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Enfield New Hampshire 1761 – 2000, The History of a Town Influenced by the Shakers, is the long awaited first compiled history of the Town of Enfield. It presents an interesting study in the effects on a community of eighteenth century growth and the period of industrial expansion. It also recounts the impact and influence on the politics and development of a village from the Shaker community located within its bounds.

Underwritten by the Enfield Historical Society, providing the first definitive history of the town was the vision of its Historian, Marjorie A. Carr, and enthusiastically supported and written by the members of the Society. Edited by Nancy Blanchard Sanborn and Marjorie A. Carr, the book includes narratives, stories, biographies, photographs and maps of the community; and chronicles significant events that define Enfield as a town. .

The authors have traced the history of the town from its charter through the growth periods following the Civil War and the industrial revolution to the present, concentrating primarily on the period between 1761 and 1945. The establishment of the businesses and the social fabric of the community are interwoven with anecdotes from residents of the time intended to make the work interesting as well as informative reading.

The book is chronological and includes thirteen chapters devoted to such topics as the establishment of charters, growth of agriculture and business in the several hamlets created within the town, and the importance of the available water power to business development. It also discusses the influence of the coming of the Northern Railroad and the importance of the Enfield Shaker Community upon the town.

More than ten years in preparation, this publication is the first published history of the Town of Enfield, written by its people for those interested in the evolution of history of a small New Hampshire community.

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