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TRAIL TALES

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Committee members helping with the display were Hal and Val Potts, Gary and Sara McCririe, and Dick and Shelagh Davis. Our thanks, also, to Roberta Estes for making the needlework kits of the Old Town Hall, and to local merchants Cheryl Corbit (Alterations Unlimited), and Lynn Karty (First Class/Next Generation) for the loan of the dress forms used for the display of the historical dresses. And many thanks to our visitors who gave us some great ideas on restoring the second floor of the Old Town Hall as a museum.

Our appreciation is also extended to Bob and Tillie Bitten, and to Alice E. Sprague, for their generous donations toward the Old Town Hall restoration.

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