



# HARTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hartford Villlage, Vermont

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*Judge Henry Black*

Next Meeting will be April 12, 2000 at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ on Route 14 in Hartford village.

**Judge Henry Black, His Life and Times** will be shared with us

through his son, Roy Black who will illustrate his talk with personal memorabilia.

Many members will remember this Vermont native (born Newport 1906) who lived for many years in our midst.

When Roy was young, the Blacks lived on Mountain Avenue in Woodstock, Vermont. During that time Attorney Black served as a Superior Judge. Later he moved to Wilder in Hartford.

At the close of Roy's talk, the audience will be asked to share memories of this man who died in Chicago in 1977 while attending an American Bar Association meeting.

Attorney Harry Black, who has practiced law for many years in this area, is also the Judge's son.

## NEW EXHIBIT FOR 2000:

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

***Performing in Hartford in the Twentieth Cenury*** features items and photos from the Hartford/West Hartford Coronet Band, Teddy & Son, Lillian Gish/"Way Down East", and various local theaters.

Come share with us your memories of performances from days gone by and check out the additions to our permanent collection on display.

**OPEN HOURS:** Monthly on the first Tuesday 6-8 PM, and the first Saturday 1:30 - 4PM. The Garipay house at 1461 Maple Street is the headquarters of the Hartford Historical Society. Do drop in to see our new exhibit.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** We need a minimum of 2 folks to host the above hours. We are in need of folks to come help our Board Members keep the exhibits available for the public. If you can help with a couple of hours (plenty of time to check out the exhibits yourself!) Please call Pat at 295-3077 (Monday - Friday).

## WATSON HALL

— as remembered by Dorothy Mock Jones  
on February 5, 2000

Watson Hall was located in the village of Hartford between Main Street and Summer Street. It faced Main Street, backed up to Summer Street and took up the entire block behind what is now Bob Follensbee's and the future Foodstop. It was a huge two story building with spaces for horses & wagons and later, automobiles on the ground floor. There was a long circular driveway with lawn and trees. The upstairs hall included a large stage with curtains, lights, etc.; a dance hall with hardwood floor and one restroom.

Many social activities were held here including musicals, plays, all school programs and graduations. Mr. Watson sponsored a public speaking contest for the seventh and eighth grades at the Hartford Grammar School and awarded a prize. People came from every village for the ballroom and square dancing.

It was active from my earliest memories, and was a huge loss to the community when it burned to the ground in the early 1940's.

Editor's Note: Dorothy Jones is our current President. Her story of Watson Hall is just the sort of thing we would like to print. It will, we expect, make our readers think of other buildings no longer extant. If you have a memory of a Hartford building or spot you wish to share, write us!

**QUECHEE TIMES** - We are missing the following issues. If you can help us complete our collection please contact Pat - Thanks.

Year	Volume	Number[s]
1976	II	2,10,11
1977	III	2,3
1978	IV	1,2,4
1979	V	1,3,9
1981	CXI	1,2,3
1982	CXI	4
1983	CXII	1,2
1985	CXIV	1
1987	CXVIII	2,3
1989	CXXX	2
1990	CXXXI	ALL
1991	CXXXII	ALL
1992	CXXXIII	2,3
1993	XVII	ALL
1994	XVII	ALL
1995	XVII	1,2,4
1997	XXVI	ALL
1998	FALL	
1999		ALL
2000		

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## FUNDRAISING 2000

FUNDRAISING Committee this year will be working on the following projects;

1. Production for sale of old photographs made into postal cards
2. Calendar for 2001
3. Flea Market and/or Bake sale [details in next newsletter]
4. Raffles - one small item to be drawn at the Annual Meeting and one large item[s] to be drawn at the Christmas Tea [in time for Christmas giving].

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We are asking if anyone has a suitable hand-crafted or antique item they would like to donate for this purpose [gift receipt for taxes is available]. Please let us know by April 1.

We would like to collect verbal/written descriptions of available items in time to get tickets printed and ready for distribution before the April meeting on the 12th.

Please contact the Fundraising Committee: Dot Jones [295-2701], Peggy McDerment [295-2357], Richard & Roberta Simonds [295-3131], Pat Stark [296-2192]

Thank You!

### CHRISTMAS TEA LEFTOVERS

We still have 2 items left from the Tea that need a home— a shaker with confectioners sugar? in it, and a tray. If you think either of these belong in your kitchen, please call Pat [296-2192] or Peggy [295-2357].

*Report on our last meeting by Pat Stark.*



## Leo Tucker

Mary Nadeau introduced our speaker, Leo Tucker. He has been a living historian for over 24 years. He is a member of the Living History Association, serving on its Board of Directors for the past 8 years as the Board's Safety and Authenticity Officer.

He is also the Commander and Captain of Isaac Craig's Company of Continental Marines. He helped to found this unit of Living Historians seven years ago. They are now recognized as one of the premiere Revolutionary War artillery units in the northeast.

Mr. Tucker's wife helps with research, in this instance researching a Revolutionary War Regimental Marine uniform before making it herself. It is moss green wool coat with a white facing.

What Living History does: it goes into classrooms to engage in discussions about the way folks lived. "Hands-on" artifacts are included in presentations.

Isaac Craig was an Irishman who came to the Colonies in 1763, and was one of the first Marine officers. In 1777 he resigned from the Marines and joined the Artillery. After the war he helped settle Pittsburgh. With the War of 1812 he was again active for two years. Five years later he died at the age of eighty-five.

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*Leo Tucker continued*

Living history presentations, through the Living History Association is trying to improve knowledge of history, focusing on World Wars One and Two, 1812, the Revolution, the French and Indian War. It teaches the need to reach outside of textbooks to make history "live." Sometimes one or two day programs are conducted in schools—the students will stay overnight in tents, eat hardtack, cheese and fruit and learn (toy) musket drilling.

Headquarters for Vermont Living History is in Marlboro, Vt. and runs from May till October. Insurance is necessary for the enactments. Everything in an encampment is a reproduction of the original item and is researched. Women cook over open fires, with authentic recipes, children wear a "chemise" until the age of 6 or 8. Linen or wool in natural white was the cheapest cloth—cotton was more expensive.

Mr. Tucker then displayed a replica musket and discussed why they were so inaccurate. Until W. W. II more troops died of illness than from actual combat. He then described warfare from the medieval until the Colonial Era, with an emphasis on the soldier in the field. Camp followers were family, women of good reputation. A negative stigma came to camp followers with the Civil War and "Hooker's girls."

The meeting was opened to questions. Clothing discussed in detail. Sources of information discussed, diaries, biographies, letters, etc. Amazingly 90% percent of recruits from the New Hampshire grants could read and write because Vermont required education during the winter months. Vermont was the first state to require education of both girls and boys.

After the war, the Marines were sent to Ohio to defend the Ohio river and the frontier. Marines were active on the Mississippi through the Revolution.

### **Hartford Historical Society Officers 1999-2000**

Chairman	Bob Durkee
President	Dot Jones
V. P.	Muriel Farrington
Treasurer	Peggy McDerment
Secretary	David Ford

### **Board of Directors Term expires 2002**

Roy Black

Norman Lyman

Mary Nadeau

### **Term expires 2001**

Fred Bradley

Bob Follansbee

Betty Mills

### **Term expires 2000**

Bob Durkee

Alice Hazen

Evelyn Stevens

### **Staff Volunteers**

Betty Mills, Corres. Secretary.

Pat Stark, Archivist

Betty Mills, Membership Sec.

Kathy Wendling, Newsletter

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Priscilla Gadzinski, Curator

**THE HARTFORD HISTORICAL  
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**2000 APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM**

Type of Membership (please circle):

Individual \$15 per year  
Family (same address) \$20 per year  
Senior \$10 per year  
Senior Family (same address) \$15 per year  
Commercial/Institutional \$25 per year  
Special Gift of Support \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments/Questions :  
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(\*) 911 address.

**YOUR DUES COVER ONE  
YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP.**

Please send this form and your  
check to:

Hartford Historical Society  
Attn: Treasurer  
P.O. Box 547  
Hartford, Vermont 05047

**Kandie Carle** has been working in the theatre for over 20 years as an actress, dancer and singer throughout the US and abroad.

For the past 4 years, she has been touring with her one-woman show **VICTORIAN LADY.**

Kandie will be performing for the Hartford Village Library and the Hartford Village Women's Club.

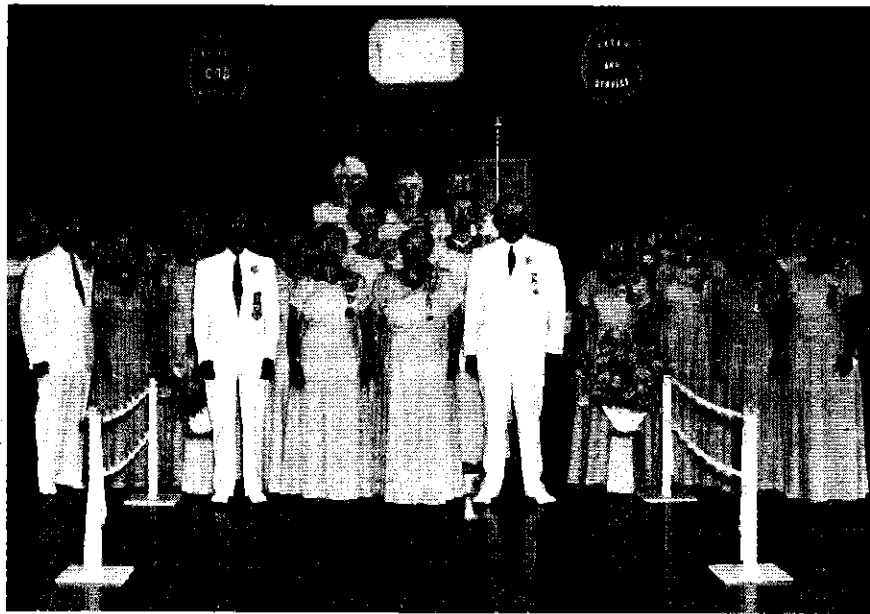
**OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC!!!!!!**

Thursday, April 6, 2000  
7:30-8:30p.m.  
2nd floor Hartford  
Village Library



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*Photo is of an Eastern Star meeting, Helen and Martin Judd are there, who else? When was it taken? Who can tell us more?*