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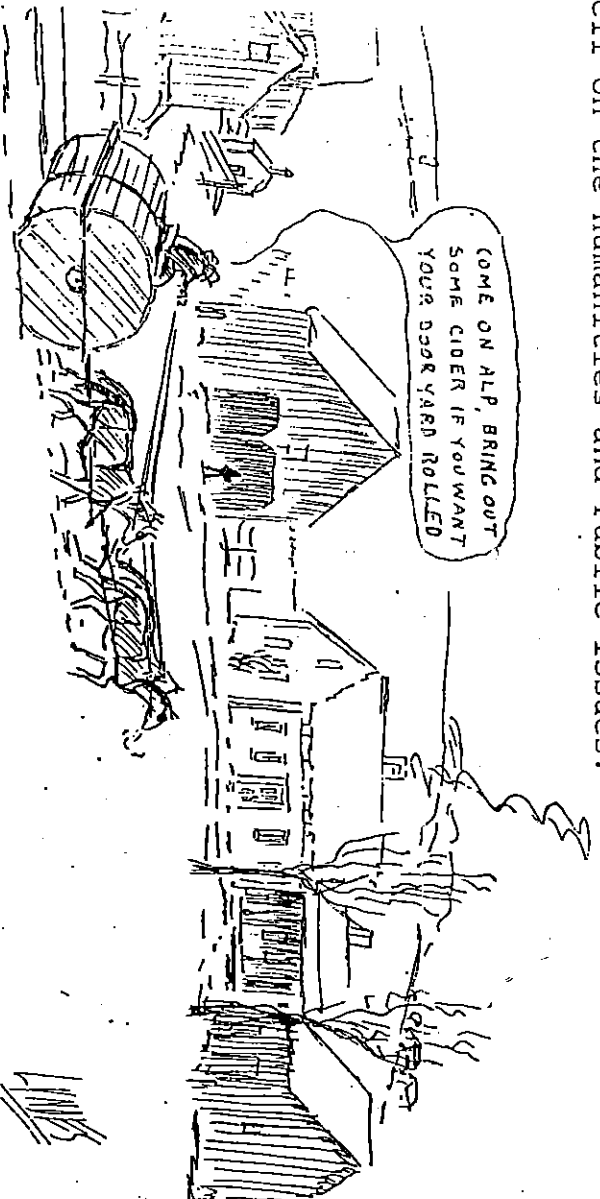
VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIRECTOR, DAWN ANDREWS, TO SPEAK ON VERMONT
HILL FARM LIFE AT TURN OF THE CENTURY

Dawn Andrews, Development Director at the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier, will be the guest speaker at our November meeting. The meeting will be November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, Route 14, Hartford Village.

Ms. Andrews has served for several years as coordinator of outreach services for local historical societies. She is also adjunct faculty for the University of Vermont's Historic Preservation Program where she teaches a course on the history of the relationship between architecture and domestic life. She is married with sons age two and three and lives in an 1850's house that she and her husband are gradually adapting to a 1980's life style.

Her talk is based on slides of forty sketches by her grandfather, Stanley H. Lyndes, of his childhood on hill farms in Cabot and Marshfield. The humorous and somewhat earthy sketches provide details of day-to-day life in rural Vermont in the early years of the twentieth century.

This talk is funded in part by a matching grant from the Vermont Council on the Humanities and Public Issues.



ASKOW ROLL DRAWN BY FOUR HORSES WOULD BREAK OUT THE
ROADS AFTER EVERY SNOW FALL. IT WAS AN UNWRITTEN LAW THAT
THE MAN WHO COULDN'T TREAT THE CROWD WITH HARD CIDER
WOULDN'T GET HIS YARD ROLLED. ALP NEVER HAD ANY CIDER SO
HE SHOVELED HIS OWN ROAD. USUALLY THE BOYS DID IT.

SEPTEMBER MEETING SETS NEW RECORD

A near capacity crowd gathered at our September meeting to hear Professor Jere Daniell speak about "The Upper Valley in the American Revolution." His talk was humorous and fascinating. He validated some known information, gave new insights into the Revolution, exploded numerous myths, and humanized some of our folk heroes. Those of you unable to come missed an excellent meeting.

ACCOLADES

As you all know, we now have a home in the Hartford Town Hall, including a jail cell to lock our valuables in! Many people have been generous in their time and materials to spruce up the office and convert it to a suitable environment for the Society. Thanks go to:

Bob Plattner for painting the office
Bob and Georgia Plattner for the window blind
Cole Flooring for donating the carpeting
Twin State Typewriter (the Lawrences) for the
2-drawer file cabinet with lock
Paul Bennett for the two insulated storage containers

To all those who have participated in organizing the office
and

most of all
To the Town of Hartford for the space and the use of a desk
Sincerely,
Fred Bradley

MORE INFORMATION ON JASON MOFFITT

The Society received an inquiry from a Mrs. Hamilton who was looking for information on her great-grandfather, Jason Moffitt. In particular, she was looking for birth and death dates and the burial site. Priscilla Gadzinski found his obituary in the records in Montpelier, noting he died of Brights disease. Fred Bradley found notes in the Town Hall that people did bury the dead on their own land, sometimes with no permanent markers. Jason Moffitt lived on the hill where Fred and Mildred Bourlet owned a home. Fred feels that Jason was buried there, probably in an unmarked grave.

MORE ACCOLADES

The Refreshment Committee wishes to thank to all the Society members who have graciously made and continue to provide refreshments for our meetings.

Georgia Plattner/Irene Brockway

JANUARY MEETING

Our annual general meeting will be held in January. A Nominating Committee is currently being formed. If asked to serve on the Committee, we hope you will serve. And, if the Nominating Committee approaches you asking you serve as an officer next year, please give it your sincere consideration. If you wish to serve or know of a good candidate, let Fred Bradley know. He will pass it on to the Committee.

SOCIETY OFFICERS:

Fred Bradley - President
Priscilla Gadzinski - VP/Prog
Robert Plattner - Treasurer
Marguerite Hogg - Secretary
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