



# Hartford Historical Society

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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Historic Vermont

The Hartford Historical Society will hold its next regularly-scheduled meeting on:

**Wednesday, April 14, 2004**  
at the  
**Greater Hartford United  
Church of Christ**  
on Route 14  
in Hartford Village.  
All programs begin at 7 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Euclid Farnham of Tunbridge, who will give a slide presentation entitled, "Historic Vermont."

A skilled photographer and noted historian, Mr. Farnham will take us to Revolutionary War sites, presidential sites, historic church buildings, covered bridges, Civil War sites and many other interesting locations throughout the state. It promises to be a very entertaining and informative evening.

Please join us and feel free to bring along a non-member. As usual, there will be refreshments after the program and an opportunity to view a historical display set up by our archivist, Pat Stark.

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Historic Vermont  
*A slide show presented by*  
Euclid Farnham



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WEDNESDAY EVE • 7 PM  
**April 14, 2004**  
United Church of Christ, Hartford  
**FREE - All Welcome!**

**Come see our collection at our  
Open House**

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# 2003 DONATIONS

ITEM	DATE	DONOR
HHS Freshman class photo [Forrest Adams] PHOTOGRAPH	1919	ADAMS, NORMA
QUECHEE SCHOOL - 8th grade graduation [Edith & Grace Seaver] PHOTOGRAPH		ADAMS, NORMA
RICHARD & MARIA SEAVER at 50th Anniversary and other Family photographs	1911	ADAMS, NORMA
WRJCT SCHOOL - 8th grade graduation [Forrest Adams] PHOTOGRAPH	1918	ADAMS, NORMA
FLOOD OF 1927 - various views [WR Jct mostly] and Other Photos in an Album PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM	1927	BARWOOD, JUDY
WALSH FARM [?] ON SYKES AVENUE PHOTOGRAPH	c 1910	BARWOOD, JUDY
WATERMAN, J.F. [store] Quechee, VT - "Skylar, pan Fired Japan No.10 40lbs" Tea Crate WOOD CRATE	c 1935	BECKETT, ESTHER
INVITATION TO Reception at Buckingham Palace - July 29, 1957 LAMINATED COLOR PHOTOCOPY	1957	BLACK, ROY
BRIGGS INC MENS SHOPPE, WRJCT VT - clothing box - cardboard	c 1980	BRADLEY, FRED
NEWSPRINT POSTER: "Coming Pierrot LARUE the well known poplar radio star...."POSTER	C 1940	DEVINS, JILL
PRINTING ORDERS in enveloped from local businesses, etc. numbered 2415 - 2444 Dec 5-10,'44 ENVELOPES	1944	DEVINS, JILL
B&M RR Inc Employees Time Table Effective 1/22/1961 BOOKLET	1965	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
B&M RR Wages Stubs - Leslie Fay Churchill : 8/22,4/2,8/3,4/12,4/26/1951 PAY STUB	1951	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
B&M Rules and Instructions Governing the Use and Care of Air Brake and Signal Equipment BOOKLET	1941	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
B&M to L. CHRUCHILL - CORRESPONDENCE and general notices re: RR OPERATIONS CORRESPONDENCE - in folder	1937-1957	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN - Constitution Amended 1950 - effective 2/1/51 BOOK	1951	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN Dues receipt: 9/30/49,8/31/49, 6/30/44 RECEIPT	1944+1949	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
BROTHERHOOD OF RR TRAINMEN Insurance Dept - Hospital & Surgical Plan BOOKLET	1962	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
BROTHERHOOD OF RR WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE, VT State RR Assn quiz, etc CORRESPONDENCE, ETC in folder	1951-1957	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
CHURCHILL'S LIST of Seniority rosters, train schedules, etc - 1929-1954 PAGES	1929-1954	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
COURTEMANCHE OIL receipt to L. Churchill signed by Fucci & Fucci 12/1/1994	1994	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
MILLER AUTO CO - Auto order for L.F.Churchill dated 4/24/94 CARBON COPY of form	1994	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD Certificate of Service Months & Wages - Kingsley & Churchill COMPUTER CARD	1938-1956	EDSON, ELIZABETH & PHILIP

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