

Gilmanton Fire News

Jul 24, 2016 - Gilmanton, NH - 5th alarm brush fire, Hattie Smith Road, Gilmanton. Assisted extinguishing a fire in a swamp. It was a long couple of days and we were already at a multi-alarm brush fire in Loudon when this "smoke investigation" call came in.

Jan 27, 2015 - Gilmanton, NH - 3rd Alarm - 125 Upper City Road - Dwelling fire 3 story wood frame well involved on arrival - Defensive operations
This was during the blizzard

Jan 05, 1998 – Gilmanton, NH – the “Great Ice Storm of 1998” An ice storm (January 5-9, 1998) that struck a large swath across three Canadian Provinces and much of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and New York caused massive damage to trees, leading to widespread and long-term power outages. Homeowners in the most severely hit areas spoke of hearing hours of thunderous “rifle shots” as tree limbs broke. An estimated 800,000 acres were damaged in central New Hampshire.

Sept 19, 1992



Our former Corners Station
Gilmanton NH Corner Station (1992)

Sep 20, 1983
GIW station



Feb 06, 1978 - Snow Storm - Great Blizzard of 78. Three days of snow accumulated up to 27 inches of snow. Schools were closed and roads were impassable - Hurricane force winds, 10,000 homeless, 29 deaths in Mass, Pier at Old Orchard Bch ME destroyed.

Jun 29, 1969 - Gilmanton Iron Works - 2 story wood frame dwelling and barn fire kills four young girls, daughters of local minister - Ten family members escape



Jan 01, 1968 - Lakes Region, NH

Info - LRMFA - A radio system tone encoder was ordered with eight tones. Each town using a tone alert would be billed \$11.00 for their portion of the expense. A year later, a larger encoder was ordered and another radio frequency was added.

Dec 09, 1964 - Gilmanton, NH - Vacant 10 room Metalious house burned to ground - Home of the late author Grace Metalious and owned by husband George

Nov 30, 1962 - Gilmanton, NH - Arson Fire Fatal - Colonel Besse Farm - Three barns destroyed, superintendent of farm killed trying to save cattle - \$100,000 loss - Also three other barns in Gilmanton and Belmont were torched that evening

Jan 17, 1960

Gilmanton, NH - Dwelling fire - Blaze broke out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanville - Family of nine left temporary homeless until major repairs can be performed

Aug 13, 1954 - Gilmanton, NH - Barn on Diamond Slash farm and several cattle destroyed by fire.

May 10, 1949 - Gilmanton, NH - Summer estate of a Swift Packing Company executive destroyed by fire - Residence, barns, garage, out building destroyed in a mass of fire

Jan 03, 1949

Gilmanton, NH - Five room house fire displaces 7 occupants - Garage and barn fire destroyed spread to dwelling extensively damaging that - The ell with two unfinished room was spared



Dec 20, 1948 - Gilmanton, NH - 2½ story Colonial Style 150 year old landmark Royal Page house destroyed by fire

May 28, 1915 - Gilmanton, NH

Gilmanton Iron Works Village destroyed by arson fire, including Osborne Price buildings, mill church, and schoolhouse, along with 3 stores (one housing the Post Office) and 20 dwellings - Towns people fought the fire with a bucket brigade until engines from Laconia, Alton, and Pittsfield arrived



Aug 28, 1912 - Gilmanton, NH

Mr and Mrs Herbert Marsh lose their valuable farm buildings to fire

Apr 28, 1848 - Gilmanton, NH - Severe Freshet on Suncook River damages several mills and sweeps away most equipment.

May 01, 1845 - Gilmanton, NH - A daughter of Mr. Daniel Sargeant, about 18, while nursing a sick woman, was so badly burnt by her clothes taking fire that she died

Feb 27, 1836 - Gilmanton NH present day Laconia - Fire at Meredith Bridge, consumed the Congregational meeting house, together with the dwelling house and out buildings of Lyman B. Walker, Esquire

Dec 08, 1833/34/35? – Gilmanton, NH - Paper mill, grist mill, and sawmill at Meredith Bridge (formerly Gilmanton) were destroyed by fire.

Aug 04, 1833 - Gilmanton, NH - Two barns struck by lightning burn to ground destroying 40 tons of hay and much farm equipment

Aug 02, 1831 - Gilmanton, NH

Barn of Colonel Nicholas Durrell struck by lightning and burned to ground - 30 tons of hay and livestock destroyed

Jun 20, 1829 – Gilmanton, NH - John Page's dwelling house took fire and burned to the ground.

Oct 11, 1827 – Gilmanton, NH - The dwelling house of Thomas Burns, Esq., was consumed by fire

Aug 28, 1825 - Gilmanton, NH

Earthquake recorded in town history

Feb 13, 1823

Gilmanton, NH - Large Brick Factory and Factory Store and Engine House at Meredith Bridge burn - Girls working in factory picking room jumped from windows with many badly injured.

Jan 09, 1821 – Gilmanton, NH – Dwelling house of Captain John Moody consumed by fire

Jan 22, 1808

From our friends at New England Fire Rescue History On This Date Jan 22, 1808 – Gilmanton, NH – First Gilmanton Academy building burned to ground – Cause was improper disposal of ashes

July 2, 1799 - Gilmanton, NH - Mrs. Caleb Vear was struck by lightning and killed.

Aug 21, 1795 - Nottingham, NH - Farmer from Gilmanton killed in farming cart accident while descending a hill