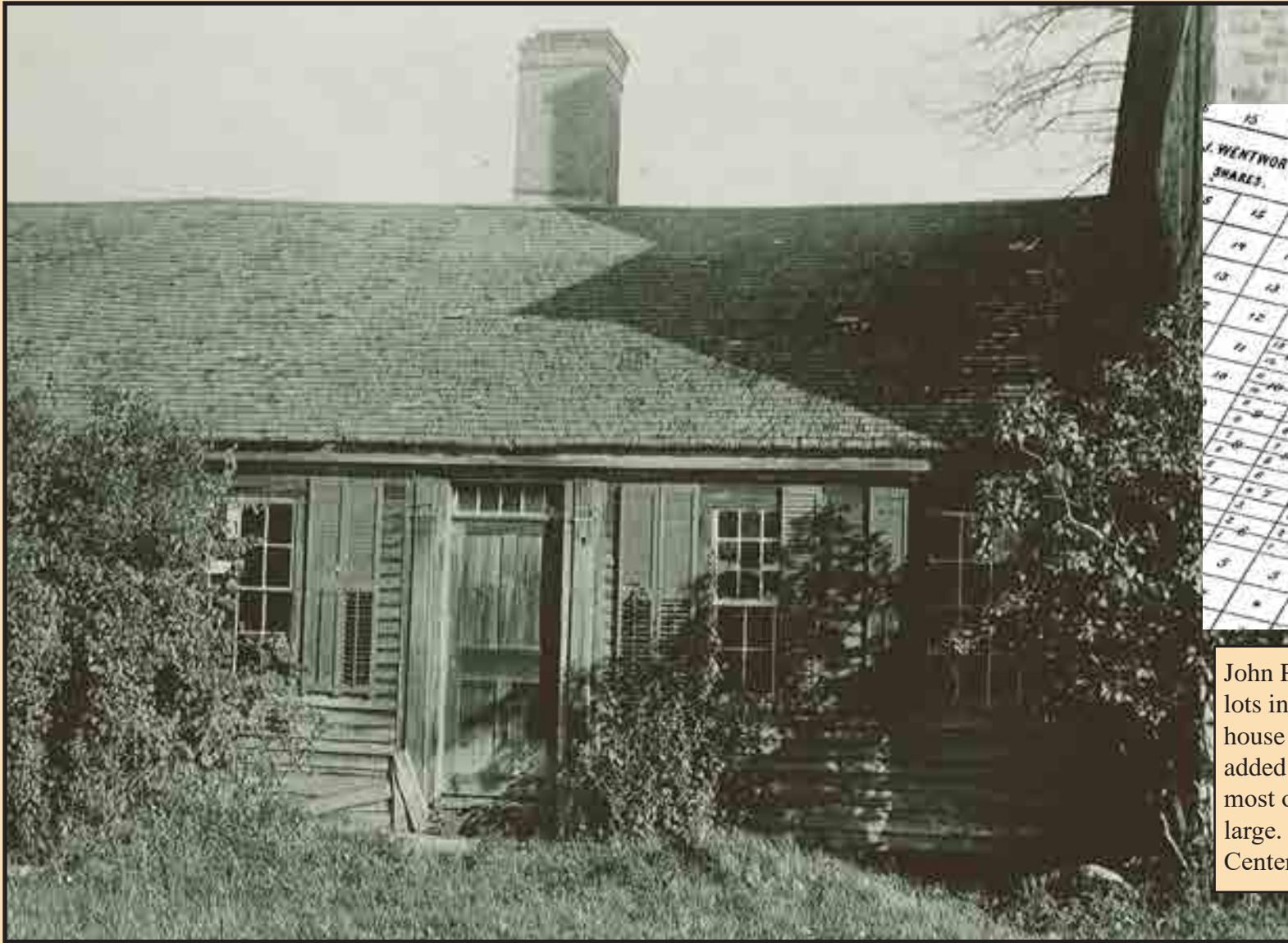


# Chesterfield Historical Society 2023 Calendar



This year's calendar is dedicated to the Stone House Tavern



John Pierce acquired two of these old lots in 1781 and 1782. He built his house on Lot 13, where later his son added on the Stone House. Note that most of the lots in Chesterfield are large. The smaller lots at Chesterfield Center were called “House Lotts”

## THE OLD PIERCE CAPE CA. 1900

Here is the wooden cape attached to the Stone House as it was in the late 19th century. John Pierce had built an older house in 1790 on this site and parts of that structure may still be in use. This house is likely the second house, and was built (or started by) John. Since the photo the cape has been heavily remodeled and it takes some imagination to “see” it today. The edge of the Stone House is visible on the right. In 1781 John Pierce bought a *“house lott...being Lott 13 in the 10th Range...”* for 160 pounds from Stephen Upton. A year later he bought the western part of a 100 acre lot which seems to include the island in Lake Spofford, known today as Pierce’s Island. That deed, for 15 pounds, says *“...Fifty acres and is in Lott No. Twelve in the Tenth Range ...Laid out for 100 acres but part of Said Lott Lays in ye Pond...”* John Pierce 1743-1812, and his wife Tabitha 1757-1831, made this their home with their 5 children.

**December '22**

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**February '23**

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# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				



## THE STONE HOUSE AND THE CAPE CA. 1880

This photo shows the old Pierce family cape in the background with the impressive stone addition built by Ezekiel Pierce in 1831. The women in this photo are probably two of the three Pierce sisters, Theresa, Julia and Augusta, who lived in the house together in the late 1800s. Ezekiel (inset) their father, called this place the Lake House and ran it as a “Temperance Tavern” (alcohol-free). Ezekiel was a prominent businessman in town, having owned a store and at least one factory.

January '23						
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29	30	31				

# February 2023

March '23						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				



## THE STONE HOUSE FROM PINNACLE SPRINGS

The Stone House is seen here from Pinnacle Springs Road, on land earlier called Pierce Hill. The hill was part of the original Pierce holdings. Ezekiel Pierce is said to have quarried the stones for the building from this hillside. We might surmise the other stone buildings in town built beginning in the 1840s had their inspiration from the Stone House, although the stones for those were quarried east of center village.

February '23

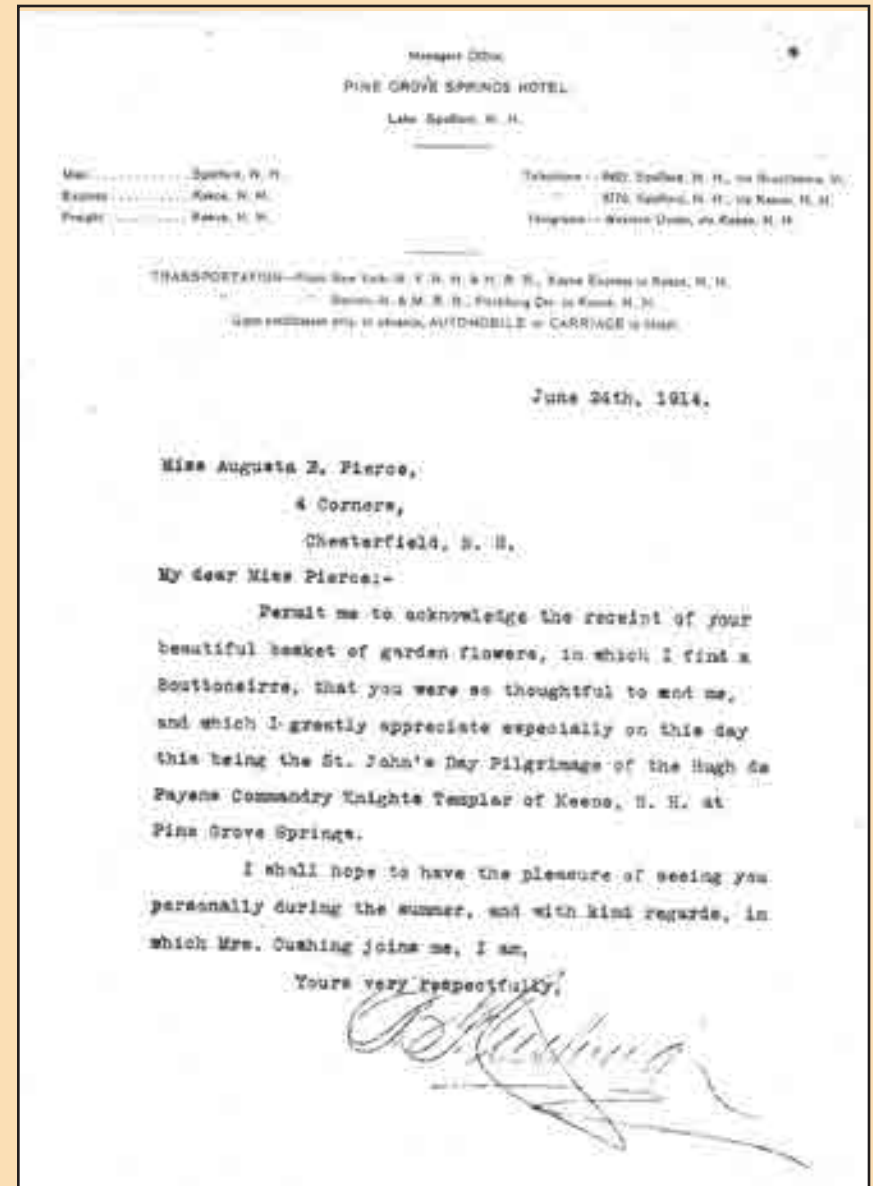
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 First day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	Notes				



## “GUSTY” PIERCE IN THE DOORWAY CA. 1910

Augusta Pierce, 9th child of Ezekiel and Susana Pierce, was the last of the Pierces to live in the house. “Gusty”, born in 1830, graduated from Mt. Holyoke College and was a teacher in the tri-state area including much of the time in Chesterfield. She was remembered in her later years as an eccentric, lonely woman who was not afraid to offer her opinions at town meetings and on other occasions. She died in 1917 at the age of 87. The house was then sold to a neighbor, Frank Huntress. Old letters tell us that this area was called “4 Corners” at the time.



March '23

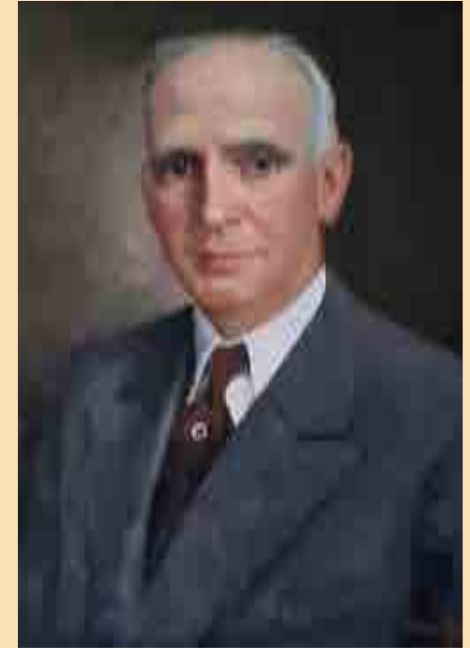
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May '23

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28	29	30	31			

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Passover	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	Notes				



## THE LIVING ROOM & MORRIS FRIEDSAM

The interior photos of the Stone House Tavern are of the time when Morris Friedsam owned the house from 1923-1954. At this time it was run as an Inn. We owe much to Morris Friedsam for his purchase of the property in 1923 and his efforts to save the Stone House, which had fallen into disrepair. He was a New York businessman who had a successful ribbon manufacturing company. He and his wife Sallie fell in love with the town and Spofford Lake, where they had a large house on the south shore. Among today's remembrances of Morris and Sallie are Friedsam Cemetery, Friedsam Drive, Friedsam Town Forest and the Friedsam Building (the old library), built in 1938 with generous donations from the Friedsams. It now houses the CHS.

April '23

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June '23

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# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	Notes				



Constantine Broutsas  
Owner 1995-2018

## THE STONE HOUSE AS AN INN CA. 1960

The beautiful Stone House had a number of owners in its 192 years and has housed a tavern, inn, restaurants, and old book and antique shops. This photo is from a circa 1960 postcard during the time Gordon Chamberlin owned the place. He took in guests and sold antiques and books. He was succeeded by Phoebe Sharp and Harold Goder (1990-1995) and then by Constantine “Deeko” Broutsas, who was the last owner before the Chesterfield Historical Society. Much is owed to “Deeko” (owner 1995-2018) who was very concerned about the future of the house. He was most eager to have the Chesterfield Historical Society own this building to ensure its preservation.

May '23

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July '23

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# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	Notes				



## THE DINING ROOM 1930s

This inviting area is one end of the dining room with its original old fireplace with 19th century features. This photo was taken during the “Friedsam era” of the Stone House (Morris Friedsam 1923-1954). The menu offers a tasty Sunday dinner for \$1.25. The kitchen was out in the attached cape.

**June '23**

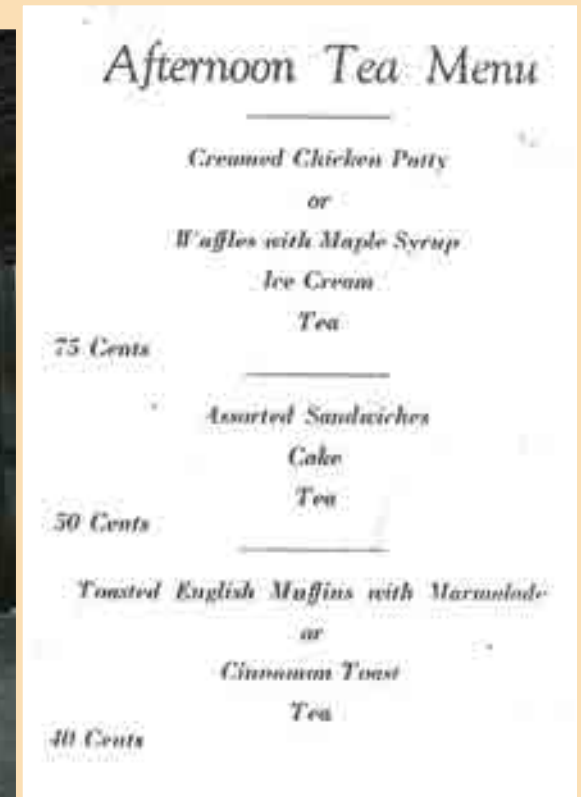
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# July 2023

**August '23**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes				



## THE PORCH OVERLOOKING THE LAKE 1930s

The porch dining area was a popular spot for an afternoon tea and other meals. The land was more open at the time and may have had views of the lake. Noted sculptor Larkin G. Mead and his wife spent 10 days at Ware's Lakeside Cottages (now Camp Spofford) in 1932. When they ate at the Stone House, he wrote in the ledger that he was born in Chesterfield.



# August 2023

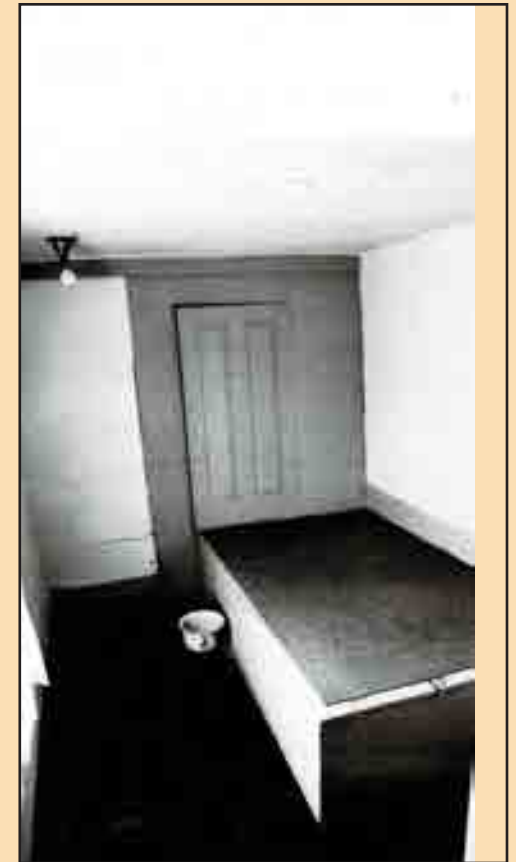
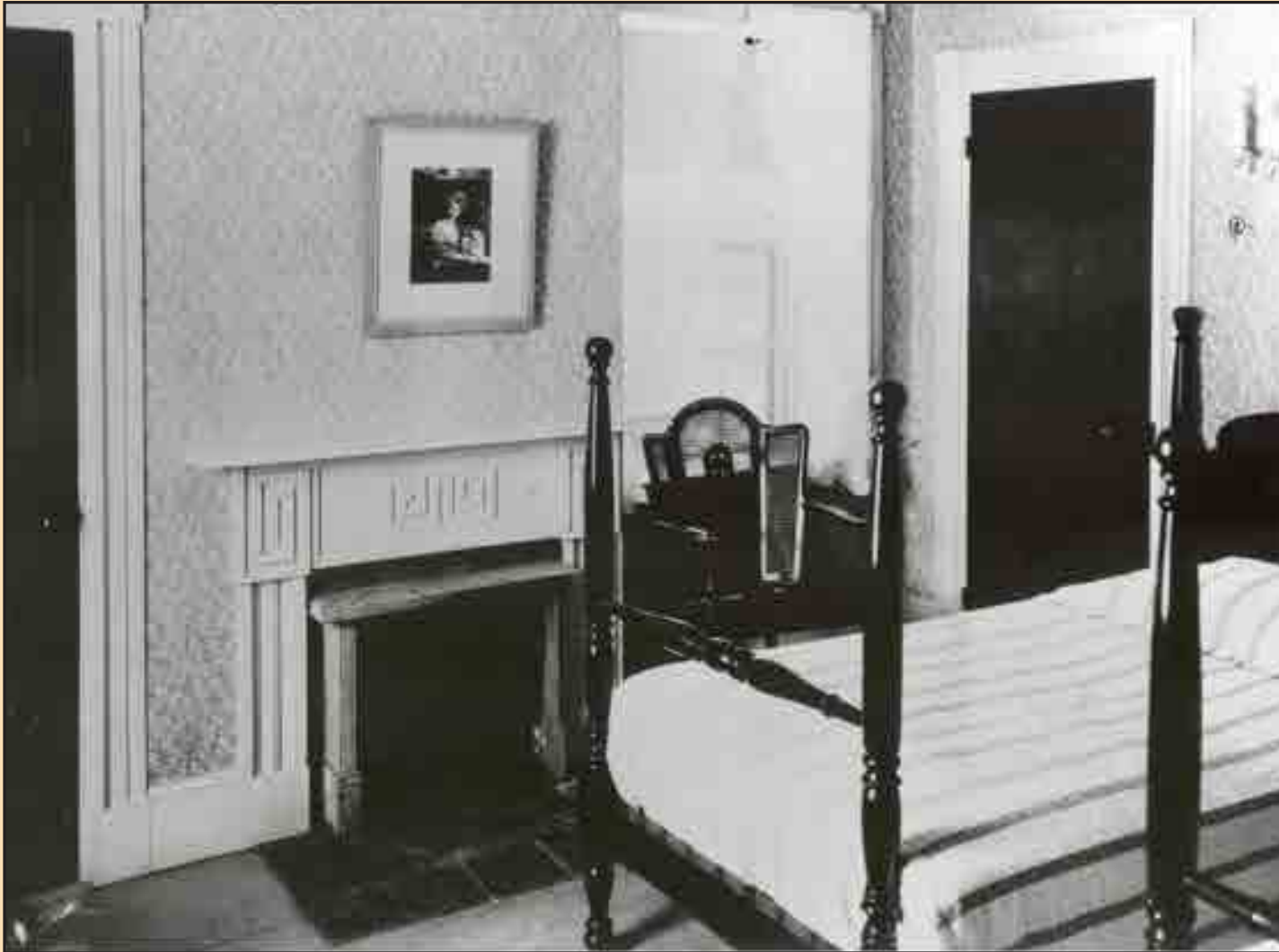
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September '23

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	Labor Day	Notes			



Attic Cubicle

## THE PRESIDENT'S BEDROOM 1930s

One of the two bedrooms on the second floor was once called "The President's Bedroom" for a Pierce cousin, Franklin Pierce. To our knowledge he never slept here as president, but he is believed to have visited here over the years. Interestingly, Barbara Pierce Bush also was distantly related to our Pierce family. The 3rd floor had a number of small cubicles for stagecoach drivers and others.

August '23

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October '23

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29	30	31				

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Rosh Hashanah
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Fall
24	25 Yom Kippur	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	Notes				



## THE “4 CORNERS” IN THE 1930s

Here is the Stone House and the “4 Corners” intersection in the 1930s. The tavern host in white is meeting a summer visitor alighting from her car. The sign on the left says “AAA Official Hotel”, indicating that the inn was recommended by the American Automobile Association. Note also the road sign pedestal in the middle of the two roads. Can you image a road sign in the middle of Route 9 today?

September '23

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26	27	28	29	30			

November '23

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30			

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	Notes				



## REPAIRS AND RESTORATION 2018-2020

Among the many restoration projects were much-needed chimney repairs and resetting the granite steps at both doors. An enormous amount of work and expense has been involved in the preservation and restoration of the Stone House. A number of grants have been received; substantial gifts have been made of money and of furnishings; and an unbelievable amount of work was donated by volunteers. It is so rewarding to see the splendor of this building restored and to be able to open it as a museum to the public.

**October '23**

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29	30	31					

**December '23**

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4	
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
3	4	Notes					



## THE STONE HOUSE TODAY

This recent photo (winter 2021-2) was taken after most of the restoration work was completed. Careful consideration has been given to its furnishings. The Historical Society is grateful for many donations including period furnishings. Items from CHS collection, especially lake connected photographs and items, will be located there.



November '23

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26	27	28	29	30		

January '24

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Hanukkah begins	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Winter	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1	Notes				

# TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Phone Numbers and Other Town Facts

Town Offices: 603-363-4624

Town Website: [www.nhchesterfield.com](http://www.nhchesterfield.com)

Chesterfield School: 603-363-8301

Chesterfield Library: 603-363-4621

Website: [www.chesterfieldlibrary.org](http://www.chesterfieldlibrary.org)

FIRE DEPT.: Call 911 to report a fire.

Fire Warden: Steve Buckley For fire permit- 603-363-4681

POLICE DEPT.: Call 911 Non-Emergency- Local office: 603-363-4233

Town Recycling Center: 603-256-3016

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 7:30-4:30p.m.

Ware's Grove Beach: 603-363-8383 Season: Memorial Day to Labor Day

North Shore Beach: Season: Memorial Day to Labor Day

The 1858 map shows "Lake House E.P. Pierce" and "Pierce's Island". Spofford Lake would not have lake cottages for another 20 years or so, but visitors could stay at the Lake House. Note that the Pierce family owned the property for almost 140 years (1781-1917).

## STONE HOUSE LAND OWNERS

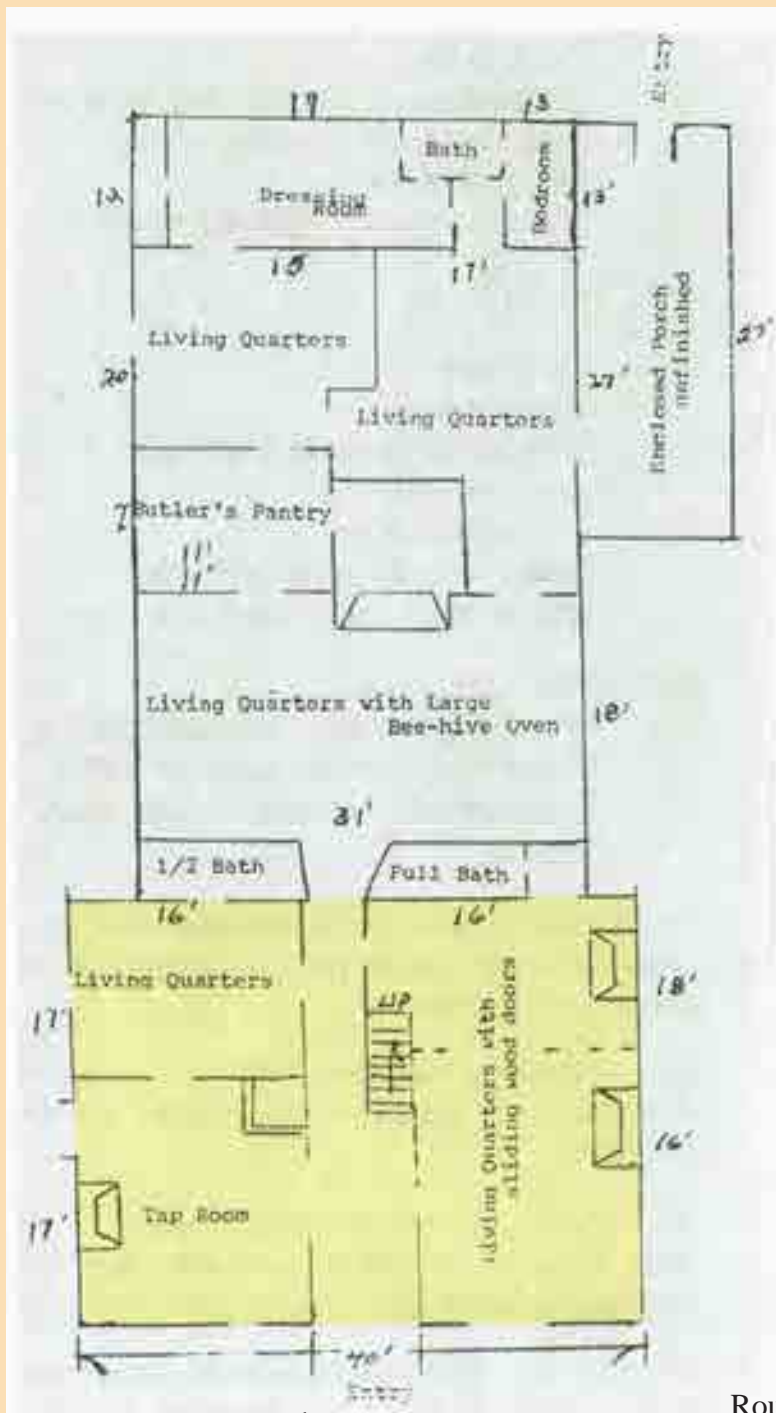
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Ezekial Pierce	1812-1867
Augusta Pierce	1867-1912
William Pierce	1912-1917
Frank Huntress	1917-1923
Morris Friedsam	1923-1952
Gordon Chamberlin	1952-1990
Phoebe Sharp & Harold Goder	1990-1995
Constantine Broutsas	1995-2017
Chesterfield Historical Society	2018

(names denotes owner and estate/heirs)

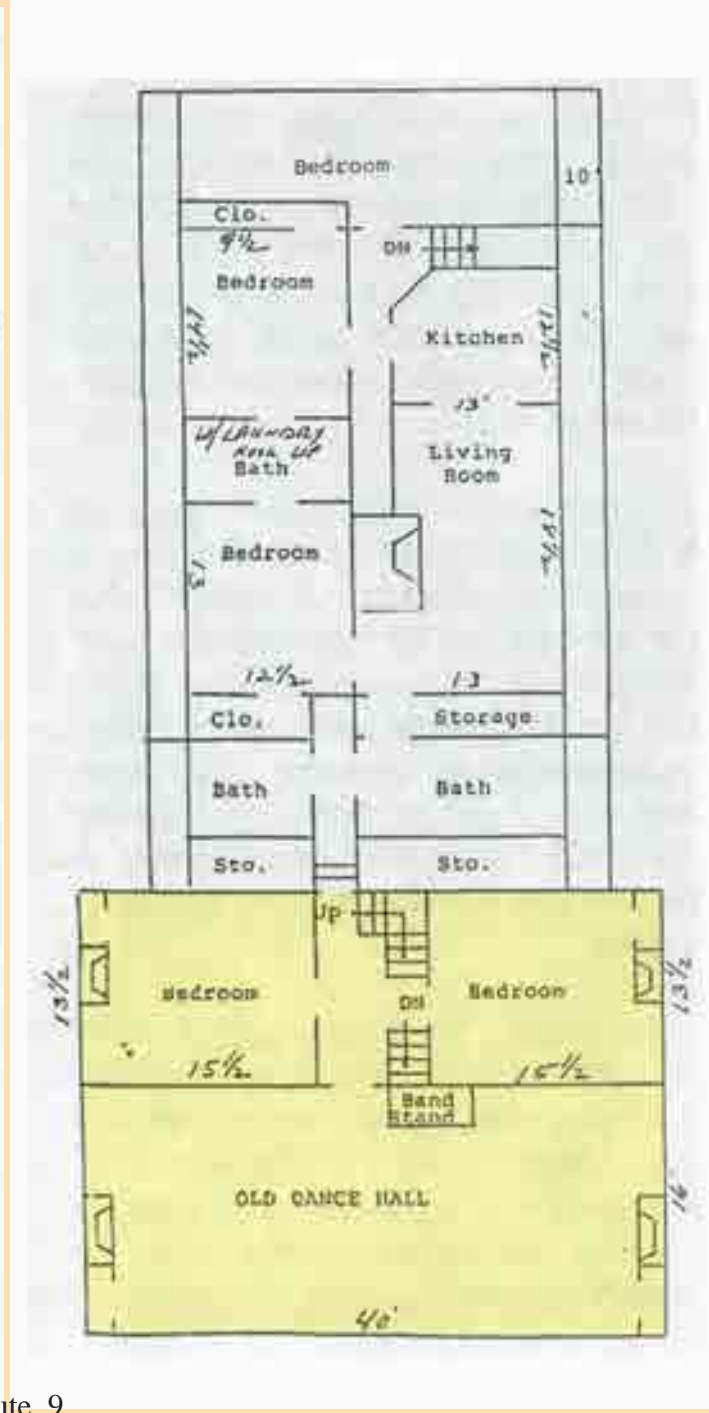


Taken from the Map of Cheshire County 1858

# Stone House Floor Plans



1st Floor



2nd Floor

Wooden  
Cape

Stone  
House

Route 9

Route  
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# Chesterfield Historical Society 2023 Calendar

The Chesterfield Historical Society, Inc. was incorporated in 1975 to stimulate interest in and document the history of the Town of Chesterfield. We do this by the collection and preservation of items of historical interest and significance and by sharing these through programs, workshops, and publications. Membership in the society is open to anyone with an interest in the history of Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

Please remember how much we appreciate receiving old photos, local historical items, and stories of our town and its people. Come visit us and view our 3 large notebooks of calendar photos, our collections and displays.

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Cover: The Stone House Tavern Circa 1960

This year's calendar features the old Stone House Tavern purchased by the Chesterfield Historical Society in 2018. After several years of hard work, the Stone House will be opening soon as a museum and archive building. Special thanks are due to Audrey Ericson for the many years working on the calendars and other projects at the Chesterfield Historical Society.

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