



NUMBER 32 CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

CHARLESTON, VT SPRING 2021

Dear Members and Friends.

The year 2020 will be remembered in history much like the year 1816 was. That year was an unexpected act of nature—the year with no summer.

An excerpt from the Charleston History book by Esther Hamilton states:

“Everybody looked, longed and waited for warm weather, but warm weather did not come.” Our ancestors were all under the mercy of an unseen force that held a strong grip on their lives. Though we are not suffering the physical effects of the cold, we are under a cold cloud of fear and anxiety. Just like them we are “looking, longing and waiting” for our freedom from the restraints of the Covid Virus. Just as our ancestors struggled when life changed, so do we. I imagine what joy there must have been when the cold lifted and the earth became fruitful again. I think it is how we will feel when we can get our lives back again.

The Museum was closed in 2020. Our annual yard sale fund raiser did not happen. We thank our members for their generous contributions and the town for approving a \$ 500.00 appropriation to help with our expenses.

We had a major expense in 2020. The previous winter we noticed a problem with ice buildup on the roof and a minor roof leak. We had the area inspected and found a problem that needed to be fixed before it became worse. That is now corrected.

Even though we were not meeting regularly, our volunteers were compiling news clipping binders, cataloging artifacts, and doing research from home.

More people are receiving vaccinations and because the virus cases continue to decline, the Board has voted to have the Museum open this summer by appointment only. For the safety of our volunteers and visitors, masks will be required. It is too early to decide on a yard sale and open house. We will be following Gov. Scott’s recommendations.

I am including a list of contact numbers for more information. Grace Frizzell 802-723-6024 Carlotta Moulton 802-895-2901 Audrey Frizzell 802-723-6038

If you prefer you may email gcfizzell@gmail.com Please write CHS in the subject line so I will receive your email. Hope to see you this summer! B.Y.O.M. Grace

I AM WEARING MY MASK

Hard to write a membership letter when things are on hold
So, I put pencil to paper and the truth will be told

My President's letter has nothing important
How can it when things are closed up and dormant
Not much to write when life is on pause
Not open- no action- but we're not a lost cause

I've been thinking about it and really must ask
Isn't life simpler when wearing a mask?
The winter is bearable my face is not froze
I'm toasty and warm with this thing on my nose

My face has improved as my flaws are concealed
Better than face cream my pretty face shield
Under my mask are hidden my wrinkles
Freckles, age spots and a couple of dimples

Too old to have pimples but one has popped out
Don't care, no shame the mask covers my snout
Gone is the worry of food in my teeth
No need for a mirror after I eat

There is a hair on my chin that I need to tweeze
Don't care -no shame because nobody sees
When I bump into things and I trip and I stumble
It's ok- "my glasses are foggy" I grumble

I order at Scampys a large roast beef grinder
Yes, pile on the onions no one is the wiser
Allergic nose trouble- it won't be an issue
Mask on -no problem -no need for a tissue

Am I happy or sad? It is all in the eyes
Am I smiling or pouting? You might be surprised
So, when the virus is over, I just need to ask
Are you going to keep on wearing your mask?

So, we'll all get our shots and life will get better
Next year I will have real news in this letter
Then come to the Charleston Museum and see
The one with the mask on is probably me.

2020 CHS Acquisition List

Owen Reilly- Framed photos-Minnie Whitehill Lewis; Ruth and Orrin Willis

Family of Neta Brooks Aldrich-Round wood table; Ethan Allen table

John Badger-Newspaper notice for Graveside Service in Bath NH for Donald H. "Monk" Ingerson of Charleston

Grace Colburn Frizzell-Donations from Richard Colburn Sr.-1829 Walton's Vermont Register; 1857 VT Directory; 1869 copy of certificate of marriage Dennis Ladoo and Louisa Mason; Framed photos-1907 Clambake in W. C.; 1951 wedding of Richard and Alta Colburn; 1953 Sesquicentennial Parade Eunice Taylor Colburn; Genealogy info for Sewall Adams Wolcott born 1815 in E. Charleston; Souvenir Plate Derby Academy; handmade lace and embroidered apron ca.1900; 1911 Mayflower church pamphlet; 1928 Standard Picture Card; 1936 Game of Authors; Scrapbooks 1937-1946; 1938 World Affairs; ca.1939 School Booklet about VT; 1941 Etiquette Book; 1955 Telephone Directory for Newport VT District; Mementos I.O.O.F; M.W.A.; Collection of pins-4H Club, Sunday School, US Dept. of Agriculture, M.W.A.; 1958 - 1970 Receipt book; 1973 Camp Winape photo album; Certificates-1942 war time Farm Labor, 1944 Sales Achievement Derby Academy for war effort, Enumerator for 17th Decennial Census, war time Plymouth Congregational Church, Charleston Elementary School; Newspaper Articles- 1919 Orleans County Monitor; 1966 Union School District Warning; 1968 Bradley Crowe Pueblo Crewman; 1969 Steve and Ernest Wright; 1985 "Historic Camp Winape Retires"; 1986 "NC Students Depart for France Visit"; 1987 "Divers Search Seymour for Man"; 1987 Dr. William McBride obituary; 1990 "Albany Tree Heads for Harvard" featuring Tom and Richard Scelza; Newsletters- 1988 North Country Health News-Ed Kolar and memoriam of Charles Schurman Jr.MD.; 2014 Seymour Lake Association featuring Camp Winape history; Island Pond Historical Society; Letter- 1985 death of Edward (Chief)Kolar, 1992 Shedd family info., appreciation from Plymouth Church for Church History, Thank yous from Charleston Elementary Students; Programs-1958 Dedication of new Derby Academy, 1993 Plymouth Church presents "A Praise Musical by the Chancel Choir", Performances by the North Country School of Dance, 1995 Palm Sunday Choir Festival at Stanstead Quebec, Charleston Elementary Graduations, Map- "Plan of land Charleston and Westmore"; Island Pond; Trophy-North Country School of Dance; photos of W.C. barn with the cow painting, CHS cupola before removal; Handcrafted wood canister by Albert Ford; Memorial cards; Book "We are Vermont Strong reflections of the Storm Irene 2011"; Research on Andersonville Prison; List of Servicemen; Handwritten memories; Northland Journals; misc items

Barbara Buck Snelgrove Gridley-Obituary of Blaine Ivan Buck-born on a dairy farm in E. Charleston

Mary Frizzell Lahar-Charleston Elementary 2019 – 2020- Year Book, School Calendar, Program-2nd Annual Charleston/Coventry Band Exchange 2005; Newspaper clipping-Annual Rotary Basketball Tournament winners Brighton/Charleston

Paul Gardner-Gardner Newsletters

Heritage Memorials/Audrey Frizzell-Photo of Buck Cemetery Entrance Marker. BUCK CEMETERY ESTABLISHED 1828 DONATED BY ROBERT BUCK AND RYAN BUCK 2020. Prepared, engraved and set by Heritage Memorials

Audrey Colburn Frizzell- Program Janice Taylor's graveside Service; Memorial card and obituary of Donald E. Taylor

Betty Lahar- obituary of Janice Sheltra Taylor

Lorraine Stoddard Tice-Baby Plate, Books, copy of newspaper clippings "Student Pilot Fatally Injured in Plane Crash, obituary of Roscoe Stoddard and Mrs. Lyle B. George; photo of Aubrey E. Stoddard

Lorna Laflam Carty-Advertisement-"Hang Your Towel Holder and Buy Your Merchandise at Holton & Weymouth's Cash Store West Charleston"

Cathryn Palmer-Archer Family info, copy of military photo and Transcription of Service Certificate from State of VT for Ray Harrison Archer

Diane Colburn- picture puzzles originally in Allbee, Hartwell & Colburn family

Judy Moulton Fortin- Photos Edd Crowe cottage on Echo Lake, Modern Woodmen

Joyce Bowen Moulton-Photo Center School Pupils

Kevin Frizzell-article "Next in Store How Covid-19 Complicated the sale of a West Charleston Country Store and Deli" Seven Days Bottom Line by Ken Picard

Kenrick and Avalena Gonyaw-Military Uniforms of Richard Bly; Civil Defense Box

Cindy Moor Gist- booklet "Owls Head on Lake Memphremagog"

Gladys Taylor Broome- 1999 Christmas Greetings Newsletter from Hal, Mary, and Hattie Wheeler

Phil Bystry—Family info- Snell and Trafford genealogy

Town of Charleston-Annual School District and Town Reports honoring Wayne Bowen

Sally Dorr Hatcher— Holy Bible of Charlotte Lang presented to her signed and dated 1828 by Jonas Allen, a record of her marriage to George Dorr, and family history info.

NOTE: Jonas was an early settler and the first ordained minister in town serving both the East and West Charleston. The Lang family were prominent in town for many years.

Gertrude Colburn Broome- Handmade Crazy Quilt belonged to Jennie Morrill Alexander; Pineapple doily crocheted by Gertrude

Darald and Carlotta Moulton-Photos-Andre & Dolores Letourneau family and sugaring which were Henry Ashman's; " Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept gets new truck"

Grace Frizzell-2003 Bicentennial Plaque "Appreciation to Richard Colburn"; A Sleigh used by generations of Colburn families and the Frizzell children; Bread Board used by Alta Colburn; Farm pully; 2017 Milk Quality Award listing local farmers. A 1950's kitchen table used by the R. Colburn family

Many thanks to all for the above donations to the Charleston Historical Society. It is through these items the Society is able to portray the past for future generations. We are grateful for all volunteers and donors who have assisted us to achieve our mission, to preserve the history of Charleston.

Audrey Frizzell, Secretary and Voluntary Archivist

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TREASURER REPORT JAN 01 -DEC. 31 2020

RECEIPTS:

COD INTEREST EARNED ON LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	\$14.23
24 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2020	\$72.00
15 FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2020	\$105.00
46 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIPS-2020	\$707.00
5 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2021	\$15.00
2 FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2021	\$14.00
5 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIPS-2021	\$105.00
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BEYOND MEMBERSHIP	\$80.00
V.H.JADALI-DONATION TOWARD BOOK	\$100.00
CEMETERY CATALOGS	\$47.00
TOWN OF CHARLESTON-APPROPRIATIONS	\$500.00
<u>FAN-GRACE FRIZZELL</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$1,764.23

DISBURSEMENTS:

VERMONT ELECTRIC	\$241.45
FRONT DESK - NEWSLETTER COPIES	\$371.24
FRONT DESK - SHEET PROTECTORS & COPIES	\$34.18
GRACE FRIZZELL - STAMPS & NEWSLETTER	\$241.47
MAJESTIC TROPHY-PLAQUES-BOWEN, COLBURN & MACDONALD	\$20.00
DEVANEY - ROOF	\$1,658.28
FORK LIFT FOR ROOF REPAIRS	\$1,048.06
VT, MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.	\$1,198.00
U.S.P.O. ANNUAL BOX RENT	\$56.00
<u>BEA NELSON-DISC.PROJECT HISTORY BOOK-(PAID IN FULL)</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$5,218.68
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$1,764.23
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2019	<u>\$4,894.37</u>
	\$6,658.60
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$5,218.68</u>
CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2020	\$1,439.92

LIFE MEMBERSHIP GENERAL ACCT. BALANCE DEC. 31,2019 (2219)	\$4,573.00
INTEREST	\$3.06
REVENUE: 8 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	
JEAN GONZALO,REBECCA BEAUDOIN,MYRNA SETIEN &,DAVID COLBURN	\$400.00
<u>DIANE MARCEAU,ED CARR, CYNTHIA PALMER & SCOTT HASELTON</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,2020 *INCLUDES LIFE MEMBERSHIP COD	\$5,376.06

MEMORIAL & HONOR FUND BALANCE	DEC. 31 2019 (9118)	\$5,927.09
INTEREST		\$6.84
MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR RICHARD COLBURN		\$1,100.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR WAYNE BOWEN		\$95.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR MAURICE BOURRET		\$100.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR WALLACE & CYNTHIA MCDONALD		\$100.00
<u>MEMORIAL DONATIONS: FOR DICK COLBURN</u>		<u>\$15.00</u>
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2020		\$7,343.93

HARRY WHEELER-----CD BALANCE DEC. 31, 2020 IS	\$11,021.32
HENRY CHURCH-----CD BALANCE DEC. 31, 2020 IS	\$5,180.00
*LIFE MEMBERSHIPS-CD BALANCE DEC.31 ,2020 IS	\$2,000.00

PREPARED BY JANICE L. BOWEN, TREASURER 01/18/2021

I found this bit of Charleston history in Abby Hemenway's "Vermont Historical Gazetteer"

Joseph Dickey was the first to settle on the New County Road in East Charleston on the east side of Echo Pond. Ozias Hartwell had made the first purchase of Lot No 64, 2nd Division in 1820 but that same summer sold it to Joseph Dickey.

"His bill of sale and betterments for a French watch"

Joseph Dickey's 4th son Solon died in Jan. 1825 at age 18 by the "fall of a tree". His father erected a suitable memorial stone, and it was the first grave in East Charleston placed in the new burial ground on Lot No 38, 2nd Division. The family had moved away by the time the town laid out a new cemetery and exhumed most of their dead. It is implied that because the Dickeys were no longer in town, Solon's was not one of the graves moved. A man from another county purchased the land for his farm and plowed the graveyard. The stone with the name Solon Dickey disappeared.

I am curious about this first East cemetery—where was it located? Perhaps the earliest town records that were transcribed by Richard Colburn Sr. will provide the answers.

Note: --I live on the east side of Echo Pond and prices have gone up considerable since 1820.

Be sure to pick up the May and June issues of "VERMONT'S NORTHLAND JOURNAL" Scott Wheeler has included the history about the East and West Charleston Village fires of 1924. Read the actual news articles that describe the devastation and learn what our ancestors lived through! If you are not familiar with "Vermont's Northland Journal", it is a monthly publication with interesting stories, histories and memories of people, places, and events from Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and beyond. Check out their web site for more information.

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Membership fees:

Individual: \$ 3.00
Family: \$ 7.00
Contributing: any amount
over \$ 7.00
Individual Life: \$ 100.00

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The following names have been added to the Memorial Plaque at the Museum

Betty Mae Ellam

Bruno Studer

George Broome

The Memorial Plaque was started in 1991 as a way to remember loved ones and to fund special projects. The cost is \$ 25.00. There is also an Honor Plaque to honor those who are still with us. If there is someone you would like to remember or honor, please contact the CHS.

2020 MEMBERS

Annie Hinton	Joan Alexander	Lorri Clapper Lepage
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Note: The year that you last paid your dues is printed on your return address label. Please check to see if you are up to date. If you are a Life Member you are paid in full!

In Charleston's history book written by Esther Hamilton she recorded some Charleston "FIRSTS"

Here is a partial list:

First Trees Felled in Town in 1802 on the Driver /Dane farm
First crop planted in 1803 - Potatoes
First family in town Andrew McGaffey summer of 1803 (a few weeks before Abner Allyn's family)
First Death-Mrs. McGaffey -Oct. 1803 (she didn't last long in Navy/Charleston)
First Town Meeting in 1806 on Lot 7
First Road—1823 between East and West Charleston
First Military Company—1822 Ira Richards Captain
First Blacksmith-Timothy Haseltine 1828
First named "Charleston" (formally "Navy") in 1825

2020 has also been a year of "firsts"

Schools were closed- Churches were closed- Businesses shut down- Restaurants/bars closed
Museums closed-Town Offices closed- No Town Meetings
No weddings -No funerals- No parades- No Fireworks- No graduations
No 4th of July Celebrations- No Memorial Day Festivities
No Concerts- No County Fairs- No Movie Theaters-No dances-No Courts or Jury
No Sports- No Campgrounds-No Plays- No Performances- No Club meetings
No handshakes or hugs or family gatherings
Alone in the hospitals- alone in the long term care facilities
Who would have thought we would go into a bank wearing a mask?
So many Nos! So many rules!

Truly an historical year!! Hang in there folks—we will get over this!