The Molly Stark Bindery came about because of a confluence of factors....

First, as a used and antiquarian bookseller since the mid 1990's, its inevitable that we would accumulate torn, worn, board-less older books that we always said "we'll fix or have fixed, someday." Having entered the booktrade through sales of specialist military reference works, and being an acclaimed international miniature military model builder, it was a natural progression of the fine detail work inherent in model building, to start working on books. It began with research and simple repairs, and bloomed into apprenticeship classes with a master bookbinder in Vermont. My education and apprenticeship continues even now, as I establish my own bindery.

Next, our shop, Boomer's Books, is located in Weare, NH on State Route 114. Route 114 is a Scenic Byway through South Central New Hampshire called "The Molly Stark Trail." With Molly and John Stark being famous local personalities from the American War for Independence, it was an easy choice to name our Bindery.

Our love of books, and the desire to preserve as much of the integrity of the original work as possible has led us to take a conservative approach toward book repair, restoration and rebinding. As we expand our facilities and capacity, you will see an increase in representative work appearing on the site.

We use acid free calf from J. Hewit & Sons of Edinburgh (Scotland) in our leather work. We have sample books of most modern cloth and papers, but also have access to a select classical range of bookclothes from 10 to 40 years old - colors and textures that the modern clothes cannot reproduce, and which match many classical libraries.