

The Daniel Webster Burrows Boy Scout Drinking Fountain

This impressive Boy Scout Fountain was installed on the Common just north of the dividing walkway in 1933. It depicts a scout kneeling on a rock, with water dripping from his hands into a pothole below which supplies animals and birds with refreshing drinks.

The rock on which the statue rests was found near the Flume by the late Moses Batchelder, a well-known and beloved merchant here. The pothole was discovered on the sandy banks of Baker River, near Wentworth. The statue was sculptured by a well-known artist, George Borst. Mr. Borst was from Philadelphia, but a frequent summer resident of nearby Hebron. A Holderness scout, Harold A. Webster posed for Mr. Borst, and in the winter a live model in Philadelphia was employed. The result, a joint effort of many people, is one of only three statues in the United States commemorating scouts. George Clark of Plymouth should be given credit for his support of this project which was conceived and supervised mainly by him. Daniel Burrows, a cousin of Mr. Clark, and son of a former Plymouth lawyer, left in his will \$1,000 for a new water service on the common. This was the start of a fund contributed to by many others.

George Clark wrote "...The statue is not just a boy in Boy Scout clothing, but the live Boy Scout doing his required good deed ... dripping fresh water all the time from his hand into the ancient pothole for the dogs and birds."

The addition of this fountain to the Common was only part of an extensive project of renovation of the grounds, bandstand, and surrounding rail fence, this project being sanctioned by the town and carried out by the Women's Club.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that the child in this picture was Najla Samaha. The black dog which belonged to Mr. Fracher was a frequent visitor at the pool.

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