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March Meeting . . .

WHILE THE SUN SHINES: MAKING HAY IN VERMONT 1789 - 1990 by Allen R. Yale, Jr., has just been published by the Vermont Historical Society. Mr. Yale will speak to us about researching the book, using contemporary diaries and personal accounts, as well as his own experience on his farm in Derby, VT. His talk is supported in part by the Vermont Council on the Humanities.

**The meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
at the Greater Hartford Church of Christ,
Route 14, Hartford Village.**

The Lebanon, NH Historical Society will be our special guest the evening of March 11. We share a good deal of history with Lebanon, and the church where we meet was designed and built by Jedidiah Dana of Lebanon in 1829.

HAYING IN WINDSOR COUNTY

According to the 1880 census there were 4,455 farms in Windsor County and they produced 119,049 tons of hay. If you were a farmer in Hartford in 1883, you had available the services of eight blacksmiths and horseshoers and one wholesale hay and straw dealer, N. F. Tenney & Son (who also sold ice).

Snaths for your scythes, and ox yokes were made in Bridgewater and Gaysville; ox bow pins, drag rakes as well as mowing machines were made in Sharon; ox yokes, threshers, hay tedders, reapers, horse rakes, the "Buckeye Mower" were made in Springfield. A. B. Clark, tanner and sawmill operator in town, did a large business in fork and hoe handles. French, Watson & Co. of Hartford Village made forks, shovels and garden rakes.

(The above from CHILDS' WINDSOR COUNTRY DIRECTORY 1883/4)

If you have any haying tools that you could bring to the meeting, please come a few minutes early and we will put them on display.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

It has been five years since a small group of people sat around a table to answer the call for a historical society for Hartford Township. They were difficult years of slow growth and acceptance. It would appear, however, that 1991 was the year when the Hartford Historical Society was recognized as being truly dedicated to its objectives of preserving our history and encouraging all to take an interest in local history.

Even though our membership has doubled in 1991 and interest has grown, the number of volunteers has remained basically the same, the handful of dedicated people trying to be all things to all people. The Society is now at a cross-road where so few can no longer be so much to so many. If the Society is to continue to grow, not just in size but in service, it should restructure itself to have a governing body to direct our goals and an operating body to implement those goals. To this end, the Society is looking for up to seven people to serve as directors of the Hartford Historical Society and another seven to run the Society on a day-to-day basis. This does not mean a daily commitment but rather the time when needed to make the Society successful. This would be almost three times the present volunteer manpower and the things that should and could be done will be done.

Who should be a director? Someone with an interest in or a concern for the history of Hartford Township. Such a person does not necessarily have to be a member or even a resident of Hartford (we have several non-resident members). A director should be someone who can recognize a problem or spot an opportunity, formulate various alternative plans of action and collectively arrive at a conclusion. The operating group, the officers, should consist of various skills to cope with all aspects of the organization. Besides the traditional president, secretary and treasurer, there are needs related to archive creation and maintenance, program development, public relations, membership record, etc.

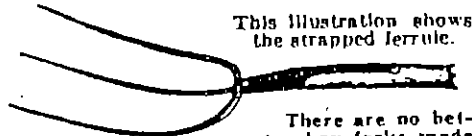
At the Society's annual meeting in May, planning for the future will be addressed. In the meantime, give some thought as to how you would do it and who you would "volunteer" as having the skills that would benefit the Society. It always seems easier to volunteer someone else but that is how leaders are selected.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1991

It is appropriate in reviewing 1991 to make special mention of three major contributions in 1991.

Rekindled interest in Hartford's history is reflected in the sales of 'HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARTFORD VERMONT' authored by John St. Croix. That would not have been possible without the generous contribution of John and Ruth Lutz who donated their inventory of this book to the Society. Over 80 copies have been sold so far.

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This illustration shows the strapped ferrule.

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OK39234	5 feet	38c
OK39236	6 feet	42c

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OK39240	5 feet	44c
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As reported in the last newsletter, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wright contributed issues of THE LANDMARK covering more than 40 years, a most valuable reference resource.

Loretta Garipay has also made significant contributions to the Society in the form of unrestricted monetary grants in memory of her husband, Dr. Stanley Garipay, a physician in Hartford for many years.

COMING UP

Our annual business meeting will be May 13th, with a potluck supper. More in the next newsletter.

NOTES AND THANKS

Our issue of the September 12, 1890 LANDMARK, gift of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wright, is one of only four issues published in 1890.

Thank you very much! Helen Levenson, for making an index of personal names in HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF HARTFORD.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

Hartford Historical Society

WORKING CAPITAL 1/1/91 \$ 1,977

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Dues - Life Members	\$ 500	
Regular Members	370	
Senior Citizen Members	280	
Commercial Members	50	
		1,200
Gifts		1,110
Book Sales		831
Interest		42
		5,160

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 5,160

USE OF FUNDS

Printing and Reproduction	568	
Postal Service	590	
Newspaper Ads	204	
Archive and Office Supplies	179	
Speaker Fees	78	
Miscellaneous	72	
		1,691

WORKING CAPITAL 12/31/91

\$ 3,469

RECENT GIFTS

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wright, Issues of **THE LANDMARK**, bound copies 1885-86, Holiday Issue 1902, Coolidge Edition, 1924; 82 other items including 26 receipt for taxes, milk, coal, etc. for 1884-1903, 28 photographs from middle 1800's to 1950's, 78 postcards, 2 books on flood of 1927, the **OLD AND THE NEW**, 1901, 21 Right Press items , 1905-15; medal from Hartford's sesquicentennial 1911.

Town of Hartford, 14 photographs of the construction of the Post Office in White River Jct., 1934-5.

Herbert Adams, page of genealogy of Udall-Burch families.

Helen Levenson, 3 photos of Hartford Village and 2 of the mail plane, 1927.

Chris McKinley, 20 photographs of the dedication of the Lehman Bridge, 1991.

Anonymous, obituary and family information of the Rev. A. J. Hough 1887; 10 postcards of the Hartford scenes, 1906-1911.

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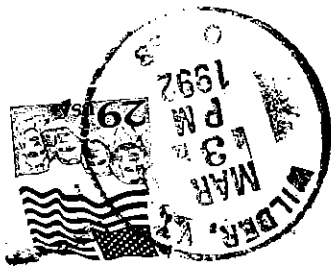
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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of March, May, September and November at the Greater Hartford Church of Christ, Route 14 in Hartford Village.

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