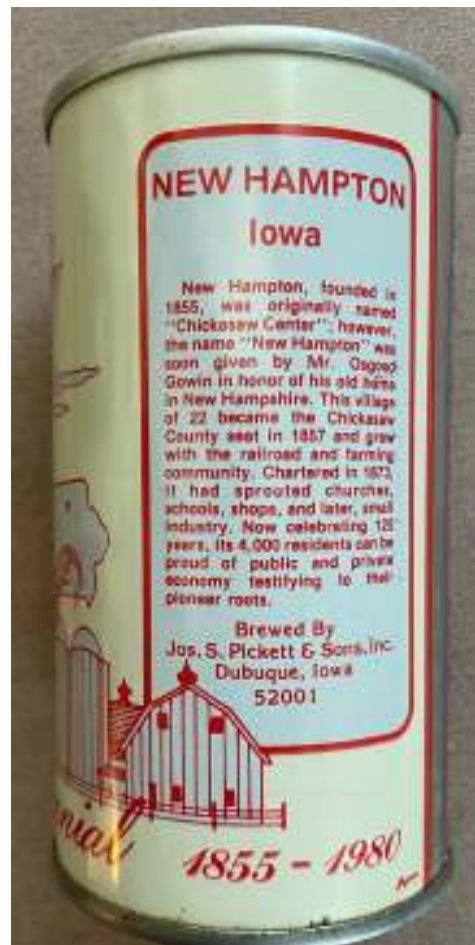


The History Corner: "New Hampton... Iowa???"

In 1855 the Postmaster of Chickasaw Center, Iowa was Mr. Osgood Gowin. Inspired by his old hometown back in the Granite State, Mr. Gowin suggested a name-change to "New Hampton," and it stuck! Only 23 miles from Nashua, Iowa (also named by a couple of native New Hampshireites), New Hampton, Iowa flourished. In 1980 the "city with expanding horizons" celebrated its 125th anniversary with a commemorative carbonated drink that tells the story of its name on the back.* Note also the photo of the New Hampton Carnegie Library – the Iowa version of the Gordon-Nash!

* The can, purchased (empty) for the New Hampton Historical Society, was acquired on eBay.





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For more information on the history of the town, please visit the newly updated New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

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