

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

JOHN PATRICK JORDAN was born and raised in Manchester, NH. He attended St. Joseph's Grammar School (Sisters of Mercy), Bishop Bradley High School (Christian Brothers), class of 1954. He is a retired Iron worker, Local 7 out of Boston, Mass.



Mr. Jordan is active in Manchester history. He, along with historians, Richard Duckoff and Gerald Holleran, conducted (and still does) tours sponsored by the Manchester Historic Association. Among the tours given were, "Find Your Irish Roots" at the old St. Joseph's Cemetery as well as tours at Valley Street, Pine Grove, Hebrew, Mt. Calvary, Piscataquag and St. Augustine Cemeteries, also, bus tours of Historic Old Manchester School Houses; Downtown on Elm Street; North End Victorian Homes and New Century Neighborhood.

Mr. Jordan has compiled and given historical talks in a range of subjects including, "The History of St. Anne's Church"; Dispensers of Damnation – a humorous look at Manchester, NH's temperance movement and Rev. Mother Frances Xavier Warde – foundress of the Sisters of Mercy in America.

Other works include: History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Manchester, NH; and, along with the assistance of Mary Lussier, a look back at the Sheridan Guards on the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of their memorial at the Old St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mr. Jordan has been recognized for his work throughout the years. In 1988, he was awarded a key to the city of Manchester by Mayor Emile Beaulieu. In 2001, he was given a Historic Preservation award by the Manchester Historic Association for dedication to Manchester History. Mr. Jordan was also honored by the Manchester City Library by being presented a plaque and chair inscribed, "John Jordan chair of Manchester Studies. Citizen, Hibernian, Historian."

