

Title Searching for Family Data at the Limrik or Antrim Reporter Online

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Did you know the history of your Antrim family tree may be searchable on the Internet? As a member of the Antrim Historical Society, I often do research for information using the Antrim *Limrik* or *Antrim Reporter*. In the past, having to search through these archives would have taken a lot of time, assuming you could gain access to all the hard copies at one location. Well, fortunately, this task has been made much easier. By using either your personal computer or one available at Antrim's James A. Tuttle Library, you can very easily search for this ancestor information online. By the way, while at the Library, you might find one of our dedicated volunteers on the 2nd floor who may be able to assist you in finding family or other historical references located in other materials stored in our archive cabinets. We have a database with over 2900 logged items that we can easily access to see what is available.

Back in 2013, the *Limrik* staff and the Historical Society Board worked together to get digital scans made of the *Antrim Reporter*, a weekly newspaper published from 1891–1951, and the *Limrik*, published quarterly since 1991. Current *Limrik* Editor Emeritus Lyman Gilmore took responsibility for the *Reporter*. While many issues were available in the Historical Society archives, he had to have digital copies of some made from microfiche files at the State Library. Current, and longtime, *Limrik* Layout Editor Connie Kirwin rounded up hard copies of the early *Limrik* issues, many from her own personal library, some from Lyman and others from the Historical Society archives, and scans were made of those, too. Connie already had more recent *Limrik* issues stored digitally.

In the original digital scans, each page of the *Reporters* and early *Limriks* was stored as a separate pdf file, making accessing the data somewhat cumbersome. More recently, *Limrik* Business Manager Ral Burgess and Photo Editor and Webmaster Frank Gorga spent a lot of time merging the single-page files into issues and posting them on the *Limrik* website at <http://antrimlimrik.org/>. By clicking on the **Archives** menu option, then by clicking on **Searching the Archives**, you will be provided instructions on how to apply keyword searches, like your family name or street, for any articles that include information with the keyword. Because of the condition of some of the early issues, searching the digital scans doesn't always work perfectly, but give it a try, you might find out information you would never have known was there. ☐

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Caughey Forest

A Generous Donation and a Sigh of Relief

Joan Gorga

Recently, George and Michelle Caughey purchased the 57-acre parcel of undeveloped land with more than 2000 feet of shoreline on the western side of Gregg Lake that was listed for sale for about ten years by the heirs of Dick Withington. The Caugheys then turned around and donated a conservation easement on the entire property to the Harris Center for Conservation Education, and the Antrim Conservation Commission joined in with a grant to offset the costs of stewardship of the easement. The Harris Center is calling this parcel "Caughey Forest."

The Caugheys' intention was to preserve the wildlife habitat, which includes suitable loon nesting areas along the shoreline, and protect the scenic beauty of the lake. Under current zoning, the property could have supported the development of approximately eight houses, with one located in the lakefront residential district and the remainder in the rural conservation district. Development on this scale would have had a major impact on the water quality of Gregg Lake and would have disrupted a block of mature forest. At the northwest corner, this property abuts the 184-acre property once owned by the Girl Scouts and now also owned and protected by the Harris Center. All told, the Harris Center now holds conservation easements on 933 acres in the Gregg Lake watershed, and, combined with lands protected by NH Audubon and other organizations, a total of 34% of the Gregg Lake watershed is conserved. ☐



Caughey Forest location, with the eastern edge of the Gregg Lake watershed indicated by the bold line on the right. Map adapted with permission from the Harris Center.