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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Abenaki Day

By Martha Knapp

The Hartford Historical Society is pleased to invite everyone to the 2nd Annual Welcome Abenaki Day to be held August 4th, 2012 at Lyman Point Park, beside the Municipal Building. Hours are from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. We expect a fun filled day with a wild meat, corn on the cob, barbecue, superbly cooked by Chief Nate Pero of the Koasek Tribe here once again. The feast was a big hit last year with leftover food to take home even. This event is free and open to the public. Those who wish are invited to bring a dish to share and/or donation to go towards this HHS annual event.

This year we are happy to announce that Jeanne Brink, well-known Abenaki basket-maker, educator, and consultant to schools, libraries, colleges, and organizations throughout New England and New York, will present a program featuring the importance of the Abenaki lifeways and traditions for the continuance of the environment, and the importance of elders and children to the survival of all cultures.

We shall also welcome back, black ash pounder, and Abenaki basket maker Jesse Larocque, who once told me, "I can go into the woods empty-handed and come out with a basket." And then he added, "I also know how to make the tools."

The other returning guests for this day are the Boles family Val, Emily, and Megan who have been in an apprenticeship with Jeanne Brink and practice the art of Abenaki basket making. They recently told me that they are learning to speak

Abenaki with Jeanne while they are doing their basket weaving. We are so pleased to have their teacher Jeanne Brink here with us this year. We are so honored to have all of our guests here once again. Each basket-maker has their own unique style and they will be practicing

their craft for everyone to see.

We are also very fortunate to have our own Board member, David Fairbanks Ford of the Main Street Museum, generously offer to bring his special collection of Abenaki baskets from his museum to share with everyone at this welcoming gathering.

This event sponsored by the Hartford Historical Society, the Vermont Humanities Council, the Hartford Parks and Recreation Department, the Winter Center for Indigenous traditions, the Main Street Museum, and the Anne Slade Frey Charitable Trust.

So come on down to the Point, where the White River meets the Connecticut River; the site of an old Abenaki canoe village in 1760-1761.



Abenaki Day 2011

From the Former Chair . . .

Dear Members:

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hartford Historical Society, and I thank you all for the wonderful experiences I have had in working with you from my home at Harvest Hill in Lebanon, N.H. Born a Vermonter, I tend to cling to those roots, which I love to recall go back to my great-grandfather, Alonzo C. Martin, the illiterate Canadian tin peddler of Hartford. (c. 1895)

As my current term on the Board of Directors expires in June, I have tendered my resignation. How

Thank You, Dorothy

The Board is very grateful to Dorothy for her leadership, vision and humor which brought us through the last 5 years of change and growth. She will be missed by us all!



Dorothy at the History Expo 2010

The Mission Statement of the Hartford Historical Society: To acquire, identify and preserve information and artifacts related to Hartford's past and communicate knowledge of local history through programs, publications, and other interaction with the community.

ever, I have volunteered to continue to serve as membership secretary, so I look forward to receiving your renewals on a regular basis.

While the 250th events during 2011 raised an awareness of the significance of preserving local history throughout this vibrant network of communities, unfortunately it took IRENE to prompt citizens to spring into unprecedented action and work together to restore the devastating losses suffered by families and community. Some of these efforts will be included in the Hartford Historical Society's 250th Memory Book, which is now in preparation.

I hope many of you find time this summer to drop in at the Garipay House to see the tremendous accomplishments which have been made in the basement renovation, and to offer your assistance/encouragement as the Garipay House focuses on its unique characteristic as a Doctors' Home.

President Susanne Abetti and the Board members would love to hear from you and welcome new volunteers.

With appreciation for your continued support,

Dorothy



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Curators Corner

Earlier this spring we received an interesting collection of photographs, letters, etc. of the Stearns and Pease families from Norma Sims Roche. They belonged to her grandmother, Helen Stearns Williams. The letters from the 1860's are particularly interesting, depicting life at that time and the fragility of it. As the letters contain much family information, copies have been deposited with the GenCenter in their Pease Family file. My personal favorite is an award given to George W. Pease by the Vermont State Agricultural Society for the "Best Tanning [?] Mill" in 1879.

Helen Morse Pease [born 1861], a daughter on George Walter [1818 – 1913] & Arabella J. Morse Pease, married William G. Stearns of Bethel in 1884. Their daughter was the grandmother of Norma. Elsewhere are highlights of the Pease family in Hartford—George Walter was a brother to Luther



The Pease Family

Luther Pease [1814 – 1876] had a very productive farm. He was president of the Woolen Mill in North Hartland, and ran L. Pease & Son which sold Hardware & Farm implements in Hartford Village. He married **Harriet Cone** and later built Sunnyacre – his magnificent home [now the Elks Club] in the village.

In December of 1848 Luther purchased the hotel which became known as the Pease Hotel. Upon his death the hotel went to **Horace C.**, who in turn passed it on to **Charles Warren**. On January 24, 1889 it burned to the ground, along with Mark Cone's old store next door. Charles moved the Hotel to his home on School Street until a new one was built. Eventually the new hotel was owned by **Allen L. Pease**. It, too suffered a fire and only the back section was left, Pease Hall later became know as Watson Hall



Sunnyacre

Across the street from the hotel was a store belonging to Mr. Pease – it was later operated by Allen



Pease Hotel

with Charles as clerk. Much of the Souvenir China about town was purchased there.

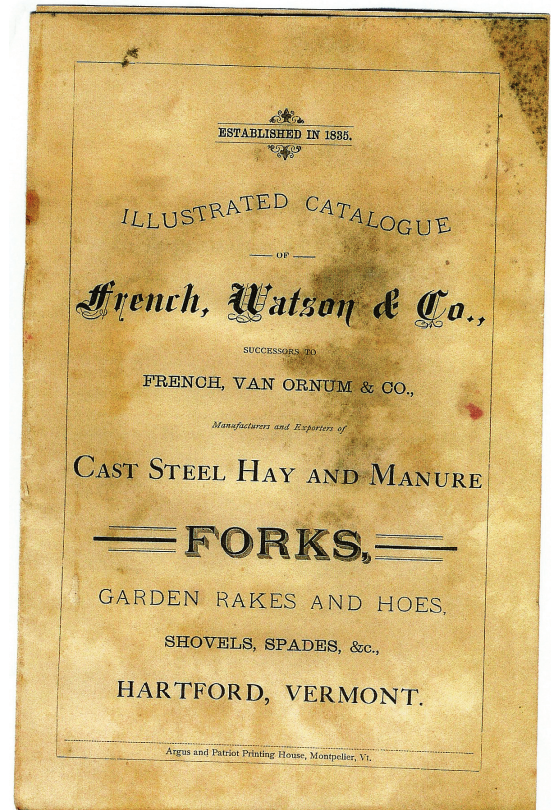
Allen Luther Pease, eldest son of Luther [1843 – 1899] After graduation he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where he married Sophia Ward in 1869, returning to Hartford in 1879. He operated L. Pease & Son, was director of W R Savings Bank, Hartford Postmaster 1881-84, State Senator in 1890, and held much real estate in the village.

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Horace Cone Pease [1844 – 1903?] After graduating from a commercial school like his brothers, he managed his father's farm for a few years. In 1871 he purchased a one fourth interest in French, Watson & Co. a farm tool manufacturer in Hartford Village, and by 1889 was sole owner, operating it until 1902. He also operated an extensive lumber and grist mill in the village, and helped get electricity to the village. In 1877 he married Seraph E. Spalding. He inherited both the Pease Hotel and Sunnyacre. He was a charter member of the Hartford Cornet band, Hartford Lodge F. & A.M. and the Town Treasurer for 14 years.

Charles Warren Pease [1849 –1890] was the youngest son of Luther and was a successful manager of the Hotel and landlord. In 1870 he married Mary Morse.



Abenaki-Boles Family—See front page story
Photo by Chris McKinley

Salute to the Middle School

By Dorothy Yamashita

HMMS 7th grade – Team Equinox with their teachers Rich Gallagher, Leah Toffolon, Barbara Holmes, Neal Cronce and Mike Quinn, pooled their efforts to produce BUGBEE 2011. (Myopic Dog Studios WRJ.VT).

If you have friends who attend the Bugbee Senior Center, you might recognize some of the voices recalling Depression years and Life in Hartford “back then”. Combined with photos of the Hartford area, and appropriate background music, Team Equinox reached out into the larger community and capably demonstrated multiple methods of researching and documenting local history.

Thanks to Rich Gallagher, this short film will be available for viewing at the Garipay Open House sessions during the summer of 2012.

TransCanada Supports Hartford Historical Society

May 3, 2012 day for the Hartford Historical Society even President was in Board Chair was Board members and Peggy McDerhand at the Garipwelcome TransCommunity Rela-East Regional rep-Matthew Cole,



was a red letter ford Historical though the Paris and in the hospital. Martha Knapp ment were on pay House to s Canada's tions North-resentative, who presented

a check for \$5000.00 to be used toward the purchase of materials to keep up with the constant demands of building repairs at the Garipay House. This gift will enable the Building Committee to proceed immediately with the repairs necessary to the front porch.

Under the able guidance of Brent and Martha Knapp, workers Matthew Manning and James Hewitt, of the Restorative Justice System were also on hand. Having already spent many hours on the remarkable renovation of the basement area, they are beginning to feel the “personality” of this wonderful landmark and plan to continue their efforts as the organization looks ahead to expansions of exhibits and programs.

On behalf of the Hartford Historical Society, Martha Knapp presented Matthew Cole a copy of Frank J. Barrett Jr's IMAGES OF AMERICA HARTFORD which devotes a whole chapter to Wilder and Wilder Dam owned by TransCanada.

TransCanada gave generous support in 2011 for the purchase of electronic equipment for the 250th events, all of which is in continual use for educational programs and the documentation of the history of Hartford.

Organizations and individuals interested in participating in Garipay House activities are encouraged to contact the Hartford Historical Society.

Hartford Historical Society's Publications for Sale

- **GREAT TRAIN DISASTER OF 1887** original photos and articles from newspapers of the time \$5.00
- **RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS DAY** Reprint of the original program when Old 494 came to Town of Hartford \$2.00
- **IMAGES OF AMERICA HARTFORD** by F.J.Barrett - \$21.99 [members \$19.99]
- **HISTORIC POSTCARDS** - .50 each or Pack of 6 [1 each] ‘
- **HISTORIC POSTCARDS – RAILROADS** - Woodstock RR Set - \$3.00
- **LOCAL RR NOTECARDS** - \$1.00 each or Set of 6 [3 each] for \$5.00
- **MURIEL FARRINGTON'S NOTE CARDS** featuring historic buildings \$1.50 each or set of 6 [1 each] for \$6.00
- **1889 WRJCT LITHOGRAPH** copies - \$1.00 Each or Set of 6 [1 each] for \$5.00

We also have a number [not all] of **HARTFORD KEY** Yearbooks for sale - \$25.00

If you want an **old issue of the Newsletter** those are also available – yours for a donation! The above may be purchased at the Garipay House, Ordered and picked up at the Municipal building or mailed, prepaid with postage. Contact Pat Stark at 478-1110 [local call] for information

Report from the Annual Meeting held June 13, 2012

By Pat Stark

The following names were removed/added to the Board of Directors:

Expired terms not renewed: Joyce Miller, Tony Battaglia, and Dorothy Yamashita

Renewed: Susanne Abetti, Bill Wittik, Carole Haehnel, Martha Knapp

Added: Mary Nadeau and Art Pease

There is no change in the Officers

The Motion was passed to offer \$250 Life Memberships, including a copy of the 250th Memories Book and the Irene Book, available only from June 2012 to June 2013 in honor of the 250th Anniversary. [We welcome our first 250th Life Member – Bob Ammel]!

The Annual Meeting was followed by a wonderful program by Carol Dewey Davidson – the video was put together by her granddaughter Dewey – on the Dewey Family and the Dewey Mill Complex. She took us for a virtual ‘walk’ around the area pointing out several sites of the mill ‘village’ that are still there, were moved, or destroyed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1962 making way for the North Hartland Dam Flood Control Project. It concluded with a Family Tree and Q&A period. Many of her relatives were there, as well as a few folks who worked in the Mill, and the room was packed!

War of 1812

As this year marks the 200th Anniversary of the start of the War of 1812, I thought this list of Hartford soldiers might be interesting. We were a young town but still found many young men to Answer the Call to Duty.

(Additional names next issue)

	Cemetery	Surname	Given Name
War of 1812		Atwell	Samuel
War of 1812		Austin	Abiathan
War of 1812		Barron	Jonathan
War of 1812		Cilley	Wintthrop
War of 1812		Clark	Daniel
War of 1812		Claverly	Royal
War of 1812		Cobley	Horace
War of 1812		Coburn	Levi
War of 1812		Cushman	Joshua, Jr.
War of 1812		Davis	Eleazar
War of 1812		DeFano	James
War of 1812		Demmon	Reuben
War of 1812 (Supply)	Quechee Village	Demmon	Levi
War of 1812	West Hartford	Dimick	Joel
War of 1812 (Supply)	Quechee Village	Dimick	Joab
War of 1812		Dunham	Reuben
War of 1812		Dunklee	Abel
War of 1812		Dutton	Silas
War of 1812		Eldridge	William
War of 1812		Fox	Oran
War of 1812	Hartford Point	Freeman	John
War of 1812	West Hartford	Fuller	John, Deacon
War of 1812		Gallup	Theodore
War of 1812		Gates	Chauncy
War of 1812		Gile	Jacob
War of 1812		Gillett	Daniel O.
War of 1812 (Supply)	Christian Street	Gillett	Roger
War of 1812 ?	Quechee Village	Hall	Jacob (1790)
War of 1812		Hazen	Levi
War of 1812	Christian Street	Hazen	Ezra
War of 1812	Christian Street	Hazen	Franklin
War of 1812	West Hartford	Hazen	John
War of 1812	West Hartford	Hazen	Levi
War of 1812		Hazen	Lyman
War of 1812		Hazen	Stilman
War of 1812 ?	Christian Street	Hazen	Daniel
War of 1812 ?	West Hartford	Hazen	Daniel
War of 1812 ?	Christian Street	Hazen	Daniel, 2nd
War of 1812 (Supply)		Harr	Samuel
Rev War! 1812	Russetown	Harrington	Roger

Commercial/Institutional Members:

Baker Pottery
 CEMMS Family Painting
 Geo Barns
 Hartford High School
 Hartford Memorial Middle School
 Kibby Equipment
 Main Street Museum
 Meeting House Furniture Restoration
 New England Transportation Institute and Museum

Membership rates:

Individual: \$15
 Family [same address]: \$20
 Senior: \$10
 Senior family: \$15
 Commercial/Institutional: \$25
 Junior membership – No fee but needs a sponsor [contact Dorothy Yamashita]

HHS Calendar

Upcoming Programs, Meetings and Events

Summer OPEN HOUSE at the Garipay House – May - September:

The 1st Tuesday of the month 6-8pm

The 2nd Sunday of the month 2-4pm

Or by Appointment [call pat at 295-3077 M-F 9-4]

Exhibits at the Garipay House will be on Our Native Neighbors the Abenaki in July, Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts – Hartford Girl Scouts in August, and a photo exhibit of Hartford Ball Teams – Beyond High School in September.

3rd Wednesday – Hartford Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Municipal Building, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction at 4:30

4th Tuesday – HHS Board of Directors Meeting – Garipay House May – Oct and the Hartford Library Nov – Apr. at 6:30pm. Please check for exact date!

Saturday, August 4, 2012 the 2nd Annual Welcome Abenaki Day at Lyman Point Park, beside the Municipal Building. Hours are from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. *See article elsewhere in this Newsletter for details*

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – Judy Barwood will speak on the Latham family and the Latham Iron Works formerly on Latham Works Lane. Refreshments will follow. 7:00 pm at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 – Kip Miller will speak on Green Mountain Studios. Refreshments will follow. 7:00 pm at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 – Chuck Bohi will speak on the Railroad Center of White River Junction. Refreshments will follow. 7:00 pm at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 – Jim Flanagan will speak on the history of Hartford Motors. Refreshments will follow. 7:00 pm at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

Don't forget the **Genealogy Center**, upstairs in the Hartford Library is open Monday afternoons

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