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## US Senator Austin Franklin Pike

by Ron Collins

Austin Franklin Pike (1819-1886) was the son of Uriah and Nancy (Page) Pike and grandson of Uriah D. Pike. He was born in Hebron on October 16, 1819. He prepared for college but changed his plans when his health broke down, and after reading law with the Honorable George Nesmith of Franklin, N.H. was admitted to the bar of Merrimack County in 1845 and taken into partnership. He served in the N.H. House of Representatives 1850-1852, 1865-1866, and served as speaker during the last two years; and in the state Senate 1857-1858, serving in the last year as President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. He was elected as a Republican to the U.S. House of Representatives for the Forty-third Congress (March 4, 1873-March 3, 1875). In 1883 he was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1883, until his death, having died before his term was completed. He died in Franklin, NH and is buried there. He owned homes both in Franklin and Hebron. On the 1860 county map the residence of A. F. Pike, Esq. is about a quarter mile south of the Groton road where Myron Braley had constructed a road. In 1873 Pike bought the old Samuel Hazelton homestead on Braley Road from Wilson W. Hazelton. His son, Edward A. Pike, took over the place in 1879 and farmed there until 1888. Biographical information about Austin F. Pike may be found in *The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire* by C. H. Bell, the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress*, and other places. There is a portrait in *New Hampshire Men*, edited by George H. Moses.

## The Braley Road by Norton Braley

In the late 1800's Walter and Emma Braley acquired the land at the end of what is now known as Braley Road.

It is the first road on the right as you leave Hebron Village toward Groton.

The purchase included a large house of 20 some rooms, a huge attached shed and a real big barn about 100 feet from the house. Also included, was many acres of land toward East Hebron and Tenney Mountain.

They were one of the first families to take in summer vacationers or "summer people" as they were called. Since there were no automobiles they had to go to Plymouth Railroad Station by horse and buggy to pick up their vacationers and take them back at the end of their vacation.

Their business continued for many years. Walter Braley died in 1949 and the property was sold owned by several people.

The barn was torn down and in 1971 the huge house and shed burned to the ground. A single family house sits on the property now. The large field that was between the barn and Cockermonth River is now all grown up with trees and bushes.

The Hazelton and Esty families have kept



their fields cleared and mowed so most of the Braley Road looks just about the same as it did 100 years ago.



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## **An Update on Activities Dealing with Hebron's Sergeant John Ordway by Ron Collins**

Readers of the Gazette know that John Ordway, from Hebron, was the number three man in charge of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. In Fort Lewis Washington a larger than life size statue of John Ordway is being erected by the U.S. Army. Following is a letter from General John Hemphill concerning the dedication.

“Ron;

In my evaluation, John Ordway was an excellent soldier, a good sergeant and a significant contributor to the success of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery mission accomplishment. Probably, he joined the Army to get ahead by earning and saving “hard cash.” He volunteered to go with Captain Lewis because of the opportunity to save more “hard cash” and to get land. This is like many of the young people today who enlist to get the “GI Bill” or to get education loans paid. Also, in my evaluation, John Ordway was also a fine citizen of our Country and a good businessman.

It was my idea and initiative to erect a statue to Sergeant John Ordway.

I appreciate the information provided (and the corrections when I am wrong. Please do not stop)

As you may know, the Army's Fort Lewis, Washington, is named for Captain Meriwether Lewis. As part of the Bicentennial Commemoration, the Fort Lewis Chapter, Association of the US Army, organized a committee, the Fort Lewis Memorial Park Committee, to raise the funds to have larger than life, bronze statues of Captain Meriwether Lewis and his Newfoundland Dog sculptured for gifts to the Army. In September 2005, these two statues, four bronze pedestal plaques and a large bronze plaque with all Corps of Discovery names inscribed were erected and dedicated in the Fort Lewis Memorial Park. The Park is located at Exit 120 to Interstate Highway 15 on the entry road to the Main Gate of Fort Lewis. The same sized, bronze, sculptured statue of Sergeant John Ordway will be erected on a four foot high granite rock pedestal about 20 feet from the Lewis and Seaman statues. The dedication is being planned for the coming September.

I am the Chairman of the Fort Lewis Memorial Park Committee and its chief fund raiser.

Please go to [www.sergeantordway.com](http://www.sergeantordway.com). On the second page is a picture of the Sculptor (Dr. John Patrick Jewell) and the full sized clay model of the statue. The clay model was cut into 17 pieces (I believe 17). There separate pieces were molded and then cast in bronze. At The Bronze Works in Tacoma, the pieces

are being welded together to assemble the statue. When assembled the finishing work will be done. The Secretary of the Army has accepted the statue as a gift to the Army. This gift will be presented in late August or early September.

I do recommend you consider raising funds to purchase a maquette bronze that can be displayed in Hebron.

Yours

John Hemphill, Major General, U.S. Army (retired)”

On July 7, Dr. John Jewell, the sculpture who created the Ordway statue visited Hebron and was hosted by the Historical Society and Coppertoppe Lodge. Dr. Jewell has offered to provide a copy in bronze of the John Ordway statue to Hebron at cost, which is \$3,800 which includes shipping from Washington State. Your Historical Society is collecting donations to reach this amount. **Please donate.** Our address is **Hebron Historical Society, PO Box 89, Hebron, NH 03241.** To see more information on John Ordway visit our website at [www.HebronHistSoc.org](http://www.HebronHistSoc.org).

### **Below John Jewell and the Statue of John Ordway**



**Foster Fraser McClelland**  
**by Howard Oedel**

When my Dad bought our place on George Road, E. Hebron, in 1945 there were only 90 people who lived in town, very few kids in school, and fewer people still who could consider themselves above the poverty line. In was the tail end of the Great Depression. It's hard to believe now, but Hebron then was a "backwoods" community. Taxes were low – ours was only \$15 a year – and land was \$10 an acre.

It was about this time that Foster and Virginia McClelland bought the Macauley home – the red brick house on North Shore Road now owned by Peter Chamberas. It was an old house then, with extensive property abutting the lake... an ideal retirement home.

When the McClellands came to take up residence in Hebron, they had already experienced a rich, full life. How many of our retirees, now settled in Hebron, could say the same!

Foster was born in California in 1895. His father, David, was born in Ireland of Scottish parents. He, the father, was a devout – rabid – Presbyterian! He'd lived in Pennsylvania and elsewhere before moving to California, when at age 36, about the time of Foster's arrival, he enrolled in Stanford as an undergraduate, in due course obtaining a bachelors degree in History. Foster had two brothers; George, 10 years his senior, and Wilfred, five years older than Foster. Their mother, Marion Fraser, the daughter of a minister, married David in 1883.

Without belaboring the point, David, Foster's father, never succeeded in anything he tried to do and ended up with a dubious title of "Itinerant Minister." His long-suffering wife finally left her husband (about 1900) and went to live, briefly with her sister and aunt, and then moved with the two younger boys, Wilfred and Foster, to Berlin, Germany, where she opened up a catering service. (There must have been some money from her side of the family for such a venture.)

The boys were educated in Berlin but, with war clouds gathering, life became difficult. By 1913, Wilfred was twenty-three, married to an English girl and working for Singer Sewing Machine. He was able to secure a management position at

Singer's Petrograd office in Russia. By now Wilfred had a daughter and with his wife, mother and brother Foster, he established a home in Petrograd.

The war went badly for Russia; revolution was in the air. Americans were few and far between in Russia and the American Ambassador to Russia offered Foster – aged twenty-two and "foot loose and fancy free," a job working for the Embassy. The "job" consisted of much more responsibility than Foster imagined. He was in charge of Austrian Prisoners of War with an office in Petrograd. Sometimes he was running around with a million dollars in his pockets.

And then came The Revolution! Foster had vivid memories of those early days of social upheaval: people being killed, the police retreating to tops of buildings, Cossacks on horseback trying to control mobs, Russian generals being kicked along the street to meet certain death.

Fearful for the safety of his wife, child and Mother, Wilfred made hasty arrangements to take the family on the Trans-Siberian Railway to Vladivostok – an incredibly long and dangerous trip. They made it safely and from there to the United States.

Foster, meanwhile, had been obliged to join with other members of the Embassy in Moscow. As civil war had begun it was essential to leave the country. The Embassy was able to obtain rail transport to Murmansk. It was a harrowing experience. They spent a week on a siding in the snows of the Ural Mountains. Finally they were rescued by a British expeditionary force and exited Russia by the Baltic or White Sea. Foster was gravely ill, but recovered, and in due course found himself in New York City, living with his brother, George.

Through a business associate, George introduced Foster to a Miss Virginia Sutherland. A romance blossomed and they were married in 1920.

Foster obtained a job as an accountant to a linen company, the James G. Hardy & Co. "supplying fine hotels, clubs, and dining establishments with quality linen products."

It was not long before Foster became manager of the Company and moved from new York City to Teaneck, NJ. The McClellands by now had a son, Frank.

In another seven years there would be a second son, George Fraser McClelland. Both boys attended Teaneck public schools and both graduated from Bowdoin College. George, however “prepped” for college at New Hampton School where the McClellands became acquainted with the beauty of Newfound Lake. It’s also possible that Foster had business dealings with the linen mill in Meredith in the 1920’s.

Frank was graduated from Bowdoin in 1943 and became a Naval Reserve officer. As a Lt.(jg) on the destroyer, The Hughes, Frank was killed in a kamikaze attack at Leyte Gulf in December 1944. (I had never thought of this before, but I was a Lt.(jg) on a battleship, the USS Massachusetts, in Leyte Gulf at the same time. Our ship, with incredible anti-aircraft power, sustained no damage from similar kamikaze attacks.)

The McClellands were devastated by the loss of their son in World War II. I’m afraid my visits to their home were especially painful reminder of their loss.

I am not absolutely certain when the McClellands retired to Hebron. It may have been shortly after World War II or possibly a bit later, after George was graduated from Bowdoin.

The McClellands were especially outgoing. They were the kind of people that Hebron folk appreciated and welcomed. It was not long before Foster’s business acumen led him to help with Town affairs... and eventually to become Selectman. He served from 1952 until his death in 1963.

Some of Foster’s dealings with local people were not always “smooth sailing.” He had a running battle with Raymond Davis, the Road Agent, for example. Ray made it clear to all citizens that any and all complaints about the roads should come to him directly and should not come by way of a Selectman. I don’t know what difference it really made. Whoever complained paid dearly anyway. It’s always been that way.

Foster’s personality did not always attract people. His manner was best described as “gruff.” I was always a bit overawed in his presence. My Dad, however, thought he was “the greatest.” And so it goes.

About 1957 son George’s marriage broke up. He was a sports newspaper reporter at the time liv-

ing in Virginia. The McClellands, of necessity, agreed to care for their three young grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katherine and Frank. It was a formidable task and little Frank was farmed out to relatives in Framingham. But the girls stayed on and grew up. I remember one grand trip we took with the girls up Mt. LaFayette.

Foster loved his garden. He had a ruddy Irish complexion and never wore a hat. Unfortunately he developed a serious type of skin cancer which took his life in 1963 at the age of 68. Sometime after Virginia McClelland sold the home in Hebron and moved to smaller quarters in Bridgewater, NH, living some 18 years after Foster’s death.

NOTE: Much of the material presented here comes from a voluminous set of notes gathered by a collateral relative, a Mr. William S. Kelley, of Brookline, MA.

I had the good fortune, at one point, to make a tape recording of Foster’s Russian experience which is now in the possession of the Hebron Historical Society.

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### **Sleepy Hollow** **by Barbara Brooks**

This is in part two stories, that of Wes Sanborn and the other of Sleepy Hollow. Neither would exist without the other. Here then, is the story:

The area of Hebron on North Shore Road known as Sleepy Hollow started out as a logging camp run by Wes Sanborn's father, Norman W. Sanborn in the early 1920's. In those days Norman worked very hard to clear land and do some logging. Sleepy Hollow was not even a dream! During the winter of 1906, the family lived in a logging camp in the 'hollow'. Wes Sanborn's mother was Viola Ford Sanborn and her father, Isaac Newton Ford ran a portable steam mill to saw the logged wood into lumber. Eventually the old camp was torn down and made into a house for the Sanborns. Part of the house was used as a small store to accommodate the eventual renters needs.

After several careers, Wes ended up in Sleepy Hollow as he, his mother and brother all inherited the property left to them by an uncle. In 1928 he married Gwendolyn Davis, whose only child Janice, was born in 1931. His mother died in 1938 leaving

Sleepy Hollow to the two brothers. Wes worked in Keene and Gwen ran a roadside stand at Sleepy Hollow. Wes was given the ability to foresee growth in the area and began building cabins, about 1 or 2 a year, the first being built in 1929.

Visitors became intrigued by the little office Wes used and he was persuaded to rent it out and then began building more cottages. His office was #9 and became known as the honeymoon cottage. The other cottages were in succession starting with # 1 and completed by 1938. The hurricane of 1938 came through and took down about every tree at the north end of the lake depositing them at Sleepy Hollow. .. mostly where the beach is now. Prior to that the shore line was a natural one with trees on it. During the course of the storm the Sanborn family decided to go to cabin #5-6 during the storm and were joined by a couple renting a cottage. This proved to be a good move as a pine tree came through the window of the old camp office Obviously, no one was hurt. Two cottages were built on the water side of the property from the hurricane debris.

Wes had the first marina on the lake at Sleepy Hollow with a boat house where he would rent canoes and rowboats. In 1941 he bought Grey Rocks. This property consisted of the marina section, the beach and woods (the site of the present day marina). At that time Wes became an Evinrude dealer and opened what he called the Newfound Lake Marina in 1957. This property was sold to Dick Cowern in 1969.

In general the cottages were rented on a weekly basis. Fees in those early days were as low as \$35.00 a week! One of the cottages was a 'duplex' rented by the night with no kitchen or bathroom. facilities. That cottage which was known as # 5 and #6 and has since been combined and is the vacation home of Doug and Jane Van Buskirk. Doug's parents were some of the original cottage renters coming from New York as early as 1947. In the 1960's this cabin was moved up the hill and consequently renovated and added on to.

At that time most cottages did not have showers, only a community one. There are still 5 cottages which do not have showers and those people use a bath house which just lends to the uniqueness of this wonderful place called Sleepy Hollow .Five of the cottages have fireplaces in them. Since refrigeration

was not available in those days Wes started an ice business, sometime in the middle 1930's supplying ice cut from the lake. For many years his ice house stood at the end of Sleepy Hollow off Range Road. Manson Smith of the Hillside Inn had steer and oxen to haul the ice for Wes. Richard Braley was hired to run the ice cart and to deliver it in the summer. The ice house had vents and a few inches of sawdust to cover the ice stored during the winter but often much of it was lost. Eventually, Wes had to buy ice from Anthony Chase at Nuttings Beach and he put the extra ice in Manson Smiths old ice house. His ice business ended in 1946-1947 as most people had refrigeration by then.

Around 1959 Wes and Gwen Sanborn sold their house and moved nearer to the village where Gwen set up her knitting shop business. Their cottage rental business continued until around 1975 when those families that had been renting for so many years felt the need to purchase their rental cottages. There is little change in the group now occupying the cottages as family members have continued to come and stay. Today there are 10 cottages and 2 year round homes.

During the early 1940's a fire place was built at the beach. Today the fireplace is a special gathering place for pot luck meals especially on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

In 1935 Wes incorporated and formed the Newfound Lake Association Inc.. In 1936 Sleepy Hollow and Journey's End were run as a corporation.

In 1959 the Wm. Duckworth family became the new owners of Sleepy Hollow and the cottages were sold as condos in the early 1970's. Most of those original cottages are what we know today as "Sleepy Hollow."

Information for this article was provided in part by Janice Sanborn Chase, Stanley Jackson, Jr. and Jane Van Buskirk



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This calendar will be filled out as the year progresses and will be updated in each issue of the Gazette.

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