

## Conclusion...

*"Doing research about my finds, I learned a lot about the people who lived here. Mostly they were farmers. I know they had cows, horses, oxen, and they most likely also had sheep. They made maple products. They canned a lot of food, meaning they probably grew all kinds of fruits and vegetables. They could all write and read, which I know from both census records and the pens and pencils I have found. They traveled, which I know from souvenirs. There were children, I know this from the toys, dolls and cap guns. They used a lot of hand cream, which shows how much work they did with their hands. I have found a lot of old flashlights, the earliest from the 1910s showing they were embracing new technology. They used a lot of medicine that included alcohol and drugs, such as Amphetamine. You learn a lot about people through what they owned and what they threw away, and I really love being able to share this history with more people."*  
Abe Dunne, 2023



## One Case Curation

The MSM's One Case Curation Project aims to get younger folks involved firsthand with storytelling through museum curation. We are inviting community members 16 and under to take over One Large Display Case at The Main Street Museum for 3 months to display their art, treasures, collections and tell us who they are.

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## The Curator



*"My name is Abe Dunne, and I am a 9th grader at The Sharon Academy. I have lived in Hartland for my whole life. I have always liked collecting things,*

*but I really started getting into metal detecting and dump-digging a few years ago. I want to become a professional archaeologist.*

*I got into this hobby originally from coin collecting. My dad used to travel for work and when he came home he would give me his coins and bills from the places he visited. One day, I was going through my foreign money collection and I noticed one that was a little different. It said United States of America on it, but it didn't look like any American coin I had ever seen. And then I saw that the date was 1914. After that I went into the rabbit hole of treasure hunting. My dad had an old Radio Shack metal detector and I got into metal detecting with that (I have since upgraded to a Nokta Makro Simplex+).*

*I got into dump digging a few years ago. I have an old dump in a ravine near my house and I had known about it for a long time, but during my birthday party I was showing my friends the dump and saw a little bottle sticking out of the ground at the top of it. I pulled it out and thought it looked kinda old so I took it home. It turned out to be an 1890s French perfume bottle. After that, I started excavating that dump, which is where most of the finds in this exhibit are from."*



# One Case Curation *Finds* *on a* *Hartland* *Farm* by Abraham Dunne

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