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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Next year is the 250th Anniversary of our Charter! Here is a little relevant history for you.

CELEBRATING HARTFORD'S BIRTHDAY—JULY 4, 1761

As you probably know, when this area was a howling wilderness it was partitioned off by the King of England. Actually it was done by Benning Wentworth, the Governor of 'New Hampshire' Province. He signed the Charters for the new township in groups, and ours was on July 4th (along with Norwich, Lebanon, Thetford, Fairlee, Lyme, Hanover, Hartland, Windsor, Enfield, Canaan & Plainfield). These towns are referred to as the Middle Grants as they were chartered mid-way in the granting period and are mid-way up the Connecticut Valley – in the middle of the territory Benning Wentworth considered 'his' province. There is a rumor that ours was the first that day, or the first in Vermont, but who can tell? He did not put the time on them!



From 1911 Celebration

Most of our 'Middle Grant/Vermont' towns had two charters, as the Governor of New York also claimed this area and naturally didn't recognize Wentworth's charters. Some towns still have both, but we don't. The story, briefly, is that the Wentworth Charter was sent, along with monies to cover 'recording fees' to New York, but it supposedly never reached there (NY has no knowledge of it). The person carrying it DID return, but went to his grave without revealing what happened to the charter and the money. FORTUNATELY our forefathers were smart enough to make a copy of that charter, which is now hanging in the Town Clerk's Office for all to see.

So where does that leave us today? With no question as to the date of our Birthday – July 4th – estab-

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NEXT PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 14, 7pm at the Greater Hartford Church of Christ in Hartford Village. David Mayhew, who grew up in Hartford Village, will speak on "Butler's Ditch" and Vermont's Seventh Regiment in the Civil War. In the summer of 1862, the Union attempted to regain control of the Mississippi River. At the time, the last Confederate stronghold on the river was the heavily fortified town of Vicksburg. An ill-conceived attempt to build a canal to bypass Vicksburg resulted in a tragic loss of life from disease in the Seventh Vermont Regiment. David will illustrate his talk with viewgraphs.

Hope to see you there!

Mary Nadeau, Program Chair



From the Chair . . .

Greetings!

As I write this, the Groundhog has just seen his shadow, but hopefully, we are now enjoying Spring weather—even though for some of you that means mud season! And where one finds muddy roads, that is also where the odor of maple syrup is apt to be prevalent—ah, that golden sweetness! Here in Hartford, we can enjoy our "sugar on snow" at the Congregational Church and surrounding areas. What a treat—with sour pickles and raised doughnuts!

Recently I was privileged to attend a faculty meeting, on behalf of Ron Heroux, director of the Genealogy Center, where I presented a certificate of appreciation to Jennifer Boeri-Boyce, as cited in the January newsletter, with one correction:

Jennifer is on the faculty of the **Hartford Memorial Middle School**, not Hartford High School as stated.

I took the opportunity to express appreciation for all the contributions that are made to our community by everyone on the faculty as they provide for the education of these students. I sensed that Jennifer's colleagues unanimously approved our citation by their enthusiastic response!

Thank you all for your recent membership renewals, and I extend my apology to those who may be confused by receiving two copies of the newsletter. In order to receive bulk postage rates, we need to mail a minimum of 200 letters. To meet that quota, all schools and libraries, and a few members received duplicate copies hoping that these will reach potential new members. If you receive two copies, please share one and extend an invitation to someone you know to join our group. It's called **Membership Drive 2010!**

We're gearing up for the UV250th in 2011! Once again, please check the mailing label, and notify us if the expiration date is still 2009 and you have sent in your renewal.

Looking forward - as we preserve our past!

Dorothy Yamashita



Jennifer Boeri-Boyce and Dorothy Yamashita at
HMMS Library



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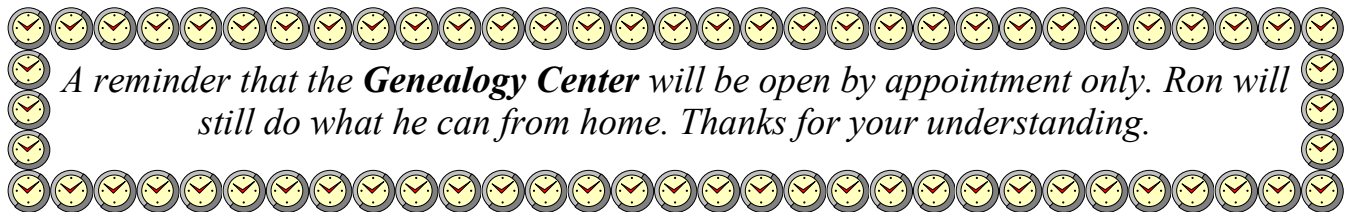
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Mystery Photos –

if you know the folks here, date, or occasion please let us know! Thanks.



*A reminder that the **Genealogy Center** will be open by appointment only. Ron will still do what he can from home. Thanks for your understanding.*

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lished long before the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence.

I have no idea how it was celebrated in the 1800's, but by 1911 our citizens were ready for a BIG "do".. The **150th Birthday Party** was held in two places – the top of the 'terrace' (now the end of Worcester Avenue) and at the Town Green in the Center of Town where the DAR erected a Monument on Wednesday, July 5th – amidst great proclamations. The Historical Pageant of the Early Settlement and Growth of Hartford, Vermont was held over four periods – Saturday afternoon of the 1st, Monday evening of the 3rd, Tuesday afternoon of the 4th and Tuesday evening. There were 13 'scenes'. We will feature more on this in the July issue.

The **200th Birthday Party in 1961** was held in August. On Sunday the thirteen Churches held special programs; a songfest was held at the High School on Friday the 18th, followed by Dancing on the Municipal Building lawns – (How many of you were there?) then Fireworks. A big parade was held on Saturday morning the 19th, followed by a Field Day at Watson Field in the afternoon, and a Ball in the evening. There was a noon Chicken BBQ at the High School on Sunday the 20th with an afternoon Gladiolus Show

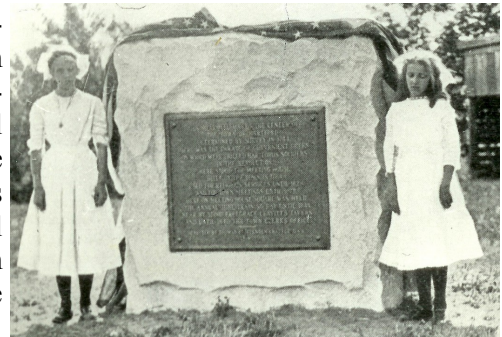
and Art Exhibit put on by the Middle School pupils. The Libraries had special exhibits on all three days.

Remember, the libraries

kept our Historical objects until after the Hartford Historical Society incorporated in 1987.)

We have a few photos of the parade, but that's all. If you have any photos, etc. we would LOVE to borrow them to scan –then return them. Or if you'd like to share ANY memories of these events, we would love to have them! What do you remember of these events?

Special event planning for next year is underway, and a committee is being formed to coordinate these events. We all hope the celebrations of 2011 will be at least as memorable as those of 1911! What do you think we should do to celebrate our 250th? Please share any ideas you have – we will pass them on to the 250th Committee. THANKS



From 1911 Celebration

LOOKING BACK

reprint from the Nov. 1990 Newsletter

"Civil War' film maker Ken Burns, Valley News, November 3, 1990: "When most people hear the word history, they think "Castor oil." When I hear it, I think, 'Hey, a story.'" There is a lot more to tell, but here are some things about Hartford and Hartford men in the War of the Rebellion .

.... "On the 2nd day of May (1861) the first regiment was mustered in Rutland. On the 7th of May commissions were issued for recruiting the 2d and 3d regiments of volunteers for three years' service, or during the war. These regiments were quickly filled and were mustered, the 2d in Burlington, and the 3d in St. Johnsbury. The 2d regiment...left their encampment for Washington city, June 24th, and, not one month later, participated in the battle of Bull Run, and there suffered the loss of sixty-six men, in killed, wounded, and prisoners. The 2d and 3d regiments were armed with Enfield rifle muskets .

... "The history of the 3d Regiment is of greater interest to the people of Hartford than that of any other Vermont regiment for the reason that Co. F was composed largely of soldiers raised in this town. The 3d Regiment remained in camp in St. Johnsbury until the 24th of July. During the time of their encampment in that place, there were between 200 and 300 cases of measles, and about fifty men were unfit for service when the regiment was ordered to the front.

The regiment, under the command of Col. W.P. Smith, and Lt. Col. B.N. Hyde, arrived in Washington City July 27th, and was at once ordered forward to Chain Bridge. Here the men did important service in making rifle pits and forming entrenchments on the Maryland side of the Potomac, and were subsequently sent into Virginia without tents, being near the enemy, and for ten consecutive days and nights bivouacked while constructing the abatis and earthworks at Ft. Marcy." The 3d Regiment was in 28 engagements, the last being Petersburg, VA, April 2, 1865.

Three men from Hartford died at Andersonville prison. War Expenses of Hartford During

the Rebellion - to March 1867 "Two hundred and sixty-seven men furnished by the town in 1862-63-64. Amount of bounties and costs of which, including bounties paid to men who were drafted, and who furnished substitutes = \$54,829.91." (This includes "2 colored men entered in the South" and "17 men, three years' service in the Navy".)

Men from Hartford served in other regiments, among them - Sumner H. Lincoln enlisted as a Private, Co. B 6th Regiment and was the only person who rose from a private to a colonel through all the grades in the regiment. Dr. Samuel Allen went out as surgeon of the Fourth Vermont. Charles C. Powers was a musician in Co. H, 11th Regiment. Wm. Stafford went in as blacksmith, Co. E. 1st Cavalry and served from 1861 to 1865. Edward Lyman was in Co. F, 1st US Sharpshooters; Solomon Franklin was in Co. H, 2nd US Sharpshooters. Alexander Davis was an officer in the US Colored Troops, serving 4 years 2 months. Wm. B. Hazen was brevetted for gallantry in the capture of Fort McAllister as colonel of the 38th Infantry.

These notes are from: "History of Hartford, VT", Tucker, 1889; "Revised Roster of Vt. Volunteers ... The Rebellion 1861-1866" by the Adj. Gen. of Vt., 1892; "Vermont in the Civil War" by State Historian G.G. Benedick, 1886 (two volumes).

If you would like to learn more about Hartford and the Civil War, check your village library for the above books; we have in our library Tucker's History; and all three are in the Town Clerk's Office. (Books in the Town Clerk's office can be used there with permission 9-12, 1-4 weekdays.

CURATOR'S CORNER

Here are highlights of some of the wonderful items donated to us in 2009. This does not include any of the many Photographs and Post cards!

CENTENNIAL OF THE BRICK HOUSE, HARTFORD 8/28/1928 Speech by Kate Cone - Joanna Loug
SCRAPBOOK of Catherine H. Sornberger (Gibbs) - HHS & Grange topics 1930-9 - Lester Gibbs:
GIRLS GLEE CLUB PLAY December 1930 'The nativity Story' PROGRAM Booklet – 1930
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1931-1931-2
REPORT CARDS for 1931-1932 and 1933-34
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1932
STUDENT SEASON TICKET - Spring 1933 #14 - scores on back
STUDENT TICKET - December 1933 - HHS vs Blue eagles at Gates Opera House
SENIOR BALL – at GATES OPERA HOUSE April 13, 1934 DANCE CARD -
JUNIOR PROM – at GATES OPERA HOUSE May 11, 1934 DANCE CARD
COMMENCEMENT BALL – at GATES OPERA HOUSE June 22, 1934 DANCE CARD
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES June 12, 1934 - 'Class day' inside CARD,ETC
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT - Catherine Hester to Harry Howard Gibbs - 10/20/35
WILDER FEDERATED CHURCH - Souvenir china plate and photo portrait of a man - Sheila Coutermarsh
And Then There was The Time..... BOOK By Joan M. Campbell 2009, Joan M Campell-Narwid
HARTFORD CEMETERY ASSOC - May 1, 1927 Booklet –Carol Mowry
SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HARTFORD, VT –China plate/history on c 1960 - Stanley & Wilma Johnson Estate
HARTFORD LIBRARY – China Saucer made for L. Pease & Son, Hartford, Vt - Pauline Bartlett (G.W. Estate)
PITCHER used for COMMUNION Services at Hartford Church - Peggy McDerment
TELEPHONE BOOK COVER with local ads on the outside VINYL PLASTIC - C 1999 – Ron Heroux
METHODIST CHURCH - 75th Anniversary 'Souvenir Booklet' 1952 – Castleton State College
ADDRESS Delivered at Hartford,VT July 4th, 1876 by Samuel E. Pingree - Booklet -Castleton State College
WILLIAM E WILLARD, Civil War soldier - Report by Taylor Potter for School 2009 - Jennifer Boeri-Boyce
ELI HART, Civil War Soldier - Report by Kyle Ruffing for School 2009 -Jennifer Boeri - Boyce
HARTFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSN - Minutes, publicity, etc./Photos1993-9 - Beth Adams & Jonathan Sa'adah
UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY/MYRTLE LODGE IOOF - plaque re: transfer of building - Brass 1945 – Sylvia Bates & Tom Masland (Found in their new home in NH)
QUECHEE - VT HWY MAP / Details of Rt - 4 + Village area Blueprint Map 1949 – Francis LaBelle
HARTFORD VILLAGE - VT HWY MAP\ Details of Rt - 4 + Village area Blueprint Map 1949 - Francis La-Belle
25,000 GIFTS - NATIONAL CASH REGISTER MADE FOR WHEELER - 25,000 Gifts Inc
TWIN PINES HOUSEING - BEGINNING HISTORY 1979 - 1993 by Inge Brown
RAILROAD DATE NAIL 1972 - Ron Heroux
QUECHEE DISTRICT SCHOOL on Waterman Hill - Underwood TYPEWRITER c.1925 – Jonathan Schechtman
HARTFORD OIL CO. INC. Tel. 545, WRJct Letter Opener/knife – Ron Theriault
GATEWAY MOTORS INC., Bridge St, WRjct - Ford Keycase, leather – Ron Theriault
DIRECTORY - Hartford, WRJct, Windsor & Woodstock by W.E.Shaw pub.1913 – Francis Beisler
HARTFORD BOOSTER'S CLUB - Winter #3 issue/B&W photos BOOKLET 1977-8 - Acquisitions

Hartford Historic Preservation Commission Report

The HHPC is currently working on a few projects you might have some interest in.

- We are continuing to gather information on the best way to mow cemeteries.
- We are embarking on an 8th Historic District Nomination – this time the fine old homes along Fairview, Hillcrest and Forest Avenues. We are limited in the number of buildings we can include, so we are not able to include the entire area, but we feel the terraces are certainly worth noting!
- We have hired a consultant to assist in the Barn Census for Hartford. A photographic collection and description of what is left of our old barns and agricultural structures will be valuable for the future as many are fast disappearing!

HONOR ROLL

Please consider adding someone to our Honor Roll! Our Honor roll has not grown much lately and I'm sure there are plenty of folks who have an interest in our town and it's history! They can be living, or not, and we only need a little information: Your name & contact information, the full name of the person you wish to honor, what they did to advance the History of our town (why you feel they should be honored), and a brief biography (date born & location, where educated, and any other information you feel is important. There is a link to a form on our web site (hartfordhistory.org) or contact Pat if you'd like one. Thanks



Scene from the 1911 Hartford birthday celebration. Photo from our archives.

Membership

As of 5 February 2010

Includes new, renewals and Life members

Abetti, Susanne & George
Aher, Jim & Diana
Arnold, Jeff & Noreen
Ayer, Mary
Barwood, Wendell & Judeen
Beckett, Esther
Bedor, Ruthie
Belisle, Kevin
Berezin, Iris
Bettis, Michael & Phyllis
Black, Roy
Boeri-Boyce, Jennifer –
Blood, Janet
Bohi, Charles W.
Book, Raymond & Rebecca
Brown, Dennis and Mary
Clifford, Cameron
Coogan, Debbie
Coppock, Chuck & Laura
Cramer, Kenneth C.
Cronce, Carol
Cusson, George & Kay
Devins, Mary A.
Farrington, Muriel
Fifield, Raymond T. & Betty J.
Ford, David
GEO BARNS
Haehnel, Carole
HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL
HARTFORD MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Hazen, Alice
Hazen, Barbara
Henderson, Richard M.
Heroux, Ron
Hinckley, Elaine C.

Houghton, Dwight & Norma
Kelton, Joan
KIBBY EQUIPMENT
Knapp, Brent & Martha
Knapp, Dave & Marcia & Eric
Lagasse, Steve
Lehman, Ralph
Lutz, John & Ruth
MAIN STREET MUSEUM
Martin, Virginia G.
Mahoney, Colleen & Chuck Monahan
McCrackin, Mark
McDerment, Peggy
McKinley, Chris
MEETING HOUSE FURNITURE RESTORATION
Miller, Raymond & Joyce
Nadeau, Mary
Nichols, Edward & Donald
O'Donnell, Peter
O'Hara, F. Peter & Sabina G.
Patch-Slegeitis, Alberta
Pippin, Beverly
Richard, Steven: Patti, Lauren, Katie
Rogenski, Ann S.
Schechtman, Jonathan and Deborah Doyle-
Schechtman
Shambo, Bill & Phyllis
Shambo, Sue Ellen
Smith, Sandra F.
Spydell, Janice
Stone, Gordon
Therriault, Norman & Nancy
Thorp, Andersen
Weinberg, Marvin & Nancy
Wilbur, Kay
Yamashita, Dorothy
Zacharski, Leo & Pat

*Commercial Institutional Members in all caps.

Commercial/Institutional Members:

Meeting House Furniture Restoration – Jonathan Schechtman
Hartford Memorial Middle School – Anderson Thorpe

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

Wednesday, April 14 *Vermont's Seventh Regiment in the Civil War* by David Mayhew. Program followed by refreshments. 7:00 pm at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

Wednesday, June 9 Annual Meeting and program featuring the *White River Junction Telephone Operators* - in their own words, followed by refreshments. 7:00 pm at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

Saturday & Sunday, June 26 & 27 - Vermont History Exposition at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds

Ongoing Monthly Meetings
First Tuesday (May through October) - Open House—Garipay House, 1461 Maple St/Rt 14, Hartford Village, 6-8 pm. 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 from 1:30-4:00 pm. 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.

Third Wednesday—Hartford Historic Preservation Commission Meeting—Hartford Municipal Bldg, 171 Bridge St, White River Junction, 4:30 pm
Fourth Tuesday—HHS Board of Directors Meeting—Garipay House, 1461 Maple St/Rt 14, Hartford Village, (or the Hartford Library October—April) 7:00 pm. For more information contact Dorothy Yamashita, Board Chairman.

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