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Bringing History to Life

*Writings from Jennifer Boeri-Boyce's 8th Grade History Classes
at Hartford Memorial Middle School*

HMMS 8th Grade History Memories of the Year

My Social Studies class has learned a lot about history. In the beginning of the year we studied Native American tools. Our teacher wanted us to make one of their tools without using our 21st century technology. For example, I made a fake arrowhead by flinting, then I attached it to a stick that my Dad helped me carve. In the spring we studied the westward expansion. After looking at real photographs, the where, when, how, and why are the things we described in our own pictures we drew. Another assignment was when our teacher asked us to write about a soldier that was in the Civil War. We looked at a primary source called a census. The census helped us learn about how many people lived in his household, what jobs they had, and about his life at home before becoming a soldier. We also visited our soldier's cemetery where we took pictures and then displayed them in our book journal about our soldier. All of these projects we did through out the year were fun and I thoroughly enjoyed.

Mikayla
J. Boeri-Boyce's Class

The Service of Edward Lyman

By Parker and Thomas

Edward Lyman of Hartford, Vermont was the first born to George and Minerva Lyman, a pair of wealthy farmers, in 1843. He had three siblings, Lizzie, three years younger than him, Louisa, seven years younger than him, and Will, eight years younger than him. The family, with their Irish servant, lived on or loaned out several large lots at the junction of the



A student in Ms. Boeri-Boyce's history class copying down information from a gravestone during a research project.

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White and Connecticut Rivers. All the children attended school and worked the farm.

When Edward was 18, in 1861, he enlisted into the Vermont Company of the First United States Sharp Shooters, an elite regiment under Colonel Hiram Berdam. Every volunteer had to repeatedly demonstrate incredible marksmanship to earn his spot. Company F mustered in on September 13th, after the fall harvest, and joined the peninsular campaign on March 22, 1862 where they were issued their Sharps Rifles, reserved for the best troops. The 1st United States Sharp Shooters then fought in Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, where Company F served with particular distinction. The Vermonters led a charge against entrenched troops of the famous Stonewall Brigade, and successfully took the wooded knoll and many prisoners, one of the few successes that day.

Just before Gettysburg, Edward Lyman was promoted to a Corporal and helped to lead a successful early morning advance across the Peach Orchard on day two. Later however, because of command blunders, the Third Corps found itself unsupported and took heavy casualties before it could withdraw. At the next major battle, The Wilderness, Corporal Lyman was mortally wounded on May 7th, 1864 and died of those wounds on June 25th. After the fights at Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg, the company mustered out of the army after the death of 32 of their volunteers and 45 wounded during their service. The regiment was consolidated with the 2nd United States Sharp Shooters on December 31st, 1864 and both were mustered out shortly after.

The Lyman Family remained in Hartford and was able to continue farming because of their children of working age and the fact that no other member served in the Civil war. Eventually, the Lymans were buried at the Hartford Point Cemetery with Edward. The current municipal building sits on their land and the park behind it is known as Lyman Point.

Annotated Bibliography for Edward Lyman

“Lyman, Edward.” Hartford Census 1860. Heritage Quest. <http://www.heritagequestonline.com/hgoweb/library/do/index>. 5/19/08. Basic information on our soldier’s family. Told us what his home life was like.

“Lyman, Edward.” Vermont in the Civil War. www.vermontcivilwar.org. 6/2/08. It gave us the time line and information on the soldier’s life in the army. It lead us to many other helpful sources and gave us several dates.

Ripley, Lt. Col. Wm. A History of Company F, United States Sharpshooters. Rutland, Tuttle Co., 1883. Detailed company history. Included information about many battles.

“Sharps Rifle.” Wikipedia. www.wikipedia.org/wiki/sharpsrifle. 6/2/08. Told us the history of the weapon used by the 1st USSS. The gun was a favorite of sharpshooters.

“White River.” Beers Atlas. 1869. A map of families in White River. From it we could determine and make guesses about the lives of Edward’s life and family.



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George Brockway

By Travis

George Brockway was a voluntary Civil War soldier from Hartford, Vermont. George was born in 1830 and lived in Hartford nearly all of his life. Most of his life he lived with his father, William Brockway. George's father was a farmer and in 1860 he owned his own house with four other residents living with him, Tammy, Jesse, Joni, and of course George who were all relatives of the Brockways. George was more than likely an important contributor to the family farm because he was a strong young man and with his father aging towards 70 plus years old, someone had to keep the farm up and running.

On September 4, 1862 George voluntarily enlisted in the army and later became mustered in on October 23, 1862. He was a private in the 16th Voluntary Vermont

Infantry regiment, Company G. George was not one of the most important people in his regiment, but he fought with some of the bravest in the war, one of

battle there were two main leaders, General Meade for the Union and General Robert E. Lee for the Confederates. George survived this bloody battle (where there were 23,040 casualties for the Union and between 22,000 and 25,000 for the Confederates) and was able to muster out on August 10, 1863 with the rest of his regiment.

After Georges' life in the war, he went back to living a normal life in Hartford, Vermont, but not as a farmer. George was now a chair maker and seeing as his father passed away he began making his own family. In 1870 George had three kids, William H. (4 years old), George H. (4 years old), and Allen, a baby who was only 3 months old. Sadly George died a few years later on June 6, 1873. He is buried in the Hartford Point Cemetery. He was a brave soldier in one of the biggest battles in the Civil War and if an average young farmer can make an impact on a war then anyone can if they have the heart to.



Students from Ms. Boeri-Boyce's class on a research trip to the cemetery.

which being his colonel, Wheelock G. Veazey who was awarded the Medal of Honor. George was not involved in many battles, but one of the two battles that his regiment was involved in was one of the most important battles in the Civil War (the other being the Battle of Fairfax Courthouse), Gettysburg. In the battle of Gettysburg nearly 95,000 troops fought for the Union and 75,000 for the Confederates. In this

Note to Teachers

HMMS Teacher Jennifer Boeri-Boyce is one of a few teachers in town who regularly use the resources of the Hartford Historical Society in their teaching. The Society would love to see more teachers using the Society as a teaching resource.

The Society has a wonderful collection of local artifacts and photographs all pertaining to the history of the Town of Hartford. Our newsletter also prints educational articles which may be used in the classroom as well. Reprints are available.

If you are a teacher and would like to learn more about how we can work together, please contact Chairman Dorothy Yamashita or Archivist Pat Stark. Contact information appears at the bottom of page 2.

William Strong Dewey

by Sarah

On August 3, 1841, William Strong Dewey was born to Albert G. and Emily Dewey in Quechee, VT. He was the eldest of three children: John, Jasper and Emma Strong. As a child, William attended the Newbury, VT Seminary School and the Green Mountain Institute in South Woodstock. He then graduated and went to the Norwich University. In the summer of 1862, a year before he would graduate, William and a couple of his college friends joined the Rhode Island Cavalry. They were mustered in for three months in Providence, where they then moved to Washington D.C. and stayed as defenses for a month. The Cavalry then traveled to Alexandria, Virginia, and then onward to Winchester, VA. William and his squadron stayed on duty for Camp Sigel, Winchester, for a spell until the squadron retreated to Newton and Middleburg. From there the cavalry traveled to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia and was defense until they had to escape through enemy lines.

He mustered out September 26, the expiration of the term.

William came back to his university, finished his schooling, and graduated in 1863. Since William's father was a woolen manufacturer William soon followed in his footsteps and took up the trade. He entered the firm of J.C. Parker and Company, in 1866. While in the J.C. Parker Company William served as the aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Pingree in 1884, with rank as colonel, and became a member of the Lakota Club in Woodstock. He remained for 10 years before he lost interest and became a member of the firm of A.G. Dewey and Company. He was representing the town of Hartford in the legislature branch in 1886 but sadly his father died, and he turned his full attentions to the factory. When A.G. Dewey and Company was incorporated in 1890, William was elected treasurer of the company. William, since he was a scholar, was a trustee of the Ottaquechee Savings Bank, director of the Woodstock National Bank and the Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company. He lived with his niece and nephew until he died on July 3, 1927. William Strong Dewey lived for 86 years.

Bibliography

"Dewey, William" Civil War Soldiers and Sailors. <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>. 5/30/08.

This site is all about soldiers and sailors in the Civil War. It told me what regiment, side, company, rank, my soldier was. It also had background information on the 7th Squadron Rhode Island Cavalry.

"Hartford." Beers Atlas. 1869.

This is a map of Hartford in 1869. It showed me where William Dewey lived in Hartford and how many things his father owned.

"William, Dewey" Hartford Census. Heritage Quest <http://www.brooks.lib.vt.us/libraryfromhome.htm>. 5/30/08

This was a census on everyone there was from the 1930s and back. The site gave me William Dewey's death, birth, age in 1860, family member's and wealth/land.

"William, Dewey" Genealogical and Family History of the State of Vermont by Hiram Carleton. <http://books.google.com/books/genealogical?q=William+Dewey&hl=en&vid=9780806347943>. 5/30/08

This was a book on Family history in Vermont, not on everyone, but more on the richer families. This book gave me the most information on what my soldier did and what he accomplished, I also got more information on his family.

"Civil War Cavalry." <http://www.civilwaracademy.com/civilwarcavalry.html>. 6/1/08

It is a site about what life was like in cavalry. It has information on everything from meals to duties and I got more information on what they actually did.

"Civil War Archive" Rhode Island Cav. <http://www.civilwararchive.com/Unreghst/unricav.htm>. 5/29/08. This is a biography on the 7th squadron Rhode Island Cavalry. It gave me information on the squadron and helped me fill in the holes.

Curator's Corner

By Pat Stark, *Archivist*
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Have you ever wondered just what your volunteer curator does? Why I do it? It is occasionally a more interesting job than one might think. The long hours of measuring & describing each donation, photographing the artifacts, inputting it onto the computer, scanning the photographs, filing everything, creating displays and answering questions are occasionally interrupted by the excitement of seeing some really neat old things.

Recently I was presented with a set of wonderful [12" x 18"] photographs taken of logging operations in Washington State in 1918, along with a hat worn in some of them. The hat was in perfect condition, as were the photos – absolutely wonderful stuff! They belonged to the ancestor of a member of the local American Legion whose heir gave them to the Legion. Fortunately one of our members was at the legion and

brought them over to me. An on-line search resulted in locating a historical museum where they will make a very welcome addition to their collections. In the end, I guess it is the reward of putting everything in its proper place for the benefit of the future that keeps me at it.

Some of our 2008 donations received to date are:

- Photograph of the White River Jct wooden bridge under construction – J. Barrett
- Wilder School photos & documents; Christian Street Home Circle scrapbook with photos, etc.; and the Chittenden Chapter of the DAR's original Certificate from March 23, 1911 – Roberta Godrich
- Yardsticks from Powers Store – Fred Bradley

Honor Roll

At the Annual Meeting of the Hartford Historical Society, Several names were added to the Society's Honor Roll of persons who have had an important impact on the history of Hartford. We will be publishing the excerpts from the application forms that were submitted by members of the Society. If you wish to nominate someone for inclusion on the honor roll, contact Dorothy Yamashita or Pat Stark (see page 2), or complete an application form on our website, www.hartfordhistory.org and mail it to us.

The following is from the application submitted for Collamer Martin Abbott.

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

- Photographed many aspects of daily life in this area from 1950 into the 1960's
- Wrote several articles about growing up in Wilder in the 1930's & 1940's and *Hartford Village Life*; has been published many times including twice in the Vermont Historical Society's *Vermont History*, and published a book on the Copper Mines

- Organized, along with Raleigh Mann, the Railroad Enthusiasts Day which celebrated bringing Engine 494 to Hartford
- An explorer of the unusual aspects of the area as well as it's history and talked about them to many folks, including the Copper Mines

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

- 1919 – Born December 10 in Wilder to Leon and Irma Martin
- 1938 - Graduated Hartford High School
- 1942 - Graduated University of Vermont
- Obtained a Masters in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin
- Worked for several newspapers including the Valley News from 1953 – 1956, and was Chief Photographer there. Also taught English at Castleton State College
- 19?? - Married Winona Woodworth
- 1972 – Married Claradella Snow [Betts] June 17
- 1977 – Married Mauricelle Mondina March 25

News and Notes

HGRC Summer/Fall 2008 Genealogy Program Series

The Hartford Genealogy Resource Center will be holding a series of programs this summer and fall at the Hartford Library (with the exception of the September program, which will be held at the Hartford Municipal Building.)

All programs are free and open to the public, though donations are appreciated. For more information, please call the library at (802) 296-2568, or email gcenter@hartfordhistory.org.

The schedule follows:

- Friday, June 27th, 7pm
An Introduction to the HGRC
Jim Kenison will welcome you to the center and share all the resources available for researchers.
- Friday, July 25th, 7pm
Vermont Archival Resources
Dartmouth Professor John A. Leppman will talk about the many resources available in Vermont for researchers.
- Friday, August 22nd, 7pm
Cemetery Research and Etiquette
Art Peale will talk on proper etiquette during cemetery research, and will also share tips on how to properly clean your ancestor's gravestone.
- Friday, September 26th, 7pm
Hartford's Record Keeper
Assistant Town Clerk Sherry West will give a tour of the Hartford Town Clerk's vault and explain the many records there as well as fees and usage rules. Meet at the Hartford Municipal Building.
- Friday, October 24th, 6:30 pm (Note new time!)
The Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants
State Historian Sharon Matyas will speak on the society and the application process.

THANKS!

Thank you, Jean McLeese for the donation of a dress form and a card table – both will be useful for future displays!

Painting Party & BBQ

Please consider joining us at the Garipay House on Saturday, August 9th at 9 am. We need volunteers to help paint the exterior woodwork on the lower floor of the building as well as volunteers to help bring and prepare/serve food for the volunteers.

It should be an enjoyable day, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please call Dorothy Yamashita to RSVP (see page 2 for contact information). If you can help provide food, please call Joyce Miller at 295-2025.

History Expo

The annual Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, VT was held the weekend of June 21st and 22nd. It was well attended despite rain. We would like to thank the several volunteers who helped man the booth over the weekend, as well as those who helped set up and take down the display.

If you've never attended the History Expo, please plan on it for next year! We are always looking for new volunteers, and free tickets are provided for volunteers who help man the booth for a few hours. Its a great experience for history lovers of all ages.



A butter making demonstration at the 2008 Vermont History Expo on June 22nd in Tunbridge

From the Chairman

By Dorothy Yamashita, *Board Chairman*
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I hope that more of you attended the Vermont History Expo this year on sunny June 21st rather than on rainy June 22nd. No doubt there were more Saturday visitors to all the inside exhibits, including the fine Hatford display featuring the Wilder brothers. Thank you Jim Kenison and to all those who assisted.

Next year will be even bigger and better, so mark your calendars: June 27th and 28th. The theme will be Waterways and Byways.

If you missed our annual meeting, the officers elected for the coming year appear on page 2 of this newsletter. We would welcome two more members on the board of directors. Interest and availability the fourth Tuesday of every month are prime qualifications. Please give this opportunity some thought.

If you prefer a one time donation, how about joining us for painting on August 9th at 9am. Wear your "grubbies" and help us paint the outside of the

Garipay house, lower half only. Friends and neighbors are welcome to paint. If you would rather cook than paint, there will be a BBQ for those who paint and we hope to feed them well. Contact Joyce Miller at (802) 295-2025 if you can contribute FOOD.

We hope you have enjoyed this issue featuring the writings of Hartford Middle School students shared by their teacher, Jennifer Boeri-Boyce. The student contributors have all received a one year complimentary membership to the Society, through the end of the next school year.

Polly Tooker, the author of *By Thanksgiving It'll Be Funny*, has given us a copy of her book about spending summers in the Jericho district. It is great light summer reading with lots of fond local memories!

Dorothy

News and Notes

White River School 100th Year

Students at the White River School pose in front of the building to commemorate the close of the 100th year of classes held in the building. Past and present students and staff ended a year's worth of special anniversary activities with an Open House Celebration on June 5th. Thanks to all those who helped make the anniversary such a success!



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**September Program:
Wed., Sept. 10th - 7:00 p.m.
White River Junction in My
Lifetime - By David Briggs**

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.

Saturday, July 12 -- *Hartford Library Open House,*

10:00 am, Come to the library as they celebrate their new automated catalog system. A powerpoint presentation on the history of the village will be given by the Hartford Historical Society.

Friday, July 25 -- *Vermont Archival Resources,* Hartford

Library., 7:00 pm. John Leppman from the Vermont Genealogical Society will speak on Vermont Archival Resources at the Hartford Genealogy Center, (Not handicapped accessible.)

Friday, Aug. 22 -- *Cemetery Research and Etiquette,* Hartford

Library., 7:00 pm. Art Peale will speak on the care and maintenance of gravestones and their importance in family research at the Hartford Genealogy Center, (Not handicapped accessible.)

Wednesday, Sept. 10 -- *White River Junction in My*

Lifetime, David Briggs will share photos and memories of the many changes in downtown White River Junction during his lifetime.

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.)