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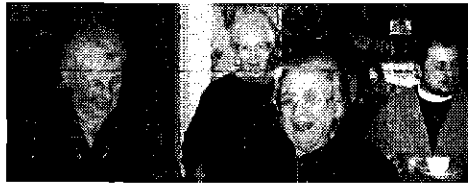
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*Photograph taken
at our Christmas
Tea by Evelyn
Stevens.*



*l - r: Jeanette
Gould, Betty Mills,
Kathy Wendling,
and the Rev. James
Olson.*

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(including where it is in Hartford), and the date. Here are some suggestions for topics. You can add your own I'm sure. Describe your dwelling, its furnishings, and occupants. Describe office or schoolroom and its furnishings. Daily schedule, weekly and yearly events, hobbies, amusements, clubs. Transportation—mode and cost. Laundry, Bathroom, Plumbing, Heating. What do you eat and how do you get your food. Mail and other government roles. Radio, TV, CD, VCR. A bit of humor always helps. Pictures too. We will be collecting these accounts all year. Mail them to Hartford Historical Society Millenium Project, P. O. Box 547, Hartford, VT. 05047-0547. For more information, call me, 295-5537. Let me know if you have suggestions or comments.

Thanks.

Jeanette O. Gould

NEW OPPORTUNITIES :

1. Train to tape Interviews and Oral History. The Director of the Woodstock Historical Society has offered to give this training session if we have an interested group. It is easy, fun, and very important to our Society. Please call Dot Jones (295-2701) to reserve a place.

2. Train to assist our Archivist—the one and only Pat Stark. She will train a group this winter. Be a part of this interesting and essential part of your Historical Society. Please call Janet Blood (457-1547) to join in.

Information Please! Your Help Requested

The Archivist is looking for photographs [any age] of the Hartford Grange and/or its activities. If you have any we could copy, please contact Pat Stark at 295-9353 x 232 [days]. Thank you.

Come check out the 1999 exhibit on Mira Davis and view the expanding Permanent Collection at the Garipay House. Remember our open hours — the first Tuesday evening and the first Saturday afternoon of each month.

We are very pleased the Hartford Library has entrusted us with the collection of early town artifacts they have preserved for the citizens of Hartford over the last one hundred years. These items range from David Newton's flintlock [1777] to a dish from the Pease Hotel. Come see this wonderful addition to the permanent exhibits at the Garipay House.

A SAMPLING OF OUR LATEST DONATIONS

* Snapshots of some employees at J. J. Newberry around 1968 - **Velma Hazen**

* Songbook of the Grange *The Patron* 1926

* Photographs of Hartford Village before the Hill was developed & Mrs. Pingree on her 95th Birthday - **Marine Lawrence**

* A receipt from F. J. Coutermarsh store, Hartford Village - **Marine Lawrence**

* Rutland- White River Line Bus card 6/1/1943 - Albert Abbott, Owner/operator - **Marine Lawrence**

* Hartford Men's Discussion Club Dance announcement at the Woodmans Hall - **Marine Lawrence**

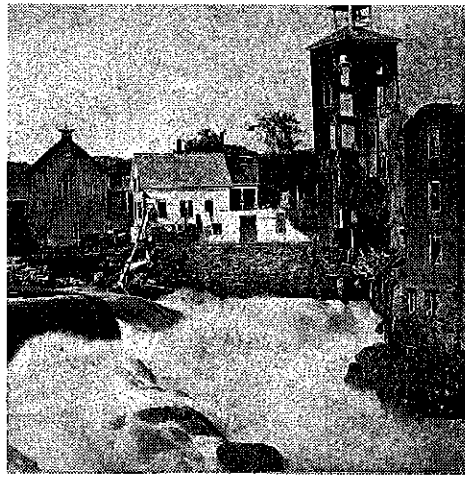
• Many items such as old coins, spoons, and rings found in various locations around town with a metal detector - **Dan Hardy**

• The following have been added to the Alma Bradley Memorial Research Library at the Garipay House.

The book *Green Mountain Troopers, Vermont and the State Police* by M.J. Carpenter

The booklet *My Heart on my Sleeve* by Alice A.M. Mireault [memories of the Hazen Girls from 1919 - present].

Red slash on your mailing label? It's not accidental! See last page.



**Letter to Capt. John Parker, Barre,
Vt. from his wife Hannah, in Hart-
ford, VT**

Hartford, Vermont
August 2d, 1828

Beloved Husband,
I presume before this you have re-
ceived a letter from me direct to
Montpelier which I wrote under the
impression that you were in that
place—but had I waited till the receipt
of your's (which was a week yester-
day) I should have written differ-
ently—As to the proposal of Mr. Tryon
[?] I think if no other more advanta-
geous is offered; you would do well to
accede to it. you know that it is impos-
sible for you to do any thing in this
place and if we have the house you
mentioned I think we might accomo-
date a few boarders & thus I might be

employed to some advantage & per-
haps bear my proposition of the bur-
den—which I do not feel as though I
now do. Although I do not mean to
place too much dependence upon it I
flatter myself that the time will come
my dear husband when we may be
again united in our little family. It is
true my situation is very comfortable
here indeed, but two things are wanting
to complete my happiness one is the
presence of my husband & the other is
a heart sufficiently grateful for the
blessings I enjoy—I write respecting a
visit but will with pleasure defer it till
September if you think it expedient
then to move. I shall make every
preparation in my power to be in
readiness at any time.

If you have received my last you are
informed of the failure of the Queechy
Co., which has put everything at a
stand. I went down there last Saturday
to get my letter and was glad to get
away. it look like "the sad remains" &
the old Factory torn away the store shut
up & and all the workmen who have
not gone were shooting at marks or
playing ball & some taking a drop of
spirit down to keep their spirits up—I
enquired of Dimock if he could tell
how you & they stood he said that the
books were not yet posted but pre-
sumed there was no great difference.
Gage delivered the wool there some

tme in June. I asked H. Wolcott if Mrs. Foster wished to have you do any work for the wool we had last fall he said he supposed they were owing you now for what you did to the old house so let it rest. I paid Mrs. Phase [?] 1 dollar which she said was due for butter—I tried to have Sumner take some work of me for what you owe him but he said you told him you would pay money & and they had lost so much by the Co. that he should want money. Russel has taken one cord of wood at 10/6—The next thing is to get a chairmaker to come & buy your stock & tools—as I have contrived it

hannah parker:

Caroline wants to write a line to Pa
My dear Pa I should be very glad to see you Caroline Parker

I shall expect a letter in the course of a few weeks to know what you decide upon & will not trouble you with any more mis-sent letters unless you ask me to write again. It seems now as if I could not wait a few weeks but write soon as you think proper—most affectionately yours

Hannah Parker

I asked Emily what I should write to PA for her she said write pa a piece of pye

Property of the Barre Historical Society

The mill photograph on previous page is, we believe, the same mill that Hannah Parker was writing about. Tucker in his History of Hartford does describe its failure in 1828. Our picture is from a stereoscopic slide in the Society's collection. According to a notation on the back, it depicts damage done by the freshet of October 1869. There is reason to believe that Hannah's husband may have purchased this mill later in the century. (We do know that a J. C. Parker from Barre with a partner, purchased it in 1857—and the following year became the sole owner.)

Christmas Tea a Success



Judith Hunt is shown at the tea table at our annual Christmas tea and carol sing. Many people came, everyone enjoyed.
Photograph by Kathy Wendling



Pat Stark greets the local Girl Scout Troop as they tour the Garipay House

Mystery Photo



No mystery accept, maybe the year it was taken. The photograph above is of Falzarano's Store on So. Main Street.

Mystery solved! Last issue's mystery photo has been identified by several Woodstock area people as a view of West Woodstock village. We publish these unidentified pictures in order to to determine if they belong in our collection or in another historical society. So far we have identified two out of two! The first one, a school class at Hartford Elementary School, stays with us.

1998 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME
THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS FOR 1998

Olivia Breton of Quechee
Rheta Crate of White River Junction
Ken and Cathie Ely of White River Junction
Peg Fraser of Wilder
Dan and Carol Hardy of White River Junction
Stanley and Wilma Johnson of White River Junction
Ann Kraybill of Wilder
Norman and Winona Lyman of White River Junction
Dr. Stanley and Judith Michota of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Janice Spydell of White River Junction
Jacqueline Teeter-Durkee of White River Junction

	No. Memberships	No. Members
INDIVIDUAL	35	35
FAMILY	28	56
SENIOR	45	45
SENIOR FAMILY	29	59
COMMERCIAL	2	2
TOTAL	139	197

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE

The Morning & Evening Workshops will not
meet in February.

We will meet March through November:
the Morning Workshop meets
the 2d Tuesday
from 10 to Noon,
the Evening Workshop meets the
3d Wednesday
from 7 to 9 PM
except for
September when it meets
on the 4th Wednesday
from 7 - 9 PM.

WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO
WELCOME
OUR FIRST NEW MEMBER IN 1999

The Reverend James J. Olson
of The Greater Hartford
United Church Of Christ.
Reverend Olson resides in Wilder.

Unless otherwise announced,
meetings will be held at the Garipay House
at 1461 Maple Street, Route 14, Hartford
Village.

Questions? — call Betty Mills at 295-6246



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