

BRINGING the PRESENCE of the PAST into the PRESENT

Once upon a time, a little over 115 years ago, noted New Hampton resident schoolteacher Anna Irene Shaw, wrote of a unique military procession riding down Main Street. Here is a photo of the troops as they passed by Scott and Stephanie Staples' home and business – The Tractor Barn - at the junction of Main Street and Rt. 104.



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fair cloudy rainy afternoon.

The U.S. Cavalry enroute from Fort Ethan Allen Vt to Portland Me. passed through here this morning. 250 horses and nearly as many men.

Mrs. Una Brown visited the girls & stopped to tea.

1903 Diary of Anna Irene Shaw

While the photographer is unknown it may well have been Grace or Ina Bickford. In the early 1960s I would ride my bike down every Saturday to see if Mr. Stephens had anything new in the antique shop he operated in the barn.

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