

**MT. LIVERMORE HOTEL – “The Towers”**  
**Benjamin Franklin Jewell**  
**Proprietor**

Shown on the cover is the Mount Livermore Hotel, also known as the Mount Livermore Estate or “The Towers,” a grand hotel which once was located on the north side of Big Squam Lake adjacent to Livermore Cove.

Benjamin Franklin Jewel, born in 1849 near Squam Bridge, returned to Holderness in 1883, purchased land from his father, and began a summer boarding business in a small way that steadily increased from the first. He gradually bought adjoining land and added new buildings. In 1898 fifteen buildings, stretching to the shores of the Cove, were destroyed by fire. Undeterred, Jewel began immediately to rebuild. Soon the Hotel was second only to the Asquam House as one of the grand resort hotels in Holderness.

Between 1885 and 1910, the height of the era of huge hotels in the White Mountains, more than 12,000 people could be accommodated in the region’s 200 hotels, inns, and boarding houses. This influx of summer visitors was spurred on by easy access due to the growth of the railroads.

After Jewel’s death in 1903, Benjamin Pease ran the Mount Livermore Hotel. Another spectacular fire occurred in 1923. The year 1938 marked the end of a fabulous chapter in Holderness history when the Hotel closed forever. Frank Webster later purchased the acreage, and the land remains within the Webster family today. The only vestige of this wonderful facility is a historic boulder adjacent to the NH Route 113 inscribed in memory of the Benjamin Franklin Jewel estate.

*Vintage postcards courtesy of Susan Webster and Peter Francesco*

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS**  
**1089 US RT 3, PO BOX 203**  
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**[www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov)**

**Administrator’s Office - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-2145**

**Selectmen’s Office - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-3537**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

**Fax** 968-9954

E-mail: [Holderness@adelphia.net](mailto:Holderness@adelphia.net)

**Compliance/Health Officer - Fire Station - Route 3** **968-4491**

(Building Permits/Septic Permits)

Monday to Friday - 8:00AM to 4:00PM

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-7536**

Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Open during lunch

**PERMITS TO TRANSFER STATION AND BEACH AVAILABLE  
FROM TOWN CLERK**

**Transfer Station - Tada Dump Road (off Route 3)** **279-6336**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday - Saturday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

Sunday - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

**Recreation Department - Town Hall - Route 3** **968-3700**

e-mail – [holdrec@adelphia.net](mailto:holdrec@adelphia.net)

Hours varied per season

**Holderness Free Library** **968-7066**

**Public Works Garage - Beede Road** **536-2932**

**Police Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency)** **968-9555**

Administrative Office Hours - Monday & Tuesday

8:00AM to 4:00PM

**Fire Station - Route 3 - in the Village (non-emergency)** **968-4491**

Volunteer Department

**POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 536-1626 (Police Dispatch)**

**FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 524-1545 (Fire Dispatch)**