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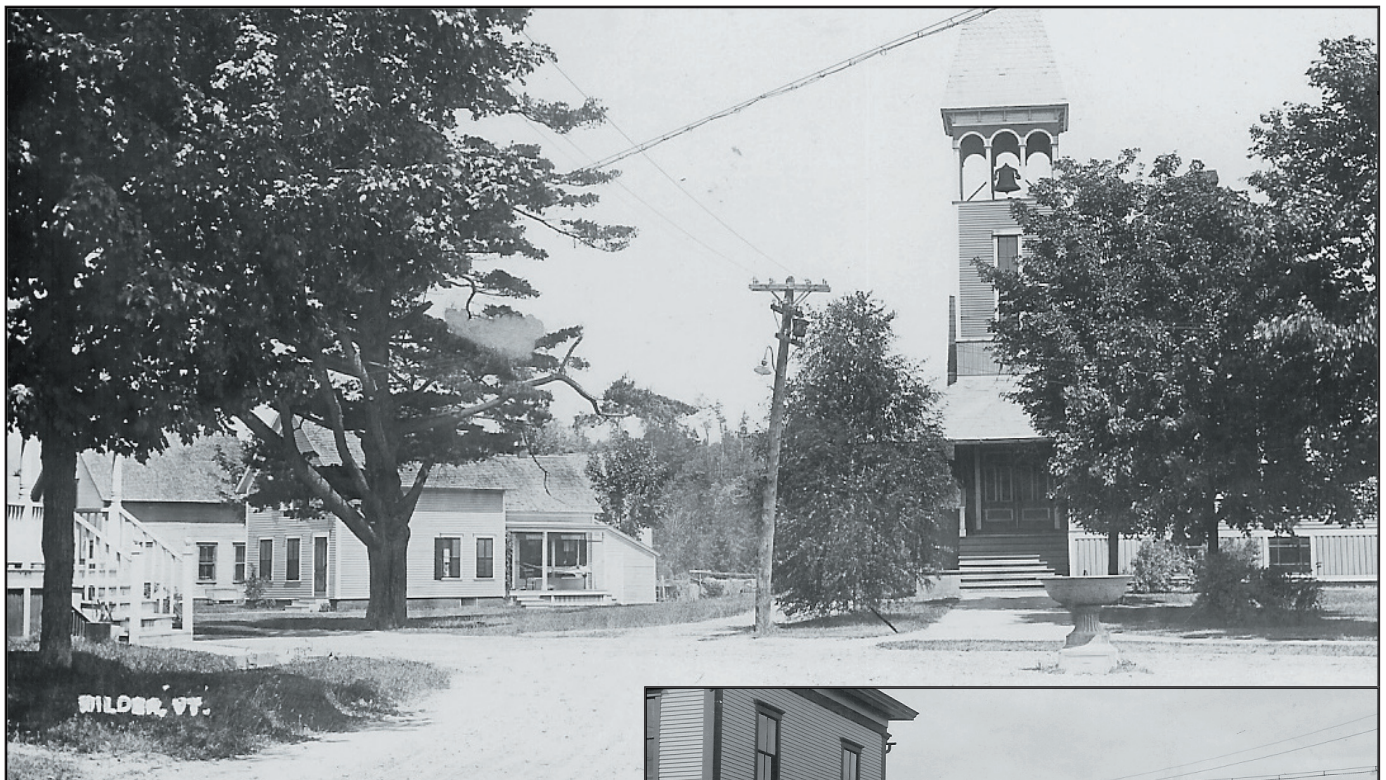
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Wilder in Pictures

Compiled By James M. Kenison



Hartford Avenue at Gillette Street, showing Church (top); Hartford Avenue Mill Houses (left); The former Main Street (above).

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Wilder School, pre-1912 (top left); Wilder School, built 1912 (top right.); Family gathering at a Passumpsic Street residence (right); Stonecrest Farm on Christian Street (below).



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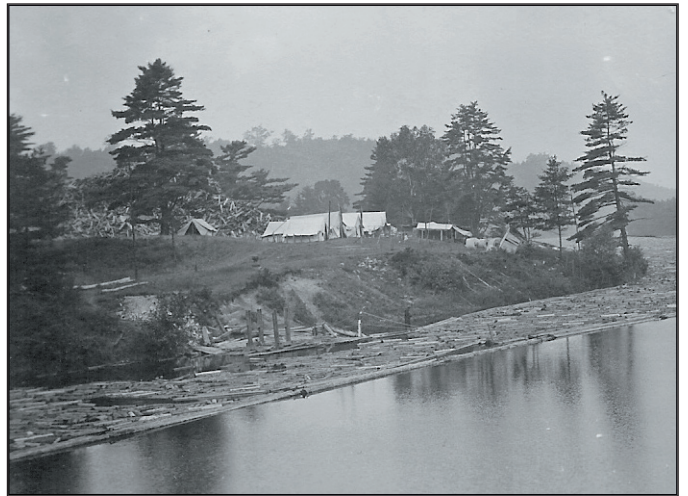
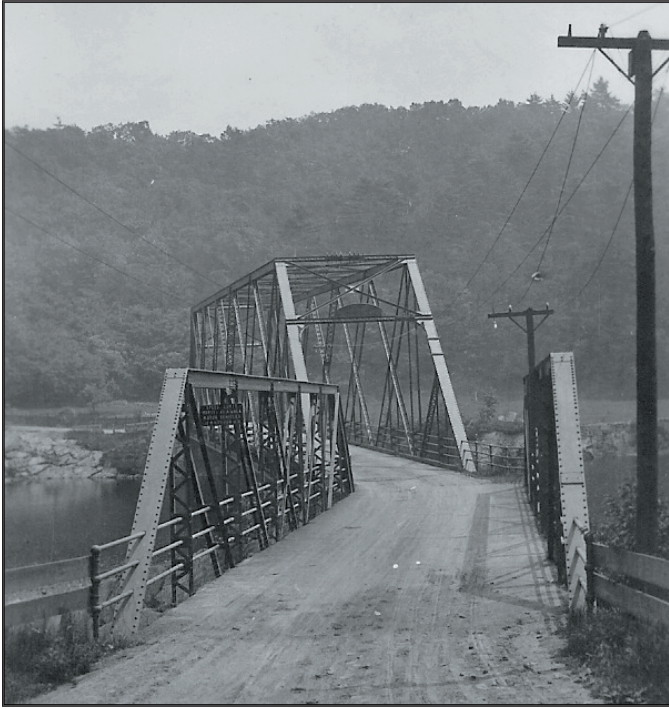
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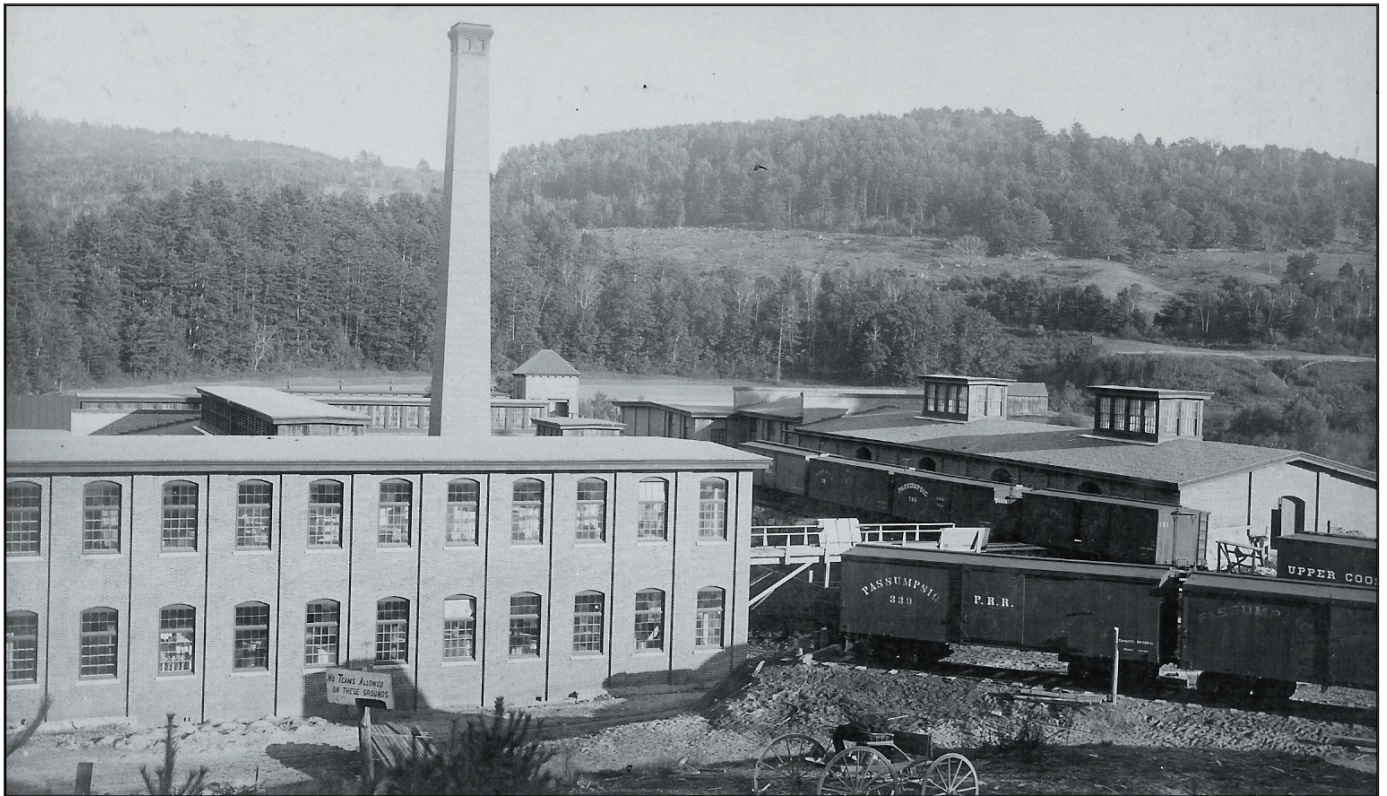
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Bridge from Wilder to West Lebanon, NH, AKA East Wilder (above); Harrowing on Christian Street, 1950's (top right); Connecticut River logging camp (right); the Wilder Paper Mill (below).



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Honor Roll Application

Please copy and complete this form (one per individual) for people you would like to nominate for inclusion in the Society's Honor Roll. See "From the Chairman" and "News & Notes" in this issue for more information.

TODAY'S DATE: _____ SUBMITTED BY: _____

NAME (in full if possible) to be submitted: _____

REASON (Why do you feel this person should be on the Honor Roll?):

BIOGRAPHY (A brief description including birth place & date, if known, education, etc.):

For HHS review only:

Date of review: _____ Accepted ? Yes No

If No, why?:

Other Comments:

Curator's Corner

By Pat Stark, *Archivist*
archivist@hartfordhistory.org

A few bits 'n pieces for this issue as I prepare our exhibits for a new year!

- The Garipay House has had the wood painted on the upper stories in addition to the work on the dormer and back porch roof. As this has reduced our funds to a bare minimum, we are hoping that next summer we can get a few volunteers together to scrape & paint the wood around the windows on the ground level.
- The good news is our collection is being 'invited' to functions around town – the Quechee Club, the Quechee Library, the HCRS Dedication at the old Hartford Grammar School. The problem is we sometimes have to turn down these opportunities due to a lack of volunteers to oversee the items while they are

'away from home'.

- With winter here we all think of heating our buildings. The Garipay House is big with inadequate insulation, so the thermostat is kept down. Thus we do not have regular Open House hours, but I am always willing to arrange for a tour of the museum – just give me a call at work (295-3077).

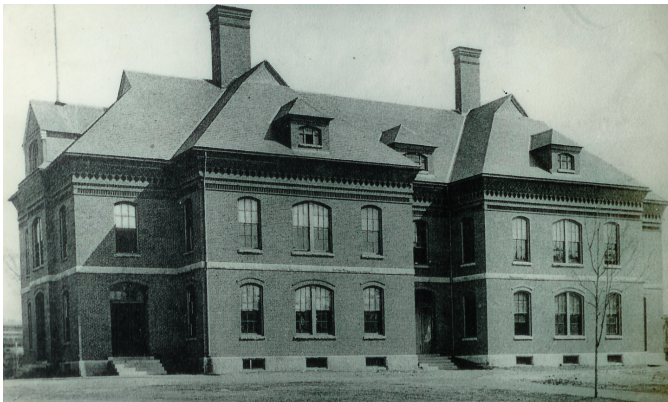
- I will be putting together new displays for the Post Offices soon – I hope to feature significant citizens of town

I hope your New Year is full of Peace, Joy, Love and Good Health!

Pat

Another Mystery to Solve

Before moving into its current location, where was the Town Clerk and Town Manager's offices located? Do you remember going there? Please contact Pat at work (295-3077) or drop us a line –we'd love to hear from you!



In Memory of

Richard W. Lawrence

December 23, 1927 - December 12, 2007

The Hartford Historical Society Board of Directors would like to offer its condolences to the family of Mr. Lawrence, a life member of the Hartford Historical Society.

Reminder!

Dues notices for 2008 have been mailed out to each member who is not already paid through the end of 2008. If your mailing label reads 2007/12 in the upper corner and you have not received a notice, please call Jim Kenison or Peggy McDerment (See page 2 for contact numbers).

Additional gifts are greatly appreciated as a large amount of money has been spent on maintaining our building this year. Any gifts above and beyond your dues are tax deductible, and a donation receipt may be requested.

Keep in mind that all dues payments were due by December 31st.

From the Chairman

By Dorothy Yamashita, *Board Chairman*
chairman@hartfordhistory.org

“Fast away the old year passes
Hail the new ye lads and lasses.”

As we reflect on the joyful tidings received in our holiday mail, we also realize that each year our address files are diminished by a few more names. Do you wonder, as I do, if we remembered to express our appreciation to those people who are no longer with us? Let’s not wait until it is too late! Think about the people you know who are making significant contributions to Hartford History, either in terms of research or support of community programs, and fill out the enclosed (see p. 4) Honor Roll application.

The Board will review the applications in April and

announce the selection at the annual meeting in June.

Hoping that each of us will be granted the health and stamina required to fulfill our visions as we step forward in 2008.

In Memory of

John Dutton

d. December 4, 2007, age 87

The Hartford Historical Society Board of Directors would like to offer its condolences to the family of Mr. Dutton, a member of the Hartford Historical Society.

News and Notes

HHS 21st Century Honor Roll

The Hartford Historical Society Board of Directors has been considering ways to honor individuals who have had an impact on Hartford. The Board decided to create an "Honor Roll" to do just that.

Purpose: To create a public list of citizens deemed to have had a lasting positive influence on the town and its citizens, particularly regarding our history. This is intended to be a way to permanently honor those who come to the attention and appreciation of the Society and its members. Admission to this list can be submitted to the Board of Directors by any member of the Society and will be approved by the Board. A brief biography of the honoree will be sought and published in our Newsletter. The name will be recorded in a book along with the biography and date of entry. A ‘traveling’ scroll or other medium of listing will be created and brought to all Meetings and events sponsored by the Society. This will be kept in public view at the Garipay House at all other times.

West Hartford Grange Curtain: Found and Lost

The Grange Hall curtain was located after much diligent searching on the part of Art Peale, member

of the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission and West Hartford resident. The ‘new’ owner of the West Hartford store – Joe Menei – found it lying on the basement [dirt] floor after furnace installation work had been completed. It is presumed it had been laying on the foundation top and moved to the floor by the workmen. What excitement that the lost had been found!

Chris Hadsel, Theater Curtain coordinator, was notified and came down to check it out on 12/10/07. There was a major tear the length of the curtain, right in the center. The curtain was removed from the wooden roller and taken to the Municipal Building to be opened for better viewing and photo documentation. It was found that the center was actually gone – rotted right out! There was no way to determine what the subject of the painting was – the bottom has a ‘balcony’ along it, with pine trees and water. There are red drapes along the top. Two parallel lines, perhaps RR tracks, can be detected near one edge – that’s it.

It’s sad that a wonderful piece of our history is gone, but it is also wonderful to have the mystery of “what happened to the West Hartford curtain?” solved.

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White River School 100th Anniversary

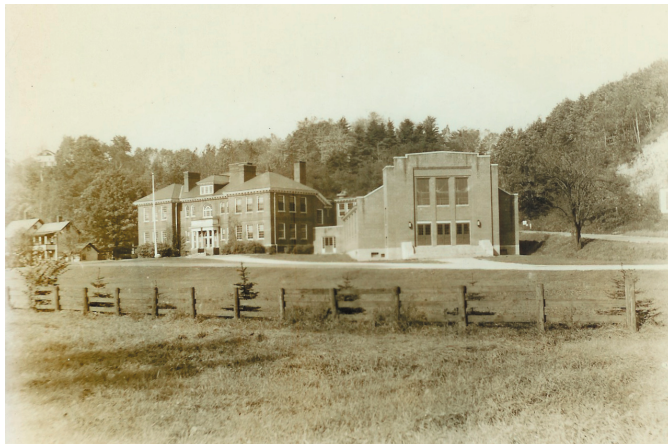
The White River School, built starting in 1906, welcomed students for the first time as Hartford High School in fall 1907. This year marks the 100th year of classes at the building, which now serves as an elementary school.

As part of their 100th anniversary celebration, the staff of the White River School is looking for former students and teachers that attended and/or taught in the building while it served as Hartford High School. The school is looking for people who may be willing to come speak to students about what school was like then.

If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact Melissa Hecsh at the school by calling (802) 295-8650 or via e-mail at hecshm@hartfordschools.net.



The school on Pine Street as it appeared in 1911 (above), after 1937 (below left) and in the 1990's (below right).



Hartford Trivia

Easy Trivia (Grades 5 and below)

Q: The Dothan Brook School is located next to a building that houses Main Street Catering. What was that building used for in the past?

Advanced Trivia (Grades 6 and up)

Q: Why is the road that begins between Cloverleaf Gifts and Evans Expressmart on Route 5 called "Airport Road"?

Both answers may be found in common Hartford History publications, available at most libraries in town and at the Garipay House. If you think you know the answer, e-mail it to newsletter@hartfordhistory.org. Be sure to write "January Trivia" in the subject line and include your name and grade (if you are a student). The correct answers will be printed in the next issue. November's answers: Easy = Calvin Coolidge/John Coolidge; Advanced = Smith Sturtevant. No correct answers submitted.

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April Program:
Wed., April 9th - 7:00 p.m.
Reminiscing with Ralph
Lehman

HHS Calendar

Special Meetings, Programs and Events

Programs are held at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ on Maple Street in Hartford Village at 7:00 p.m. and are followed by refreshments.

Wednesday, Apr. 9 -- *Reminiscing with the Town Manager*, Ralph Lehman will speak on his experiences both as a resident and as former Hartford Town Manager.

Wednesday, June 11 -- *Twin State Airport*, Jim Kenison will present a pictorial history of the airport that served White River Junction from the late 1920's to the early 1950's.

Ongoing Meetings and Events

Regular meetings and Open Houses are held at the Garipay House, 1461 Maple Street in Hartford Village unless otherwise noted.

First Tuesday (February through October) -- *Open House*.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The public is welcome to visit the

Garipay House and see items from our collection on display. Volunteers are on hand to give tours and answer any questions.

Second Sunday (May through September) -- *Open House*.
1:30 - 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome to visit the Garipay House and see items from our collection on display. Volunteers are on hand to give tours and answer any questions.

Fourth Tuesday -- *HHS Board of Directors Meeting*.
7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Dorothy Yamashita, Board Chairman (See page 2 for contact info.)

Happy New Year!
from the Hartford Historical Society
Officers and Directors