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*September Meeting . . .*

## REMINISCENCES OF A HARTFORD DOCTOR

Dr. Loretta Garipay of Hartford will talk about her experiences, and those of her late husband, Dr. Stanley Garipay, both providers of medical services for many years in Hartford. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 11th, 7:00 p.m.** at the Greater Hartford Church of Christ, Route 14, Hartford Village.

## MEDICAL REPORT - 50 YEARS AGO

Dr. Stanley Garipay, family doctor, was also the Town's Health Officer. Here is a reprint of his report for 1941:

I wish to again bring to your notice the regulations of the Vermont State Board of Health regarding the quarantine of school children exposed to measles, German measles, whooping cough, mumps and chicken pox in that exposed children are kept out the full time necessary for them to come down with the disease. This period for measles, German measles and whooping cough is two weeks, mumps and chicken pox three weeks from the time of exposure.

Three hundred and sixty seven (367) cases of infectious diseases were reported during the year as follows: Chicken Pox 50; Vincent's Infection, 24; German Measles 6; Scarlet Fever, 11; Measles 227; Whooping Cough 38; Mumps 10; Infantile Paralysis 1.

The latter case of Infantile Paralysis was traced to contact with a case out of town and prompt quarantine prevented any spread of this disease.

At the present time whooping cough and mumps are epidemic in the several villages of the town.

Weekly reports of all communicable diseases were sent to the U. S. Public Health Service Department.

Samples of water from public water supplies were sent at periodic intervals during the year as requested by the State Board of Health. All of these analyses showed our water supplies to be pure and wholesome.

Complaints regarding sewerage disposal, deposition of animal and vegetable

refuse, public dumps, faulty septic tanks, etc., were investigated and suggestions offered for the abating of such nuisances. No cases were prosecuted under the Public Health Laws during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stanley L. Garipay, M.D. *Health Officer*

#### MEDICAL REPORT - EARLIER YET!

In addition to the regular medical report of the Medical Officer, there was a dog problem in 1931 as mentioned in that year's report:

The rampages of a mad dog in Wilder on November 11, 1931, resulted in the biting of quite a number of dogs. All of the dogs known to have been bitten by this rabid dog were either killed, vaccinated, or chained and held for further examination. The Vermont State Board of Health authorized a "Notice and Order of Quarantine" for the control of "Rabies" for the Town of Hartford. This "Order of Quarantine" by the State Board of Health was called to the attention of the citizens of this town by "Warning" cards being posted in the several villages of the town and by notices published in the local newspapers. This "Quarantine" for "Rabies" will remain in force until the conditions warrant the same to be revoked.

#### AN EVENING WITH THE THOMAS CHITTENDEN CHAPTER, D.A.R.

On July 9th, the Hartford Historical Society, at the invitation of the Thomas Chittenden Chapter, had a joint pot-luck supper and co-sponsored a choral concert by the Vermont Harmony, a collaboration of select singers ages 10 to 18. Not only was the supper great, but the music was superb. We wish to thank the D.A.R. and the Vermont Harmony for a memorable evening.

#### CHARTER MEMBER DIES

With great sorrow, we report the death of Marjorie Derosie at age 100, a charter member of the Hartford Historical Society. We extend our sympathy to Winfred and Anita Derosie.

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*From the INTER-STATE JOURNAL,  
Chas. R. Cummings, Editor & Publisher,  
White River Jct., (February 1904)*

## **OUR ARCHIVIST - THE CATALOGER OF HISTORY**

Pat Stark, our archivist, is the linchpin in cataloging the historical records and artifacts donated to the Society. She has attended various seminars to expand her knowledge of records management into the field of historical collections. In 1989, she attended a New England Archivists workshop entitled "Caring for Historical Records." This was followed up in 1990 with a seminar on "Organizing Manuscripts and Archives." This year she attended a seminar on "Manuscript Processing Nuts and Bolts" also offered by the New England Archivists.

With the help of other volunteers, Pat has entered all this information into a LOTUS program to create a printout. Thus she can list our collection by title, type (photograph, clothing, letter, etc.), year, donor, and cross-file data. This means that if you want to know everything we have on schools in the last century; are looking for information on the train wreck of 1887; or want to know if Aunt Millie gave us that old photograph you remember of the Junction House, it's all here! (And not only do we have it, thanks to Pat Stark, we can FIND it!)

## **RECENT GIFTS**

- Marine Lawrence**, a "system calendar" of the Hartford Savings Bank, 1931  
**Fred Bradley**, 15 paper milk bottle caps from the B. W. Roberts Dairy, Hartford  
**Peter Pembricks**, 6 postcards, the Connecticut River Valley, Hotel Coolidge, White River Jct.  
**Richard Simonds**, 33 photographs of the Hartford Alumni Parade, 1990  
**John Newton**, genealogy of the David Newton family  
**Pat Stark**, "The Early American Cook Book"; newspaper obituary of Clara Cooper, who organized, in Wilder, the first Girl Scout troop in Vermont  
**Priscilla Gadzinski**, photograph of the Shriners picnic 1920, and book "The Vermonters"  
**Lowell Joerg**, postcard photo of logging on the Connecticut  
**Steve Rose**, postcard of Smith & Son factory, White River Jct.  
**Lebanon Historical Society**, 3 photos of American Legion parade 1935; 5 negatives of Junction House, 1878  
**Phyllis Tisdale**, "crazy" quilt of silks and taffetas made by her grandmother  
**Mrs. Arthur J. Clark**, 16 issues of the "Inter-State Journal", 1901-1904; 4 issues of "The Speaker" 1938  
**Mrs. Stanley Garipay**, items that belonged to her husband; "whooping cough" sign, signature stamp & stamp holder, blotter, "bird" clamp and fountain pens.  
**George Smith**, clipping of Hotel Coolidge and Loyal Club booklet  
**Evelyn Stevens/Hartford Treasurer's Department**, an R. C. Allen "Figuring Machine"

Rose Merriam, envelope from Hartford Woolen Co.; advertisement of Patented Wagon Wrench Company, Hartford; 2 business cards; 6 expense bills of the Central Vermont Railroad, 1893-94  
Virginia Close, booklet, 1880 School Tax for District 5, Hartford

#### WISH LIST

Three-hole punch for the office; Assistant Editor of the newsletter; newsletter sponsors.

If you would like to sponsor a newsletter, and help us defray the cost, please send your check to Robert Plattner, Treasurer, PO Box 262, Woodstock, VT 05091, payable to Hartford Historical Society. Your generosity is appreciated.

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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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