

## Bringing Back the Scribner Building for Minus33

New Hampshire is abundant in history and is fortunate to have many of its storytelling structures still standing. One such building can be found in the center of Ashland, NH. The Scribner Building—built in 1880 on the banks of the Squam River at the head of the former Squam Lake Woolen Mill—later became the L.W. Packard & Co. mill campus.

In 1840, The Squam Lake Woolen Mill was built by James Briggs & Bros. It changed hands and names several times over the years. Then, in 1880, early Ashland settlers Thomas P. Cheney, George E. Scribner, N.P. Batchelder and Hon. Hiram Hodgdon purchased the Baker Mill water privilege and constructed the current Scribner Building. The three-story structure has a 110 ft x 54 ft footprint and was originally built for use as a textile mill. The Scribner Building later housed the Ashland Knitting Company. Then, in 1916, Luther W. Packard of Berwick, Maine purchased the mill and the Scribner Building and renamed the campus L.W. Packard & Co. It was known as one of the top textile plants in the world.

The Scribner Building sat empty for years after L.W. Packard ceased operations in 2002. It was purchased in 2020 by clothing manufacturer Minus33—a global merino wool apparel manufacturer headquartered on Mill Street in Ashland with mills all over the world—to support the continued expansion of their specialty brand. Minus33 was created by engineers that worked for L.W. Packard & Co.

Shortly after the building was purchased by Minus33, BPS was hired as the construction manager—with H.L. Turner Group (TTG) as the design team—to renovate and restore the structure.

The overall goal of the renovation for Minus33 is to make the Scribner



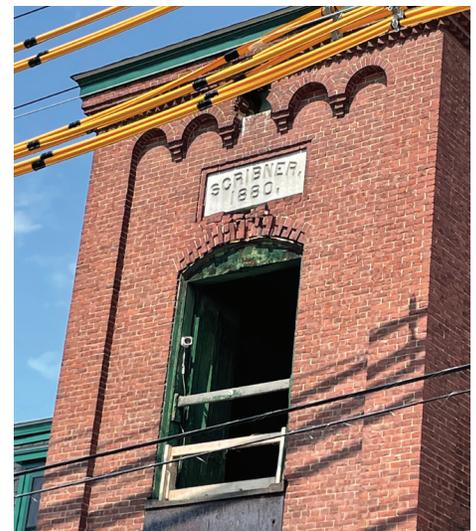
Phase 1 included repairing a heavily damaged roof and renovating the first and second levels of the building so Minus33 can use them for storage.

Building structurally sound so that manufacturing operations can be performed there once again.

This is an ongoing project that will take place well into the future. Tasks are being categorized in phases based on need, urgency and budget. Phase 1 began in May 2021. BPS and the TTG were tasked with repairing a heavily damaged roof, reinforcing the three stories with supports and making the building watertight. With phase 1 completed, Minus33 is now able to use the first and second levels for storage. Renovations also include restoration of a wind vane (pictured at right) from the original Ashland Knitting Company and the Hooper Bell which was once part of the original mill. The next task will be to replace the narrow stairs in the front tower with a stairway that meets current needs and codes.

For more information about Minus 33 or to order products, please reach out to them by email at [info@minus33.com](mailto:info@minus33.com).

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## True or False?

- 1) Humans can't breathe and swallow at the same time.
- 2) Twinkies have an infinite shelf life.
- 3) It costs the U.S. Mint more money to make pennies and nickels than the coins are actually worth.
- 4) Adults have fewer bones than babies do.
- 5) Goldfish have three-second memories.
- 6) Humans can distinguish between more than a trillion different smells.
- 7) Lightning never strikes in the same place twice.
- 8) If you cut an earthworm in half, both halves will regrow their bodies.
- 9) If you cry in outer space, the tears will just stick to your face.
- 10) Napoleon Bonaparte was extremely short.

—Buzzfeed

**Answers:** 1) True; 2) False; 3) True; 4) True; 5) False; 6) True; 7) False; 8) False; 9) True; 10) False

# Techniques For Career Success

Hard work is essential to success on the job, but there's more to it than that. The Entrepreneur website offers these tips for getting—and staying—ahead:

- **Manage your time.** You may feel you have too little to do—or too much. Set up a routine that lets you schedule your work efficiently. This may mean getting up early, creating a to-do list at the beginning of the day, or saving emails that aren't urgent until the end of the day—whatever keeps you productive throughout the day.
- **Set goals.** Don't wait for success to come to you. Set concrete goals for yourself—a promotion in two years, for example, or just eliminating your college debt. This will help you focus your efforts where they can get the best payoff.
- **Be ready to work hard.** This may seem obvious, but it's important—you won't get ahead if you don't show a willingness to work. Getting results is only part of it—you'll show the people around you that you're dedicating to getting your job done right, whatever it takes.
- **Find a mentor.** Seek out people with more experience for advice and support. Be willing to listen, and respect your mentor's words. A good mentor can steer for forward and help you avoid dead ends.
- **Always seek development.** To get ahead, you've got to stay up on the latest skills. Volunteer for training within your organization, and find it outside wherever you can—consider joining professional organizations that offer development courses.

“Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”

—Marie Curie

## Find The Suspect

A police officer was testing three people who wanted to become detectives on their skills in recognizing a suspect. She showed the first man a picture for five seconds and then turned it over. “This is your suspect—how would you recognize him?”

“That's easy—we'll catch him fast because he only has one eye!” The police officer frowned. “That's because the picture I showed is his side profile.” Annoyed by this ridiculous response, she flashed the picture for five seconds at the second man. “This is your suspect. How would you recognize him?” The second man smiled. “Ha! He'd be too easy to catch because he only has one ear!”

The officer grew angry. “What's the matter with you two? Only one eye and one ear are showing because it's a picture of his side profile! Is that the best answer you can come up with?” Extremely frustrated, she showed the picture to the third man and in a very testy voice asked, “This is your suspect—how would you recognize him? Think hard before giving me another stupid answer.”

The third man looked at the picture intently for a moment. “The suspect wears contact lenses.” The policeman was surprised. “Wait here for a few minutes while I check his file.” She left the room and went to her office, checked the suspect's file on her computer, and came back with a beaming smile on her face.

“Wow! I can't believe it. It's true! The suspect does, in fact, wear contact lenses. Good work! How were you able to make such an astute observation?”

“That's easy,” the third man replied. “He can't wear regular glasses, because he only has one eye and one ear.”

## Creative Thoughts Start in Bed

A survey of 2,000 British residents done by Microsoft Surface found many of people's best ideas tend to occur as they're dozing off, when they first wake up in the morning, and sometimes in the middle of the night. Pay attention to your thoughts in bed, write them down when ideas and solutions come to you, and keep rolling through problems before and after you sleep.

# Saturn Beats Out Jupiter For The Most Moons

Move over, Jupiter. Twenty (20) new moons have been discovered orbiting the ringed planet Saturn, bringing its total number of moons to 82. Jupiter, formerly believed to be the planet with the most moons in our solar system, has 79 moons.

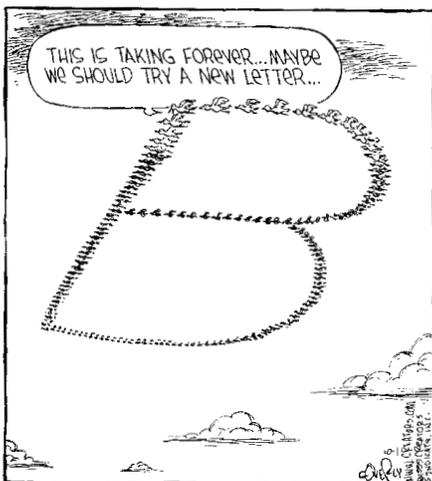
The *BBC News* website reports that the moons, discovered by the Subaru telescope on Maunakea, Hawaii, are about three miles in diameter. Seven of them orbit Saturn “backwards”—in the reverse direction of the planet’s rotation. Those moons take more than three years to complete an orbit around the gas giant, while two of the moons in the more common “prograde” orbit take just two years.

Scientists believe the moons are remnants of at least three larger bodies that were broken up by collisions between other moons or with passing asteroids. “Studying the orbits of these moons can reveal their origins, as well as information about the conditions surrounding Saturn at the time of its formation,” says Dr. Scott Sheppard from the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington D.C., leader of the team responsible for the discovery.

The Carnegie Institution is holding a contest to name the 20 new moons. Submit your name suggestion on Twitter using the hashtag #NameSaturnsMoons.

## SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



# Study Suggests Reading Makes People Better

Do you read a lot? If so, chances are you’re more kind and empathetic than most people, according to a study reported on the *Peace Quarters* website.

Researchers in Great Britain asked 123 people about their reading or television watching habits. Then they analyzed participants’ social skills, asking questions like, “How often do you consider other people’s points of views versus your own?” and “Do you go out of your way to actively help others?”

The results showed that the book readers, usually considered introverted and antisocial, displayed more empathetic traits than people who primarily watch television. The genre of books seemed to make a difference as well. Those who read romance and drama books showed more empathy and skill at seeing situations through another person’s eyes.

Of course, it could be that empathetic people tend to read more, instead of reading creating more empathy. Either way, it’s good news for bookworms.

# Inventive Women From History

Some of the most common things we use every day were invented by creative women. Here are a few, gathered by the *Mental Floss* website:

- **Circular saws.** Tabitha Babbit, a weaver in a Shaker community, suggested that instead of a two-man pit saw that worked only when being pulled forward, a circular saw would be more efficient. She attached a prototype to her spinning wheel in 1813 and filed a patent thereafter.
- **Paper bags.** Margaret Knight created the modern, flat-bottomed paper bag in 1868. Before then, paper bags looked like envelopes. A man tried to steal the idea and file a patent, but Knight filed a lawsuit and won the rights to her creation.
- **Windshield wipers.** Mary Anderson invented the first manual windshield wipers in 1903. They didn’t take off because most drivers thought it was safer to simply drive through rain and snow than keep pulling a lever to clear it. Another woman, Charlotte Bridgwood, invented an automatic version in 1917, but it wasn’t accepted either. Still, by 1920 windshield wipers were everywhere, starting with Cadillac, which began installing them on all its cars.
- **Liquid paper.** A secretary named Bette Nesmith Graham corrected her typing mistakes with white tempera paint. After years perfecting the formula in her kitchen, she patented Liquid Paper in 1958. Gillette bought her company in 1979 for a whopping \$47.5 million.
- **Kevlar.** This lightweight material will stop a bullet. It’s five times stronger than steel. A chemist named Stephanie Kwolek discovered it by accident in 1966 as she was trying to develop a lightweight fiber for car tires.



“The crowning fortune of a man is to be born to some pursuit which finds him employment and happiness, whether it be to make baskets, or broadswords, or canals, or statues, or songs.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Welcome New Members to Our Growing Team

Jeff Cloutier has been hired with a dual role as both an estimator and project manager. He brings more than 30 years of experience in environmental compliance, land use permitting, mineral reserve evaluation, and project management, and carries a great level of organizational and managerial skills. Jeff is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Geology, and has served on the NH Wetlands Council where he reviewed proposed wetland rules.

Chuck Patterson has joined the team as a project superintendent. He has more than 30 years of experience in residential and commercial construction. His experience in land development and commercial work has provided him with a well-rounded understanding of the importance of customer relations, quality work, attention to detail, timeliness, and budgetary awareness.

We are very excited to add Jeff and Chuck to our growing team of talented men and women. They both possess the skill sets and enthusiasm that are critical to our continued growth and success. Please join us in welcoming them. Chuck can be reached at [cpatterson@bpsnh.com](mailto:cpatterson@bpsnh.com) and Jeff can be reached at [jcloutier@bpsnh.com](mailto:jcloutier@bpsnh.com).



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# Thank you, AGAIN, Lakes Region!

For the past four years, businesses around the Lakes Region have been recognized and celebrated for their outstanding services through The Best of the Lakes Region award program produced by the *Laconia Daily Sun*.



For a second year in a row, Bonnette, Page & Stone was recognized as the Gold Winner for the Best of the Lakes Region award in the Construction Manager category. Our entire team is greatly humbled, honored, and appreciative.

Thank you, Lakes Region community members, businesses and all of our customers!

We wouldn't be where we are today without all of you.



Left to right: BPS Team Members Kevin Goupil, Barry Beauregard, Kristin O'Brien, Keith and Elizabeth McBey.