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UNH Receives National Humanities Grant to Complete Regional Encyclopedia

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Center for the Humanities has received a \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to finish "The Encyclopedia of New England Culture."

The encyclopedia features more than 1,200 entries on subjects ranging from architecture, literature, industry, medicine and the environment to history, folklore, tourism and other aspects of life in New England written by 900 scholars and researchers from around the country. The single-volume work is edited by Burt Feintuch, UNH professor of folklore and English, and director of the UNH Center for the Humanities; and David H. Watters, UNH professor of English. It will be published by Yale University Press.

"We've been working on the encyclopedia since the mid 1990s," Feintuch says. "It's a project unlike anything we've ever done, and there was no operator's manual. With this grant, we can see our way through to finishing."

Feintuch says he expects the final book will be about 1,500 pages and "richly illustrated."

"The Boston Globe allowed us complete access to its collection of more than three million images, and now we are working to acquire reproductions of specific works of art as well as maps," Feintuch says.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, and public programs in the humanities. This is the second NEH grant awarded for work on the

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