

## Rye Inventory - 1879

In 1879 a correspondent for the Exeter Newsletter and Rye resident, had the presence of mind to take an inventory of Rye. Here is the story: "Rye is not a very large town containing about 1000 inhabitants, but we can muster nine blacksmiths, three butchers, 37 carpenters, one cooper, one carriage trimmer, one clergyman, three dressmakers, one doctor, sixteen fishermen and one harness maker. (In addition we have) one lawyer, six masons, four music teachers, four painters, two amateur printers, six shoemakers, two surveyors, seven school teachers, seventeen international telegraph operators, five teamsters and about 200 farmers. There are three churches, four school houses, a good town hall, four hotels, 22 private boarding houses, five grocery stores, two saw mills, two grist mills, a lifesaving station, a submarine telegraph office, two post offices, a temperance club and a brass band."