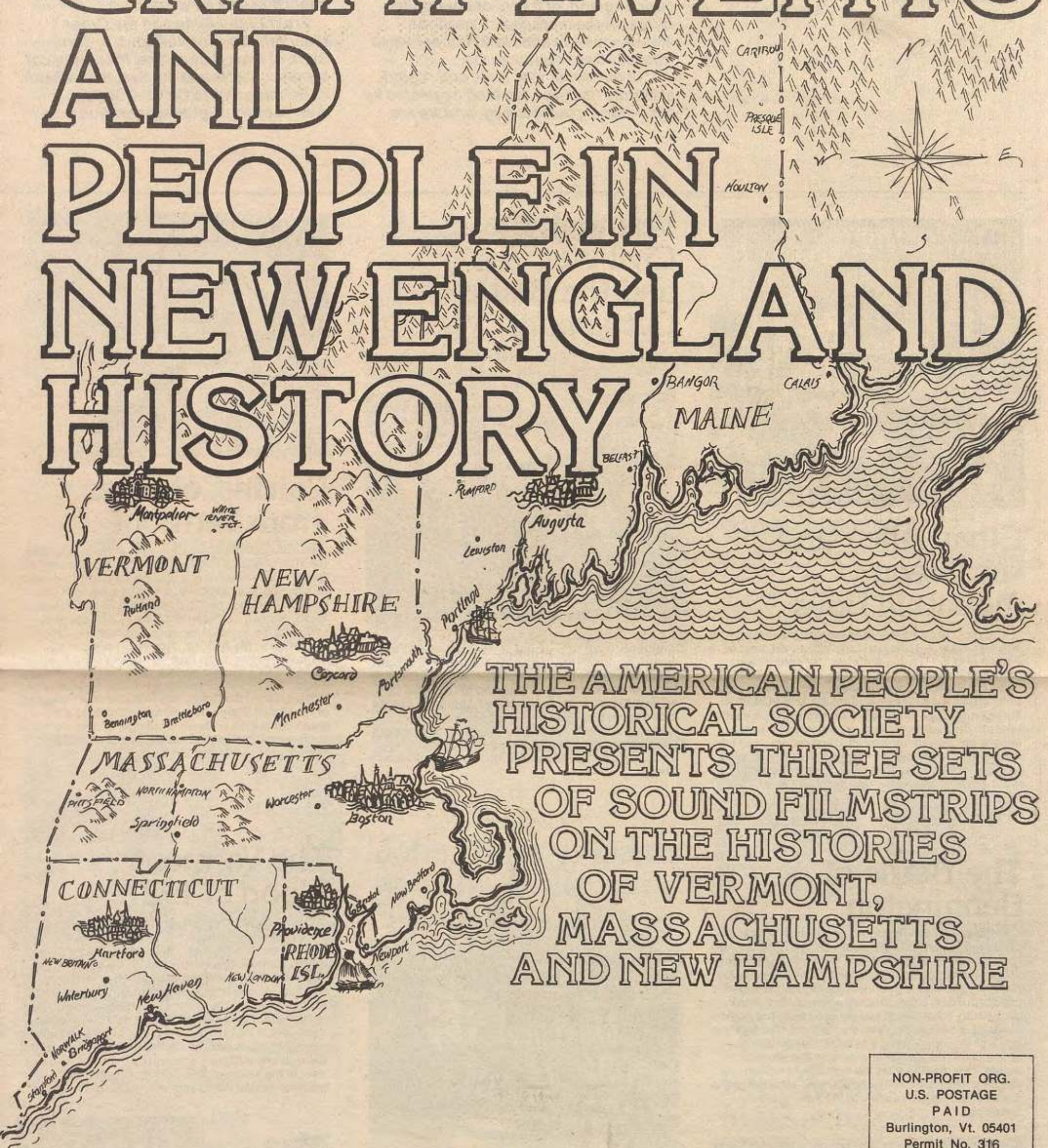


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## Dear New England Educator

As part of our New England history project the American People's Historical Society of Burlington, Vermont, a newly formed non-profit organization, is happy to announce the release, throughout New England, of 3 sets of sound filmstrips on the histories of Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire - a total of 15 sound filmstrips.

It is our belief that state and regional history has been too long neglected by the audio-visual industry, and we are

happy to begin the process of rectifying that situation. We believe that students have the right to learn about the state and region in which they are living - especially in an area of such historical importance as New England.

From Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont, to John Stark of New Hampshire, to the saga of Massachusetts and the Sea, to the Battle of Bennington, to Calvin Coolidge's middle of the night inauguration as



### Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys

The Revolutionary War against the British had already begun in earnest at Lexington and Concord. And on May 8, 1775, in Castleton, Vermont, Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys laid out their plans for the first American assault of the war, a surprise attack the next day against the British at Ft. Ticonderoga. Crossing Lake Champlain in two small boats in the middle of the night, Allen and his men caught the British completely unprepared—and captured the Fort without firing a shot. This filmstrip traces the rise of the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont and their role in the Revolutionary War.

### Vermont, the Civil War, and the Battle of Gettysburg



In proportion to population, the State of Vermont lost more men for the Union cause than did any other state. This filmstrip discusses Vermont's opposition to slavery before the Civil War, and the role that its soldiers played in the Battle of Gettysburg—the major battle of the Civil War. In that battle, under the leadership of General George Stannard, the Vermont brigade played a key role in turning back the ferocious Confederate attack since named "Pickett's Charge."



### Calvin Coolidge from Vermont

At around midnight on the night of August 2, 1923, the little village of Plymouth Notch, Vermont was fast asleep. There was not one light on in the entire village as a speeding automobile, driven by a Mr. Perkins, came to a sudden halt in front of the Coolidge home stead, where Vice-President Calvin Coolidge was spending his summer vacation. Quickly alighting from the car, Mr. Perkins, carrying a telegram in his hand, walked to the door of the house and knocked sharply. The message was for the Vice-President and it informed him that President Harding had died and that he, Calvin Coolidge, was to be the new President of the United States. This filmstrip provides a biographical sketch of Calvin Coolidge, born in Vermont on July 4, 1872, Governor of Massachusetts, and President of the United States.

### The Battle of Bennington

The Battle of Bennington is considered by many historians to be the turning point of the Revolutionary War. Fought at North Hoosick, New York, a combined "citizens army" of men from New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont, under the leadership of General John Stark, successfully defeated a British expeditionary force which sought to capture the American supply base at Bennington, Vermont. The fighting, much of it hand to hand, was extremely bitter and, at one point, the Americans were on the verge of defeat. Two months after the surprise American victory at Bennington, British General John Burgoyne surrendered his entire army to the Americans at Saratoga.



### Great Statesmen from Vermont

The state of Vermont, founded as an independent Republic in 1777 and incorporated into the United States as the 17th state, has produced from its soil a number of outstanding political leaders. This filmstrip provides a brief biographical sketch of 5 of the most important:

Ira Allen (1751-1814)  
Mathew Lyon (1750-1821)  
Thomas Chittenden (1730-1797)  
Justin Morrill (1810-1897)  
Redfield Proctor (1831-1908)

### The Vermont Flood of 1927

On the night of November 2, 1927, at about ten o'clock in the evening, it began to rain in Vermont. It rained all through that night and continued raining during the next day. Then, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of November 3, the rainfall greatly intensified and, for one hour, a torrential rain of unheard of volume fell upon the ground which was already filled to capacity. This one hour rainfall was the greatest burst of rain that anyone in Vermont had ever seen. This filmstrip describes the flood of 1927—and the damage and suffering wrought by the flood which was, in the words of Gov. John E. Weeks; "the greatest natural disaster in the history of the state."





President, to the role of the New England states in the abolitionist movement and the Civil War—we have attempted to capture the drama and excitement of some of the outstanding events and people in New England history.

The cost of each filmstrip (with cassette) is \$18.50, and a 10% discount is offered for the purchase of two or more. The entire package of 15 sound filmstrips (6 on Vermont, 6 on Massachusetts and 3 on New Hampshire)

is being offered at a special discount price of \$225. Each sound filmstrip is accompanied with printed material containing the narrative of the filmstrip and a bibliography of material available on the subject.

The filmstrips are available for a free, ten day trial period - and can be ordered by filling out the coupon on the back page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard Sanders*

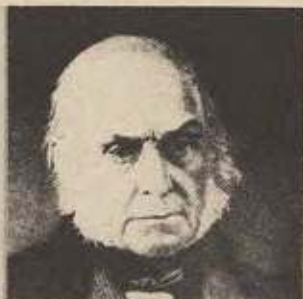
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## Thoreau of Concord, Mass.

Henry David Thoreau, who was born and raised in Concord, Massachusetts and spent most of his life in that area, was one of the most independent and creative thinkers in American history.

In March of 1845 Thoreau borrowed an ax and, on land given him by his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson, began building a small cabin near Walden Pond - a cabin which ended up costing him \$28. Out of his experiences and observations on Walden Pond Thoreau wrote *Walden*, one of the most important books in American literature. This filmstrip, often quoting directly from *Walden*, discusses Thoreau's views of the individual in society, nature and government.



## Presidents from Massachusetts

This filmstrip provides brief biographical sketches of the four men from Massachusetts who have become Presidents of the United States.

**John Adams (1735-1826)**, the first Vice-President of the United States and the second President, was one of the outstanding leaders of the American Revolution.

**John Quincy Adams (1767-1848)**, the sixth President, and the only former President to serve in Congress, was one of the most unique personalities in American political history.

**Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933)**, the thirtieth President and former Governor of the state, was sworn in as President in the most unusual inaugural in American history.

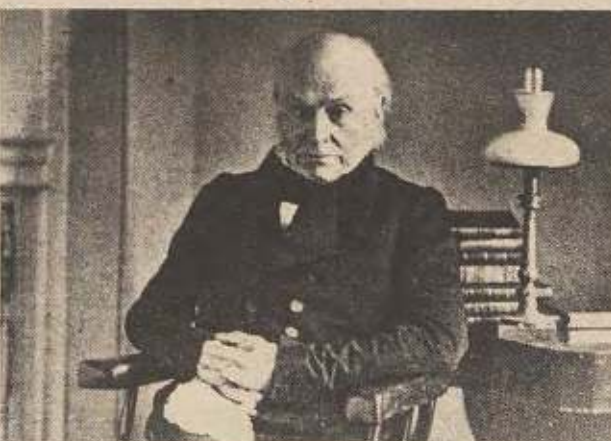
**John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)**, the thirty-fifth President and the youngest man ever to hold that office, made many innovations in national policy during his brief tenure.

## Massachusetts and the Sea

This filmstrip discusses the role of the sea in Massachusetts life from the settlement of the colony until the late 19th century. The sea life of Massachusetts has made such towns as Gloucester, Salem, Marblehead, Boston, Yarmouth, New Bedford, and Nantucket famous throughout the world. From the shores of Massachusetts skilled workers have built ships and sent them to virtually every port in the world. By the end of the 17th century a prosperous trade existed between Massachusetts, the West Indies and Europe, and a hundred years later Massachusetts ships were trading as far away as China. In 1715 a new maritime industry was born—whaling. For the next 200 years Massachusetts whaling boats were chasing their prey from Australia to Greenland—and making such towns as Nantucket and New Bedford the center of the whaling industry.



## John Quincy Adams and the Amistad Slave Ship Case



This filmstrip deals with John Quincy Adams and his involvement in the Amistad Slave Ship Case, the most famous slave mutiny in American history. In 1839, while the great issue of slavery was tearing the nation apart, Joseph Cinque led his fellow slaves in a mutiny aboard the ship Amistad off the coast of Cuba. Amidst great publicity and controversy Cinque and his fellow Africans were tried before the United States Supreme Court for piracy and murder. Their chief defense attorney was John Quincy Adams, former President of the United States and then, at 73, Congressman from Massachusetts. In an oration which has gone down in history as one of the most effective ever given before the Supreme Court, Adams successfully defended the slaves and helped win their freedom.



## Massachusetts and the Abolitionist Movement

This filmstrip deals with the key role that Massachusetts played in the abolition of slavery in this country. In 1700 Samuel Sewall published the first anti-slavery tract in what was to become the United States. In 1780, the Massachusetts Constitution became the first in the Union to abolish slavery. In the years prior to the Civil War, Massachusetts became the center of the anti-slavery fight. From the pages of the "Liberator" William Lloyd Garrison sent forth attacks against slavery which aroused the nation, and he was joined in the crusade by such citizens of Massachusetts as Wendell Phillips, Frederick Douglass, John Quincy Adams and Charles Sumner.



## Four Women from Massachusetts

The filmstrip provides brief biographical sketches of four women from Massachusetts whose work had a major influence on their times.

**Dorothea Lynde Dix (1802-1887)**, from the time when she first observed the horrible conditions at the East Cambridge jail, waged a world wide struggle to improve the treatment which the indigent, mentally ill received.

For over 50 years **Susan B. Anthony** organized, wrote, and lectured on behalf of women and is as responsible as any individual for the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

As the teacher and constant companion for over 50 years of Helen Keller, **Anne Sullivan Macy** revolutionized teaching concepts for the blind and deaf. Her pupil, **Helen Keller**, showed the world that a person, blind and deaf from infancy, could make important intellectual contributions and lead a rewarding and productive life.





## John Stark of New Hampshire

John Stark, one of the great military leaders of the Revolutionary War, was born on August 28, 1728 in Londonderry, New Hampshire.... On April 19, 1775, the gun shots rang out at Lexington and Concord - and John Stark's peaceful farm life came to an end. The Americans had taken up arms against the British. The Revolutionary War had begun. From throughout the state of New Hampshire patriots raced to Massachusetts in order to join their fellow Americans in opposition to the British - and nobody responded quicker or more effectively than did John Stark. Captain Stark was working at his saw mill when he heard the news and, as soon as he could change his clothes, he was on his horse and off to battle.... On June 17, 1775, the first major battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Bunker Hill - and John Stark and his New Hampshire men were in the middle of that battle and were, to a large degree, responsible for the American success.

Stark was successful not only at Bunker Hill, but later led American Forces to victory at the Battle of Bennington - a battle that many historians consider to be the turning point of the Revolutionary War. In order to successfully continue his invasion of America, British General John Burgoyne needed more food, ammunition and horses for his advancing troops - and he decided to strike at Bennington, Vermont, where the Americans had a supply base that contained much of what Burgoyne needed.... General Stark, who was in command of the combined American forces at Bennington which numbered 1300 men from New Hampshire, 400 from Vermont and 350 from Massachusetts, divided his forces into two parts - and urged his men forward to capture the hill the British were defending. The Americans were successful.

## Great Leaders from New Hampshire



The state of New Hampshire has, over the years, produced many great national leaders. This filmstrip provides brief, biographical sketches of five such individuals.

"In 1830, in one of the most important and famous speeches in American history, *Daniel Webster* responded to arguments put forth on the floor of the Senate by Robert Hayne.... In his 73 page response, in which he argued for the supremacy of federal law over states' rights, Webster concluded with his still famous statement, 'Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.'"

"In 1852, despite his protests, the New Hampshire Democratic State Committee decided to support *Franklin Pierce* as a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. At the national Democratic Convention in Baltimore, Pierce was not well known - but because a deadlock was created between the leading candidates, he received the party's nomination on the 49th ballot."

"As Editor of the powerful New York Tribune, *Horace Greeley* supported the cause of homestead legislation, labor unions, and women's rights - and strongly opposed the social and economic injustices of his day, including the institution of slavery."

"*General Butler* earned the hatred of many southerners through the very strict methods by which he ruled New Orleans in 1862 as the military governor. His support for blacks, his execution of a southerner who had torn down the American flag, and his confiscation of property belonging to Confederate sympathizers earned him the title of 'Beast Butler.'"

"In 1900 *Robert Frost's* grandfather, concerned about the young man's uncertain future, set him up as a farmer in Derry, New Hampshire. Frost, who turned out not to be a very good farmer, remained in Derry for ten years - and it was there that he wrote some of his best known poems."



## New Hampshire in the Civil War

"On April 15, 1861, 3 days after the firing on Ft. Sumter, President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion, and New Hampshire's response was immediate. Ichabod Goodwin, Governor of the state, asked for volunteers to come forward to fill the state's quota for the Union Army. From all over the state the men came, and the first call for New Hampshire troops, numbering 780 officers and men, was easily filled. The Colonel, and leader of this first New Hampshire Regiment was Madon W. Tappen, of Bradford, United States Congressman."

"New Hampshire's contribution to the Union effort went considerably beyond the thousands of soldiers she sent to the Army. Among the many important leaders in Washington who came from New Hampshire were Senator John P. Hale, one of the major figures in the Senate; Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury and Supreme Court Chief Justice; Charles A. Dana, Special Investigator for the War Department; Henry Wilson, powerful Senator from Massachusetts and General John A. Dix."

"The cost of the Civil War for New Hampshire - in terms of dead, wounded and expenditure - was enormous. Thousands of the state's best young men were killed or wounded, and the people of the state spent some 13 million dollars for the war effort, a sum which amounted to about 10% of the state's total assessed valuation."

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