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## NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, November 14

Greater Hartford Church of Christ, Route 14, Hartford Village

7 p.m.

Professor Jere Daniell of Dartmouth

"Hartford's Five Villages in the History of the Upper Valley"

## REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING

Mr. Allen Yale, Historic Sites Specialist for the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, gave a very interesting slide presentation at our September 12 meeting. After showing beautiful slides of other sites under the jurisdiction of the Division for Historic Preservation, Mr. Yale focused on the Udall-Boyd Property and especially the dig which took place last summer.

It was encouraging to see progress taking place on this important property. A very informative evening was enjoyed by an audience of approximately forty people.

## RECENT GIFTS

Gratefully acknowledged....

Pat Stark, Wilder, VT - book, "Early Vermont Conventions 1776 - 1777 Records of Conventions in the NH Grants:, pub. 1904; and an unidentified wooden object (perhaps used in rug making.

Town of Hartford - Hartford Bicentennial Collections 1961, 1976, 1977: medallions, phono record of High School Concert, motion picture film of parade, photo album of parade, Albums of Correspondence, Programs and Posters;  
Two copper on wood printing blocks for town report covers.

Fred Bradley, Hartford, VT - Miscellaneous business items from Hartford.

Sally Henderson, White River Junction, VT.- Items that had belonged to her parents, including photos, an old school slate, WWII ration book holder.

**Peter and Helen Pembricks, White River Junction, VT** - Three 8"x10" colored photos of the Bridge Street Bridge after it was damaged in 1990.

**Mrs. George McCarley, Georgetown, OH** - Her extensive genealogical research on the Strong (and related) families.

**Priscilla Gadzinski, White River Junction, VT** - Three copies of the "Vermont Magazine" and business items from Hartford.

**David Henderson, Lebanon, NH** - Copies of Opera House programs, three photos, Beers Atlas of Windsor County.

**Barbara Yaroschuk, Myersville, MD** - Child's "Gazeteer and Business Directory of Windsor County, 1883 - 1884"; and Tucker's "History of Hartford, VT", published 1889.

**Dr. Loretta Garipay, Hartford, VT** - 20 photos of the flood of 1927; photos of Dr. Stanley Garipay and family; Hartford High School Commencement booklet 1922; four photos of Hartford school classes; handwritten biographies of Loretta and Stanley Garipay.

## LOOKING BACK

"Civil War" film maker Ken Burns, Valley News, November 3, 1990: "When most people hear the word history, they think "Castor oil." When I hear it, I think, 'Hey, a story.'"

There is a lot more to tell, but here are some things about Hartford and Hartford men in the War of the Rebellion.

..."On the 2nd day of May (1861) the first regiment was mustered in Rutland. On the 7th of May commissions were issued for recruiting the 2d and 3d regiments of volunteers for three years' service, or during the war. These regiments were quickly filled and were mustered, the 2d in Burlington, and the 3d in St. Johnsbury. The 2d regiment...left their encampment for Washington city, June 24th, and, not one month later, participated in the battle of Bull Run, and there suffered the loss of sixty-six men, in killed, wounded, and prisoners. The 2d and 3d regiments were armed with Enfield rifle muskets.

..."The history of the 3d Regiment is of greater interest to the people of Hartford than that of any other Vermont regiment for the reason that Co. F was composed largely of soldiers raised in this town. The 3d Regiment remained in camp in St. Johnsbury until the 24th of July. During the time of their encampment in that place, there were between 200 and 300 cases of measles, and about fifty men were unfit for service when the regiment was ordered to the front. The regiment, under the command of Col. W.F. Smith, and Lt. Col. B.N. Hyde, arrived in Washington City July 27th, and was at once ordered forward to Chain Bridge. Here the men did important service in making rifle pits and forming entrenchments on the Maryland side of the Potomac, and were subsequently sent into Virginia without tents, being near the enemy, and for ten consecutive days and nights bivouacked while constructing the abatis and earthworks at Ft. Marcy."

The 3d Regiment was in 28 engagements, the last being Petersburg, VA, April 2, 1865. Three men from Hartford died at Andersonville prison.

### War Expenses of Hartford During the Rebellion - to March 1867

"Two hundred and sixty-seven men furnished by the town in 1862-63-64. Amount of bounties and costs of which, including bounties paid to men who were drafted, and who furnished substitutes = \$54,829.91." (This includes "2 colored men entered in the South" and "17 men, three years' service in the Navy".)

Men from Hartford served in other regiments, among them - Sumner H. Lincoln enlisted as a Private, Co. B 6th Regiment and was the only person who rose from a private to a colonel through all the grades in the regiment. Dr. Samuel Allen went out as surgeon of the Fourth Vermont. Charles C. Powers was a musician in Co. H, 11th Regiment. Wm. Stafford went in as blacksmith, Co. E. 1st Cavalry and served from 1861 to 1865. Edward Lyman was in Co. F, 1st US Sharpshooters; Solomon Franklin was in Co. H, 2nd US Sharpshooters. Alexander Davis was an officer in the US Colored Troops, serving 4 years 2 months. Wm. B. Hazen was brevetted for gallantry in the capture of Fort McAllister as colonel of the 38th Infantry.

These notes are from: "History of Hartford, VT", Tucker, 1889; "Revised Roster of Vt. Volunteers . . . The Rebellion 1861-1866" by the Adj. Gen. of Vt., 1892; "Vermont in the Civil War" by State Historian G.G. Benedick, 1886 (two volumes).

If you would like to learn more about Hartford and the Civil War, check your village library for the above books; we have in our library Tucker's History; and all three are in the Town Clerk's Office. (Books in the Town Clerk's office can be used there with permission 9-12, 1-4 weekdays.

## FROM THE OFFICE

We're very pleased to announce that we have a student volunteer - Rob Vogt, a junior at Hartford High School. Rob comes in one day after school and has been very helpful.

To date this year we've received seven inquiries from people wanting information about Hartford and Hartford people. Two were walk-ins, people on vacation who were tracing their families. The inquiries ranged from information of Jonathan Burtch (1700s) to a young man who wanted to know about his grandfather's WW I record (which we found for him).

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Gates Memorial Library in White River Junction is going to have a grand re-opening on Saturday, December 1 from 1-6. We are going to have an exhibit. Please come and see this interesting building and join in welcoming the village library back in business.

We have been invited by the Thomas Chittenden Chapter of the DAR to have a combined meeting with them on Tuesday, July 9, 1991. It will be a pot luck supper meeting and the program will be the Bayley-Hazen Singers. This will be an extra special way to celebrate the Bicentennial. Details later.

## **BROCHURE**

As you know, we have been in the process of drafting a pamphlet which we hope to give wide distribution and thereby gain fresh support. A working draft has been completed and we have received cost estimates for the printing and associated costs. The pamphlet, a one paged trifold mailer, will include a tasting of the history of Hartford's five villages. We have applied for a grant from the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation to cover the cost of printing and a town-wide mailing. If we receive this grant, we can proceed quickly. If not, we will limit the printing and distribution to what we can afford.

## **JANUARY MEETING**

Wednesday, January 10, 1991

Annual business meeting with MEMBERS ONLY program. More in the December newsletter.

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