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# Inns, Taverns...



The Surry Village Hotel was operated by the Robinsons from 1793 to 1845. Pictured are village school children, staff of the hotel, and visiting huntsmen with their hounds.  
 (Photo courtesy of Historical Society of Cheshire County)



Sun Tavern was located on Court Street in Keene in 1825. Area customers thought the establishment to be an excellent public house with its "choice liquors." It thrived under the ownership of Abijah Metcalf.  
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This picture of Green Mountain Home (also known as Box Tavern) in Stoddard was taken in 1888.  
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Luther Smith designed clocks in a shop in Federal Row. Born in Colrain, MA, around 1767, Smith had come to Keene by 1793, where he bought land on Main Street from Alexander Ralston. Although interested in a number of business enterprises, he is remembered today for his work as a clockmaker. He built grandfather, banjo, and shelf (or "New Hampshire mirror") clocks. Few specimens of his work are extant, but those that are reveal excellent workmanship. Smith made a town clock to put on the Meetinghouse at a cost of 36 pounds sterling and warranted for 10 years. The subscription to purchase this first town clock was started in February 1794. Unfortunately, the clock was lost when the Meetinghouse was moved to a new location in 1828.

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