

# Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club News

**By Sarah Kittilsen**

Hi, can you believe there's only eight days till Christmas?

I can't even tell you how excited Onslow Belmont's 4-Hers are.

We are really looking forward to hanging our stockings, opening gifts, and breaking ice out of our animals water buckets.

Our animals come before gifts and they need fresh water too. As 4-Hers we also enjoy our 4-H Christmas which involves our club Christmas party and participating in the Christmas index program as well as a county skating party.

As you can likely tell we are very festive people. Onslow Belmont 4-H Club members and Leaders wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Sarah Kittilsen is reporter for the  
Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club*



Donna and Royce Totten took a turn sitting on Santa's knee after breakfast at Masstown United Church on Nov. 30th. (Harrington Photo)



Three year old Dylan and one year old Lily joined their mom Jill Edwards for a photo session with Santa at Masstown United Church on Nov. 30th. (Harrington Photo)



Paula Digout was busy making pancakes at Masstown United Church Breakfast with Santa on Nov. 30th. (Harrington Photo)

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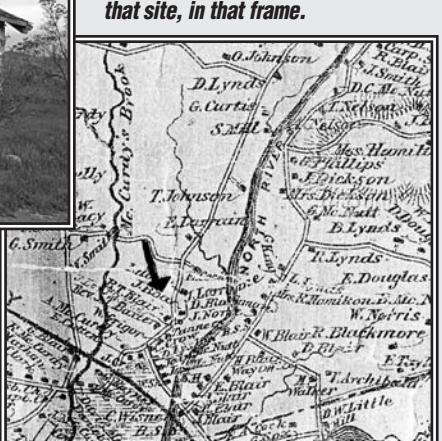
### 'THE STONEHOUSE', Upper Onslow



*By Dick Akerman*

The arrow pointer on map #326 points out the site of this historical building. The photograph taken by Alvin Comiter of the building known as The Stonehouse in Upper Onslow, was taken in 2000. The Stonehouse is unique because it is the first, and now the oldest, if not the only, stone house in Colchester County. It measures approx. 28 ft. X 32 ft. inside and is constructed of local field stone.

The Stonehouse was built by James Hoar, between 1832 (as local tradition suggests) and 1838 (which is the date found on a mercantile coin under the threshold). James Hoar was the grandson of David Hoar, an original grantee in the Onslow Township. Previous owners include Charles Hoar, Harry Archibald MacKay (Charles' adopted son), Donald Groves, and Kim McCallum/Bonnie Waddell. Isaac Hoar lived in the Stonehouse for a number of years, and many will remember Walter and Ella May Barrett. The Stonehouse was unoccupied from Walter Barrett's death in



1975 until the year 2000 when it was purchased by the current owners.

The Stonehouse is still standing thanks to the foresight of Donald Groves, who in 1975 built a second roof over the original. The style is New England "colonial", which seems appropriate since the Planter grandfather and his sons were born in Brimfield, Massachusetts and their family home there is still standing and in good repair.

Certain things point to the possibility that The Stonehouse may have been built on the foundation of an Acadian dwelling within Ville Dugas, but this is not confirmed.

The information above was provided by Bonnie Waddell. She, along with Kim McCallum are well into the process of restoring and preserving this unique structure for future generations to enjoy.

*Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, and is published monthly in the Shoreline Journal.*

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