



**Emily Fuller Drew
(1881-1959)**

Historian and photographer, Emily Drew is most remembered for the enormous amount of work she contributed to preserving the history of the town of Kingston. Leaving an unsurpassed collection of more than 700 lantern slides, she photographed existing images that were decaying to preserve the informational content. Drew also photographed a variety of houses, buildings, events, and people of Kingston.

Kingston history was a passion for Drew and she recorded it not only visually, but also in her numerous unpublished essays and notes. She gave frequent talks on behalf of the historical committee of the Jones River Village Club, was an important part of the process to obtain and restore the Major John Bradford House (initially using her own money for the purchase and later being reimbursed by the Jones River Village Club) and published in 1926 *A History of the Industries of Kingston*. Without her constant

efforts much of Kingston history would today be forever lost.

Drew, born in 1881 in Kingston, was the only daughter of Harriet Holmes and Charles H. Drew. She graduated from Kingston High School and went on to further her education, graduating from Smith College. Emily worked as a teacher for Kingston High School and for a high school in Essex, New Hampshire. Drew gave up her teaching career and became the bookkeeper for C. Drew and Company, the family business, famous throughout the country for its fine quality tools. Drew was also well known for her gardening skills, and often grew enough to supply her neighbors with surplus vegetables. She remained in Kingston for the rest of her life.