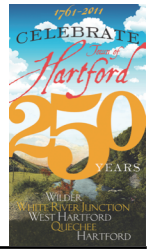




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Women's Organizations Connected with the Hartford Library

By Mary Nadeau

By 1892, the subscription library that had existed in Hartford Village for many years had outgrown its quarters. A group of local residents interested in providing free library service to Hartford residents formed a corporation under the laws of the State of Vermont and appointed Ephraim Morris, Samuel Pingree, Charles Cone, Edward Morris and Horace Pease as trustees.

Subsequently, Horace Pease subdivided his property (in later years home to the Hartford Elks Club) to provide the site, and Ephraim Morris, whose stately home stands to the west of the library, donated \$10,000 from his considerable fortune.

This imposing building, with its golden oak woodwork and spacious upstairs "reading rooms" cost only \$5,000 to build. The remainder of the endowment was invested in the Hartford Woolen Mill, which was co-owned by Mr. Morris. The library was officially dedicated in the fall of 1893.

Kate Morris Cone, daughter of Ephraim, wrote in early 1893: "We need civilizing here in Hartford as much as converting...good manners and fine breeding and culture 'sweetness and light' are more needed than a special increase of the religious spirit...the whole tone of the community should be elevated."



The Hartford Library was built on land donated by Horace Pease and built for just \$5,000, which was donated by Ephraim Morris. The building was dedicated in 1893.

Kate, who held a Ph.D., resolved to pass on her own literary interests to her neighbors, and the large meeting hall in the new library was available for their use. The "Ladies' Reading Club" began in 1893 with 23 members and Kate as its leader. The Reading Club met every Monday from November to the beginning of April (despite the tradition that Monday was wash

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From Straw to Gold

Presented by Susan Cane

The story of the growing, processing, and use of flax in New England.
Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ in Hartford Village. Free and open to the general public.
Handicapped accessible.

From the Chair . . .



Thoughts of the fast-approaching spring season call to mind that onerous annual task of hoeing out our living space, basement, attic, garage or barn and eliminating all that stuff we have accumulated over the years but no longer find useful.

Take heart! The Hartford Historical Society will hold another yard sale fundraiser this summer, and we will be happy to take those superfluous items off your hands.

As you sort, please keep in mind that we can't accept clothing or electronics. Donations should be clean and in salable condition. (Our volunteers cringe when they encounter mouse turds or dead spiders.)

A date for the yard sale hasn't been determined, but there will be plenty of advance notice and a specific

time frame set up for dropping off your items. If you wish, we can provide you with a receipt for your tax records.

We hope that you will support this fundraiser as enthusiastically as you have those of past years. Happy Spring Cleaning!

Mary Nadeau, Chairman of the Board

Please note: Membership dues are payable in January unless you have a life membership or have paid ahead for 2017. When in doubt, look at the address label on this newsletter. Your dues are current through the end of the year printed to the right of your name. Thanks!



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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.

Update on the Proposed Pease House Purchase

By Judy Barwood

The Long Range Planning Committee has been renamed as the Business Plan Committee and is comprised of Judy Barwood as Chair, Susanne Abetti, Pat Stark, Martha Knapp, Gaylord Newcity and Dan George, with input from Robin Adair Logan of the Hartford Planning Commission and Preservation Commission.

The Business Plan, necessary as we move forward, will enhance our Capital Campaign, provide a future three-to-five year plan for the Society and be beneficial as we apply for grants and/or loans. Bob Haynes with Green Mountain Economic Development and Ross Hart are assisting us in formulating this Business Plan.

Negotiations are continuing, and members of the Board are optimistic that the purchase of the Pease-Elks property will be realized in the coming months. There is much enthusiasm among Society members and the general public as we pursue this vision.



The former Horace Pease House is a lovely Victorian home built in 1883. It is next door to the Hartford Library and, until recently, was the home of the Hartford Elks Club. The Hartford Historical Society would like to preserve the home, display its extensive collection of historic artifacts, host events, and make the facility available to the community.

The Hartford Village Center designation is in the process of being approved by the State of Vermont with the endorsement of the Town of Hartford. Response has been positive to the insert in our recent newsletters, and the Capital Campaign fund is slowly increasing. Watch for a big Capital Campaign kickoff celebration in the near future.

Historical Society is Seeking Hartford's Oldest Resident

By Mary Nadeau

Last year the Hartford Historical Society launched a new tradition inspired by the spirit of the famous Boston Post Cane. In 1909, the publisher of the Boston Post sent a gold-headed ebony cane to 700 towns in New England with instructions that it was to be presented to the oldest male citizen of the town. Upon his death, it was presented to the oldest surviving resident, and so on through the years. Eligibility was extended to women in 1930.

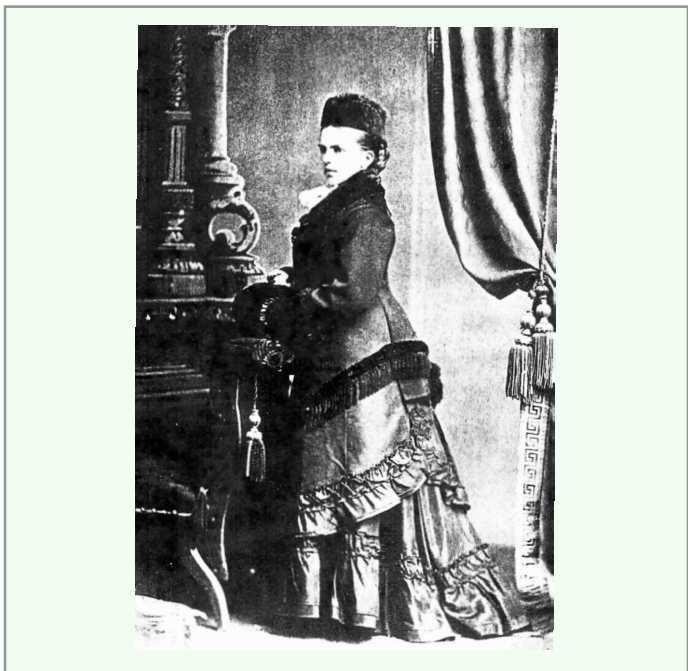
The first recipient of the Hartford Cane, our beloved Fire Chief Walter O. Morancy, passed away several months ago, and we are seeking the public's help in locating seniors who might qualify as next in line to

be presented with the Cane. To place a name in nomination, we will need the person's date of birth and contact information.

A special presentation ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 4, 2017, at the Garipay House or at the person's place of residence should mobility be an issue. He or she will be given a beautiful framed certificate, and the Cane will be mounted on a wall in the museum alongside a plaque that lists the names and birthdates of all our honored oldest residents.

If you can help us with our quest to find Hartford's oldest resident, please contact Mary Nadeau at 802 295-2123 or vtgram3@gmail.com.

day). Members arrived via horse and buggy, some driving in from "off the hills" as much as two or three miles away. What "social hour" there was occurred while the ladies shed their coats in the library reading room on the first floor, and from there they went upstairs to sew or knit and listen.



Kate Cone Morris organized and presided over the Ladies' Reading Club from 1893 to 1915.

The programs were initially devoted to the Victorian poets and writers. Later there were meetings featuring topics popular at the time, such as College Settlements, Women's Education, Child Study, New Methods of Common School Education, Women's Suffrage, Dress Reform, Intemperance and Its Scientific Aspect, Socialistic Utopias and Domestic Science. From there, they turned to Shakespeare and then to a study of Queen Elizabeth and English architecture and literature.

One year while studying New England colonial history, Kate and her followers dug up quantities of rich local lore, which they published in three issues of *The Old and the New* (available at the Garipay House).

During the winter months, up to ten additional evening meetings were held, with programs such as recitals by the acclaimed Boston baritone Frederick Bancroft and speakers such as Vermont's Governor Dillingham and Mrs. Custer of "Custer's Last Stand," who spoke on Garrison Life on the Frontier.

These evening meetings were festive, if earnest occasions. The library hall was usually full, with the ladies out in full force with their husbands. No admission was ever charged, and it never occurred to anyone that refreshments could be served. Attendances averaged around fifty each week.

From 1900 to 1910, programs were devoted to such subjects as the American Revolution, The Territorial Growth of the United States, The Russo-Japanese War and English Literature for Young Folks. Attendance at that time averaged sixty. In 1909, something different was tried, and a home talent play, "The Ladies of Cranford" was staged at Pease Hall. Three hundred invited guests witnessed the performance.

In 1905, the ladies began to weaken on the subject of serving afternoon tea. During the winter, when attention was drawn to Russia and Japan, Kate brought a Russian samovar, which she had purchased in Boston. It was viewed as a curious utensil, something like a tea kettle and something like a coal stove. Lumps of charcoal went in one place, and boiling water came out another, along with a good deal of smoke and steam. One afternoon the samovar was pressed into service to demonstrate the Russian method of serving tea (in glasses) with lemon and lump sugar. The tea was a huge success, and after that, festive occasions were stepped up with the serving of tea in a social hour after the meeting, although the samovar had been retired after its initial introduction.

There were no standing or special committees, no business meetings and no election of officers. Kate was always president, although she deprecated the title. She also collected the dues and paid the bills, frequently financing any deficit expenditures from the evening lectures. It was said that she ruled firmly and pleasantly, and if any members were dissatisfied, they kept it to themselves.

In 1915, the Ladies Reading Club underwent a fundamental change. Some of the younger women expressed the desire to join the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs, and with this affiliation, the emphasis changed from study programs to the national organization.

Kate wasn't interested in this kind of thing and sensibly allowed others to take charge. The Hartford Woman's Club was formed, and Kate kept in touch with the group and remained helpful and encouraging from the sidelines.

To be continued next issue.

The Circus Comes to White River Junction

By Mary Nadeau

The Barnum & Bailey Circus folded up its Big Top for the last time earlier this year. Protests from animal rights groups and lagging ticket sales led to the demise of this iconic American form of entertainment, but the scenario was very different when the circus came to town on August 11, 1882.

Barnum and London Shows, as the circus was called at that time, began advertising its local appearance in early July with a display of over 700 feet of billboard material.

The undisputed star of the show was the famous Jumbo, looming over all the other elephants at 12 feet in height.

Thousands of people lined the route to witness a parade of “The Greatest Show on Earth.” No other circus could boast of a larger menagerie of African wild beasts, a finer lineup of elephants or a more complete collection of the gentler animals, such as zebras, llamas, giraffes and camels.



Throngs of eager people of all ages lined the route in White River Junction to witness the Barnum and London Parade in 1882.

Meanwhile, Barnum contracted with the railroads that served this area to transport 55 cars containing everything from personnel to paraphernalia.

In addition to elephants and other exotic animals, the parade included a band, horseback riders, clowns and a large steam calliope. The afternoon performance was attended by 17,000 enthusiastic patrons, and the evening show by 20,000. The undisputed star of the show was the famous Jumbo, looming over all the other elephants at 12 feet in height. The editor of the local paper wrote, “The show was Barnum’s, which accounts for the fact that all that was advertised to be showed, was shown, and all that was advertised to be did was done. No humbug about it. Of the whole thing there was but one voice – ‘the best thing ever seen.’”

Garipay House Museum Hours and Tours

The Garipay House will be open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until further notice.

Docents are available to conduct tours, answer questions, and provide access to resources in the collection. The museum hosts a variety of permanent and temporary exhibits highlighted by the preserved medical office of Dr. Stanley Garipay who cared for

generations of Hartford residents in the mid-1900’s. Our museum director, Martha Knapp, continues to expand the popular Abenaki exhibit that showcases Hartford’s earliest residents.

To be sure that we are open, look for the flag outside the building or contact us at 802/296-3132. For an appointment, contact Pat Stark at 802/295-3077 M-F from 9 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



Explosion at the International Paper Company

Reprinted from the June 12, 1919 edition of The Landmark

The cylinder head in the engine room blew out, filling the room with steam and hurling great pieces of iron and steel within a few inches of the head of Bert Kibbie.

engine room blew out, filling the room with steam and hurling great pieces of iron and steel within a few inches of the head of Bert Kibbie, the engineer who was on duty at the time of the explosion.

The tremendous concussion brought the superintendent, E. C. Macy, and many of the employees to the engine room. When Mr. Macy saw what had happened, he hastily shut off the steam, but a little later, to test the cylinder to find out the extent of the damage done by the explosion, turned it on again, and Mr. Kibbie, walking directly in front of the escaping steam, was so badly scalded about the

An accident occurred at the International Paper Company's plant at Wilder Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, when the cylinder head in the

abdomen and chest that the services of a physician were required to dress the burns, and he will be confined to the house for some time.

The officials believe that the old engine was so badly damaged that it will be necessary to install a new one. In the meantime, however, the paper machines will be kept running by motors which are being installed in order that the work may be carried on as usual.

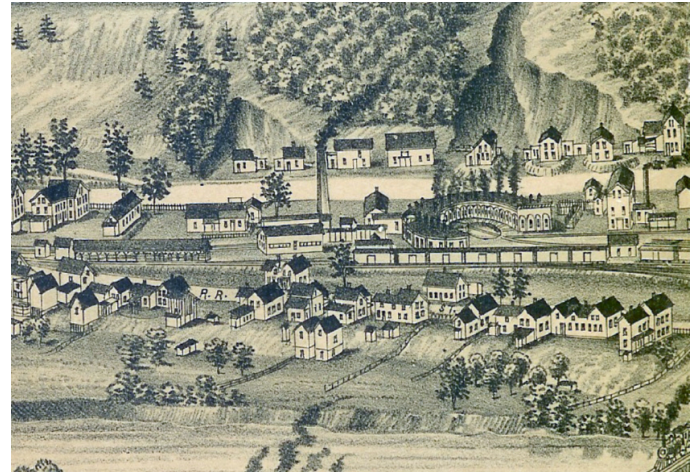
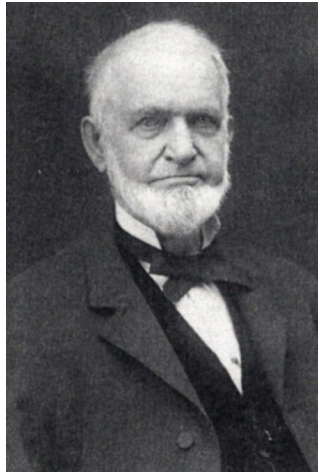


Top: The former International Paper Company lies under the lake created when the Wilder Hydroelectric Dam was constructed. Above, Elijah Berton Kibbie and Eva Lena Perkins Kibbie on their wedding day.

Arthur Latham's Diary of 1872

Transcribed by Judy Barwood

Arthur Latham was born in Lyme, New Hampshire in 1802. He studied at the Thetford Academy and Dartmouth College before graduating from Middlebury College and returning to Lyme where he ran a general store with his brother for a short time. He was also a postmaster and served in the New Hampshire Legislature.



Above left, Arthur Latham. Above, Latham & Co. was the heart of a busy industrial community in White River Junction. The firm produced the first steam locomotive in Vermont and sold cars to four of Vermont's railroads.

Between 1847 and 1849, four railroads started service in White River Junction and Latham anticipated that the town would become an important hub. So in 1848, he opened A. Latham & Co. and Latham Iron Works between South Main Street and the Connecticut River.

William Howard Tucker reports that Latham, "purchased land of Col. Samuel Nutt, erected a foundry, a machine shop, and several boarding houses, and opened the business of manufacturing and repairing locomotives, railway cars, etc."

The firm became the heart of a busy industrial community. Latham & Co. built the first steam locomotive in Vermont and produced cars for four of the state's early railroads. Arthur Latham served on the boards of the Connecticut & Passumpsic Railroad and the Rutland & Washington Railroad. When the Rutland & Washington Railroad defaulted on a \$100,000 loan in 1856, Latham was forced to close his firms.

In 1858, Arthur Latham and his wife moved to St. Louis, Missouri where they built a home and lived until 1871 when they returned to White River Junction to live with their daughter Caroline and her husband Noah Bigelow Safford. Arthur Latham was an active resident of the community until 1889 when he died and was buried in the Hartford Cemetery.

Latham kept diaries that provide first-hand perspective on early life in America. Judy Barwood discovered the diaries in her grandmother's attic and transcribed them into a collection that can be found at the Garipay House. The following edited excerpts from the year 1872 show the importance of the weather, health, and communication with family and friends.

Tuesday February 13, 1872

Mild been thawing all day – I went to WRVillage & was measured for a coat. Cone to have it ready in two weeks @ 20\$ - Bot tobacco 80c. Met Judge G.W. Nesmith & O how old he appears.

Friday February 16

My father Arthur Latham born at Bridgewater, MA in 1758 and moved to Lyme NH in 1780. He died Nov 25, 1843 ae 85 yr, 9 mo, 9 days. One hundred & fourteen years ago to day my good old father was born. Tis a mild and pleasant winter day – but no letters. Anderson came this PM. Arthur had bad head ache this morning but better this PM.

Monday April 15

A little snow & froze last night & mild today. Moved some crockery into next house. Paid Dr. Allen for attending on Arthur and wife \$19.00.

Saturday April 20

Clear spring like day. We opened & put up sundry things in the house & I raked in the front yard. Mary Baker and four children came this noon. Were here to tea. No letters today. Pd for lye & tacks 30c.

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Arthur Latham's Diary continued.

Saturday May 4

Rainy day. I went to Geo. Tyler's auction spent most of the day. Bot bedstead 3.50\$ Got very tired. Very little sold that I cared about. Arthur at work all day for Mrs. Baker. Not cold but very damp. But the fields begin to look green.

Tuesday May 21

Another clear cool day. Good for labor and vegetation growing nicely. I went with Arthur this morning & bot some garden tools for Mrs. Baker & 2 hoes for Arthur & self \$1.20. Whole cost \$5.50. Bot lamp burner & chimney 40c and 2 doz. eggs 36c. I planted corn.

Monday May 27

Clear & pleasant til 4 PM. Showers this eve. I hoed in the garden. Wife & Carrie went to W. Lebanon & got caught in the rain. Barrows cows got into the garden & made me feel amiable.

Thursday June 13

Clear warm day. Worked awhile in the garden & this PM went to WRVillage to have hair cut etc. 34c. No letters today.

Thursday July 11

Air pure but quite hot in the sun. Worked awhile in the garden. Old Man Horace Greely is nominated for President by the sorehead Republicans & Democrats. Has a glorious prospect for defeat.

Saturday October 12

Jack Frost came to town last night & claimed the squashes, tomatoes & everything in his line. Cool & pleasant through the day. No letters. Fixed the asparagus bed & picked squashes.

Wednesday October 23

Rainy day. Dist't convention to nominate member of Congress at Junction House. They are having a lively time. Had a letter from little Carrie Williamson. Judge Poland nominated for Congress.

Saturday November 2

Cloudy through the day but not very cold. I find it takes about twenty days to send or receive a letter so we must calculate 40 days to send & receive a letter.

Wednesday November 6

Cloudy with a chill south wind all day. Telegraph reports Gen. Grant elected President. Had a letter from I.A. Marsh.

Thursday November 28

Thanksgiving Day. Clear, mild, but cold this evenin. Mr. Henry Safford & Fanny, Mrs. Baker, Hattie Johnson Harris & Mary and Anderson here to dine with us besides our own family.

Wednesday December 25

Christmas Day. 32d below 0. Cold staid about the house. Had letter from Mrs. Barney and gifts of 50\$. Lottie gave me a necktie.

Thursday December 26

I have a cold & have to keep boxed up.

Tuesday December 31

A snowy day. Today all in the house have gone to an old folks concert at W. Lebanon. Thus another year comes to its close with its sunshine & clouds, its hopes & its disappointments. Still with reasonable hope for the coming year, I bid adieu 1872.

Are Your Society Dues Up To Date?

Member dues are payable each year after the first of January. Please take a moment to look at the address label on this newsletter. Your dues are paid through December 31 of the year printed in the upper right hand corner of the label. If the date is highlighted, your membership isn't up to date.

Please help us by sending a check at your earliest convenience to the Hartford Historical Society, P.O. Box 547, Hartford, VT. Thank you!

Membership Rates

Individual	\$20
Family (same address)	\$25
Senior	\$15
Senior Family	\$20
Business	\$50

Hartford Historical Society Receives Grant From the Vermont Arts Council

On February 21, the Vermont Arts Council presented the Hartford Historical Society with a grant of \$3,380 to complete a recent electrical project at the Garipay House. The presentation took place at the Vermont State House in Montpelier.

The grant paid half the cost of bringing all wiring up to code throughout the house and adding light fixtures on the second floor. This work completes the structural renovation of the house, which was built in 1915 and donated to the society by Dr. Loretta Garipay in 1994. The society has completed extensive repairs to the house including new roofing, paint, and windows.

The Garipay House houses a vast collection of photographs, documents, and historic items that document the history of the villages of Hartford, Quechee, West Hartford, White River Junction, and Wilder. The society has also preserved the office in which Drs. Stanley and Loretta Garipay practiced medicine in the mid Twentieth Century.



From left, Representative Kevin “Coach” Christie, HHS board member Roy Black, Vermont Arts Council Executive Director Alex Aldrich, HHS Chairman Mary Nadeau, HHS board member Judy Barwood, HHS President Susanne Abetti, Senator Alice W. Nitka, Senator Alison Clarkson.

The Hartford Historical Society also provides educational programs for schools and hosts a variety of community events. The Garipay House is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during winter months.

April Program to Tell the Story of the Growing of Flax and Its Historical Significance as a Fiber in Early New England

We all know the fairy tale of Rumpelstiltskin and the spinning of straw into gold. What was he spinning? To answer that question, Sue Cain will present a program on the growing and processing of flax here in Vermont at our April 12 program.

Sue became interested in the subject of flax during the early 1980s, but it wasn't until she moved to Vermont that she was able to gather more information about it. Flax is a grass, and when it is processed and woven, it becomes linen. During the program, she will demonstrate the processing of flax and display examples of Nineteenth Century linen items.

Ms. Cane worked in the museum field for over 30 years in a wide range of jobs, including interpreting history through programming, curatorial work and guiding museum tours. During those years, she became interested in how ordinary people lived. What textiles did they make? What did people eat and what did they grow in their gardens? She has spent many years learning whether she could perform some of the daily tasks that our foremothers did.

Join us for this unique program on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, beginning at 7 p.m.

Reminder, dues for calendar year 2017 are payable in January!



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Curator's Corner

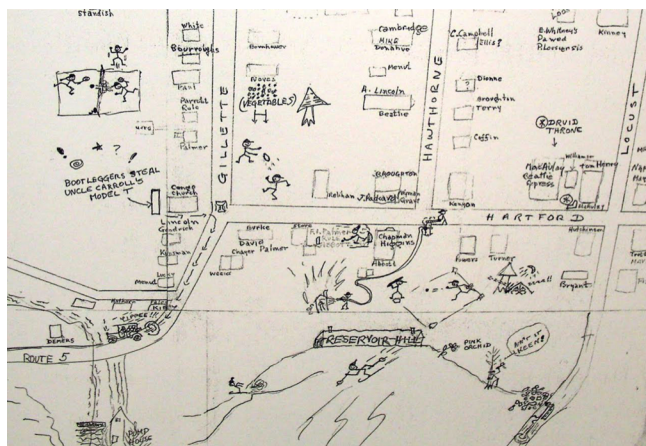
By Pat Stark

A new year is here, and we have a new set of posters for display in each of our villages. This year they feature "Big Fires of the Past" (those that we were able to document with photographs). I hope you enjoy this brief look into our past.

Among our donations from 2016 are a bound set of *The Vermonter* from 1902 (the first issue) to 1930, *Wilton's Vermont Register* 1850-53, an 1898 railroad map of Vermont, a quilt and other items from the Newton Family, a hand-drawn map of Wilder by Collamer Abbott with sketches of where they played as kids, a signed copy of *A Tribute to Lillian Gish* from her 1979 visit to Hanover, a Civil War register for Company F's Third Regiment, a program from the Old Folks Concert dated April 1909 as well as many documents from Hartford High School and various local families and, of course, many wonderful photographs.

Top right, Hotel Coolidge fire in 1925.

Bottom right, a hand-drawn map by Collamer Abbott depicts some of his memories of growing up in Wilder including the time bootleggers stole his Uncle Carroll's Ford Model T.



Hartford Historical Society Honor Roll

The Hartford Historical Society has established an Honor Roll to recognize individuals who have contributed in significant ways to the history of the Town of Hartford. They can be living or deceased. Nomination forms are available on the Society's website (hartfordhistory.org) or by contacting the Hartford Historical Society, P.O. Box 547, Hartford, VT 05047.

To place a name in nomination, we will need your name and contact information, the full name of the person you wish to honor, a brief biography and a narrative describing what he or she did to advance the history of our community.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS open to the public

Fourth Thursday of the month – **HHS Board of Directors meeting** at the Garipay House, 6:30 p.m. (Please check for exact date). For more information, call Mary Nadeau at 295-2123.

Second Wednesday of the month – **Hartford Historic Preservation Commission meeting** at the Town Hall, 4:30 p.m., 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction.

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – “**From Straw to Gold,**” presented by **Susan Cain**, 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – **Vermont Folk Songs with Dick McCormack**, 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

Saturday, June 24, 2017 – **Hartford Alumni Day.**

Saturday, August 12, 2017 - **7th Annual Abenaki and Indigenous Peoples Honoring Day**, 11 a.m-5 p.m. at Lyman Point Park.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – “**The Jericho Community**” presented by **Sue Camp**, 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – “**Vermont’s Poor Houses**” presented by **Stephen Taylor**, 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

The Genealogy Center in the Hartford Library is open Tuesday afternoons from 1-3. Carole Haehnel will be happy to assist you in exploring the resources we have and in accessing information from The Landmark, which we have on microfiche. Ray Fifield is returning, by appointment only, to assist researchers. Just call the library to set it up.