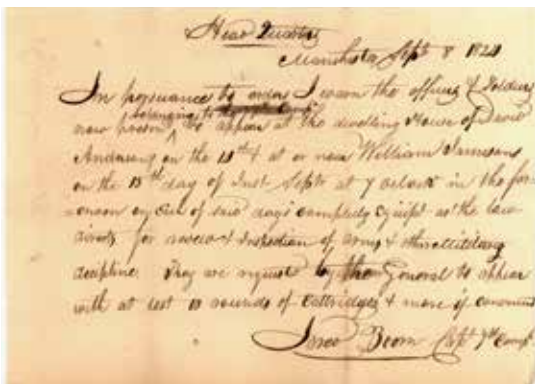


MHS is immensely grateful to all who have given us their support this past year. Your gifts are essential to our existence and we thank you for helping us preserve what we can of the evidence of days gone by.

Here are just two examples of what your support has made possible:

Textile Conservation

Preservation of the amazing textiles in our collection was a top priority this year. Thanks to you, we were able to hire Michelle Pagan, a textile preservation expert, to do a complete assessment of our textiles. She gave us a detailed list with her comments on the condition of every item. She also did some much-needed cleaning of several items including this Manchester Band uniform. In this photo you can see the left side with mold and grime and the right side cleaned. It's a painstaking process but once it is done, the clothing is much more likely to survive for another 100 years at least.



Collection Processing

Every item that comes into the collection is processed into our Past Perfect software. Then it is put into an archival box, labeled, and added to our shelves. Correct storage is critical for the long-term preservation of documents, photographs, and artifacts in a collection. Without MHS, these items may have been lost forever and we take our responsibility very seriously. This handwritten document (*at left*), **Manchester Militia Orders from Capt. Jared Boorn, dated September**

8, 1824 (from the A.H. Wessner Collection), is just one of the thousands of documents in the MHS collection that is carefully examined and its details entered into the Past Perfect software. 19th-century handwriting is often difficult to read so we often transcribe them, making the information more easily available. We continue to work toward our goal of having the collection information available online for research. Your support makes our work possible.

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Bill Badger at the History of Bromley Mountain event on April 19, 2019



Hike to the Rich Lumber Co. switchback in Lye Brook Wilderness on November 2, 2019



The Cascades, on River Road, home of U.S. Minister to Hungary (1933-1941) under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Montgomery from 1919-1954. Image a gift of Mr. Montgomery's grandchildren.

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When the Board of Directors voted three years ago to undertake the society's first-ever capital campaign, we set our goal at \$300,000. This campaign represents a giant leap forward from what MHS has done in the past and we are delighted to report that we are very close to realizing our goal. We are so grateful to all the generous supporters who have joined us to date. A full report will be sent when the campaign closes in December 2019.

MHS Online

Social media is not always considered a positive development in our lives but it is a great boon for lovers of history. Our presence on two of the most popular sites has yielded many positive results. Our followers really enjoy seeing the photos and stories posted by our curator Shawn Harrington and often contribute to the stories with their memories, enriching our knowledge of Manchester history. If you aren't yet following us, we invite you to do so!



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