



05/06/07 - Boston Post Cane





A search is on to find and honor the oldest Citizen in Londonderry with the Boston Post Cane. The Boston post Cane dates back nearly a century (1909) when Edwin Grosier, publisher of the Boston post newspaper, begin the tradition as an advertising gimmick. There were 431 New England Towns, Londonderry was one, to receive a can crafted from imported African black ebony wood, the head gilded with 14 carat gold and inscribed with the name of the town. Post Cane holders have been Hiram C. Matthews, Joseph L. Day, Fred H. Smith, Cora Lurvey Smith, Jessie Webster Beckley, and John Hardy Madden. It s now time for you to be honored or someone you know.

Here are the guidelines for the Boston Post Can recipient:

- Oldest Citizen of Londonderry documented by birth certificate, passport, or voter registration.
- U.S. Citizen, naturalized or registered voter.
- Has lived in Londonderry at least 30 years and currently resides here.
- Has been a contributor to the town (or neighboring community) in some way and/or active member in a local nonprofit organization.

How do I nominate the next can Holder? If you are, or know of, and older person in town who might qualify for the Boston Post Can, send there name and address, and your name to the Town Historian, listing the candidate and his or her birth date by June1. An application will then be sent to your for formal verification.

Send to the Town Historian, Town Council Office, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053

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For those of you that are part of the internet information revolution, (*of course you are, you are plugged in to Londonderry Hometown Online News*) this just in the official Town of Londonderry site has added a online application today (May 9th 2007) click [HERE](#)

for the form on www.LondonderryNH.org