

John Brown has lived for 81 years as a third generation of his family in Bedford, except for the years spent in the Navy and away at college. He was elected to two terms on the Library Trustees and appointed to serve on the Historic District Commission for a total of ten years. He was appointed Town Historian several years ago and continues in that capacity. Since his retirement he has included volunteering for 15 years at Emerson Hospital, which he enjoys very much. John has always maintained an interest in Town government attending Town meetings on a regular basis. In fact, before he was of age to vote he watched the Town Meeting when the voters voted not to have the Army Air Field be located at the present Hanscom Air Base!

A few years ago, as his first volunteer project, he transcribed the births in Bedford from 1851 to 1990 to make access easier for the Town Clerk's office. By virtue of his longtime residence and familiarity with the town he has been able to assist various town officials over the years by answering questions or doing research, most recently the previous land use of the Princeton Properties site. He roamed that area all of his youth, hunting and hiking with his brother, Richard.