

## **Timeline of local, state, national and world events discussed in the diary of Supply Foss Trefethen**

November, 1856 – Presidential election

January, 1857 – Piscataqua Freezes

1859 – Powder magazine at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard built

June 22, 1862 – Ocean House in Rye burns (new & improved Ocean House rebuilt, until it burned on Apr. 3, 1873)

1862-1864 – Civil War campaigns

1863 – Draft riots

1863 – Emancipation proclamation

1868 – Presidential impeachment (Pres. Andrew Johnson)

1868 – Reservoir built in Portsmouth

November 25, 1868 – Building malt house for Frank Jones Brewery

1870 – Franco-Prussian war

November 6, 1870 – Fire on Congress Street

1873 – Panic of 1873 (financial crisis that triggered a depression from 1873-1877 in North America and Europe)

January 31, 1874 – Trefethen's Hall burned in Kittery, Me.

February 19, 1874 – Execution (Feb. 17) of Franklin B. Evans

1874 – Inflation Bill of 1874 vetoed

1874 – Atlantic Cable (telegraph cable to Europe) completed

1876 – Centennial year exhibition in Philadelphia

July, 7, 1876 – news received that General Custer and his command were killed June 25, 1876.

November, 1876 – Presidential Election

December 24, 1876 – "The Temple" on the corner of Chestnut and Porter streets burns – The Music Hall built in its place

November 24, 1877 – The ship "Huron" wrecked off the coast of North Carolina – loss of most of the crew

December 8, 1877 – New road opens between J. O. Foss and E. W. Lang (Long John Road?)

March 15, 1878 – Execution of LaPage.

May 1879 – Franklin Block in Portsmouth burns

July 11, 1879 – Joseph Buzzell executed (Jul. 10) for murder.

November, 1880 – Presidential election

December 4, 1880 – Kearsarge Mill destroyed by fire

June, 25, 1881 – Circus on Richard's Ave.

August 25, 1881 – Trefethen family reunion

September 6, 1881 – “Dark Day” – smoke from a very large fire (Thumb Fire) in Michigan started on Sept. 5 reaches N.E.

September 20, 1881 – News that President Garfield died on Sept. 19 from gunshot wound from assassination attempt

1882 – Christ Church in Portsmouth being built – completed in 1883.

January 4, 1882 – Railroad accident in Wells, Me.

January 31, 1882 – Schooner Water Spirit wrecked in Rye, N.H.

April 18, 1882 – Farragut House in Rye burns – new Farragut House built in 1883

May 19, 1882 – Nathan’s Circus in Portsmouth

September 8-9 – President Chester A. Arthur visits the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

1883 – Navy requires all new ships to be steel, not wooden.

1883 – new architectural style “Queen Anne” becoming popular in the seacoast area

1883 – Telephones are now common in big cities

March 30, 1883 – Emeline Lucy Meaker executed for murder.

July 21, 1883 – John B. Doris Circus in Portsmouth

August 14, 1883 – Rye rejects spending money on a library

August 28-30, 1883 – Fireman’s muster in Portsmouth

September 5, 1883 – New England Fair in Manchester

September 15, 1883 – two men drown in Piscataqua (Frank Foster and Charles Pray)

October 22, 1883 – the ship “Sisters” wrecks in Portsmouth Harbor, total loss, but all survived

November 1883 – Thomas Barrows of Kittery murdered.

November 18, 1883 – The day of two noons - Railroad clocks at noon are reset 16 min back adjusting standard time

1885 – The “Big Sewer” under construction in Portsmouth

May 30, 1885 – Circus Street Parade in Portsmouth

July 16, 1885 – P. T. Barnum circus in Portsmouth

August 3-9, 1885 – Wentworth Invitational Tennis Tournament

January, 1886 – Historic ice storm

May 23, 1886 – Old Wentworth mansion sold to John T. Coolidge of Boston

1887-1888 – Supply Foss Trefethen build a house on property he owns at 319 Lincoln Ave.

January 1888 – record cold and snow

February 19, 1888 – First Christian Church of Rye burns

May, 1888 – Henry T. Whitehouse murdered on Noble’s Island

1891 – New Rockingham County jail/jailor house built on Penhallow St., Portsmouth

January 16, 1891 – Mrs. Beckman murders husband in South Seabrook

January 19, 1891 – Ice storm – not as bad as 1886

June-December, 1891 – New Rockingham Courthouse on State St. being built

1892 – Button Factory built by Charles Sinclair on Islington St.

January 7, 1892 – Schooner wrecked off Wallis Sands – crew saved

August, 1892 – new water pipes installed in Portsmouth for “high service” (service to upper floors of tall buildings)

November 6, 1892 – Holmes Comet seen in New England (discovered by Edwin Holmes)

February 10, 1893 – Insane asylum in Dover burns 41 of 44 inmates die

May 16, 1893 – Frank C. Almy executed for murder.

June, 1893 – Lizzie Borden trial in New Bedford, Mass.

Summer/Fall, 1893 – Wedgewood School (Now Center Schoolhouse) built by Supply Foss Trefethen

August, 1893 – Shoe workers laid off – Portsmouth

1895 – East and West school houses built

January 3, 1895 – Foye Block sold at auction for \$23,200

May 10, 1895 – start installing 1400 electric lights at Wentworth Hotel

September 7, 1895 – First America’s Cup “Defender” vs. “Valkyrie” – U.S. wins

March 28, 1896 – Universalist Church in Portsmouth burns

August, 1897 – Electric Trolley service runs in Kittery for the first time

August 12, 1897 – Four Paw Circus in Portsmouth

August 13-15, 1897 – North Atlantic Squadron visits Portsmouth

Fall, 1897 – Klondike goldrush

September, 1897 – U.S.S. Constitution repaired and sent to Boston for display

February 15, 1898 – U.S.S. Maine (battleship) blown up in Cuba

May, 1898 – Fire on the Plains in Portsmouth, article in the Portsmouth Herald May 4, 1898

July 4, 1898 – Tornado on Hampton Beach

July 10, 1898-September 12, 1898 – Spanish prisoners at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (Fort Lang)

Fall 1898 – Electric railway line extended to Rye from Portsmouth (service starts September, 1899, \$.10 each way)

November 29, 1898 – Steamer “Portland” sunk off Cape Cod – 163 lives lost

January, 1899 – Mrs. Trafton murdered in Kittery

October, 7, 1899 – Old ship house at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard levelled.

1900 – Electric railway extended to North Hampton

1900 – Boxer Rebellion in China

May 28, 1900 – Eclipse of sun

September 18-20, 1900 – Kearsarge-Alabama Celebration

November 30-December 2, 1900 – British ship “Advance” wrecked at Foss Beach

January 23, 1901 – Queen Victoria dies, Albert Edward is King

September 7, 1901 – President McKinley shot, dies September 14, 1901

October, 1901 – First U. S. international hostage crisis, Ellen Stone kidnapped by Bulgarian Outlaws and held for ransom

1902 – Electric Railway continuing to Exeter through Greenland and Stratham

January 14, 1902 – local Portsmouth ordinance goes into effect – Portsmouth now a “dry” town and saloons closing

February 3, 1902 – Times building in Portsmouth burns

October 1, 1902 – Frank Jones dies

February 16-21, 1903 – Portsmouth Athletic Club fair

May 1, 1903 – First “free rural delivery” of mail in Rye

August, 1903 – new Pope, Pope Pius the 10<sup>th</sup>

August 13, 1903 – cyclone in Jamaica – Island destroyed

Fall, 1903 – Paving of streets in Portsmouth with asphalt begun

1904 – Building of new high school in Portsmouth commences on Islington St.

February, 1904 – Japan and Russia declare war

March 23, 1904 – Frank Jones auction at the farm in Portsmouth

April, 1904 – Purchase of Panama Canal from French for \$40,000,000

June, 1904 – Steamer sunk in New York, 600 lost

November 16, 1904 – Frank Jones Brewery malt house burns

1905 – Papermill finally being built at Freeman’s Point in Portsmouth

January, 1905 – Supply Foss Trefethen starts a term as N.H. state legislator

Spring, 1905 – Brown tailed moth begins infestations in New England

April 5, 1905 – Fishing schooner wrecked in Rye

July 22, 1905 – Henderson’s Point is blown up to open up the entrance to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

August-September, 1905 – Russo-Japanese Treaty signed in Portsmouth

April 19, 1906 – San Francisco earthquake

June 16, 1906 – Circus and parade on Market Square in Portsmouth

July 12, 1906 – Barnum and Baily Circus in Portsmouth

January, 1907 – Jamaica earthquake – Kingston destroyed

September 15, 1907 – Railroad accident in Canaan, N.H.