

NUMBER 20 CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., CHARLESTON, VT SPRING 2009

Dear Friends,

This is a special year for the Charleston Historical Society! Twenty years ago a small group of dedicated volunteers made their dream of keeping the history of Charleston alive for the present and future generations! They formed the CHS. Through hard work and determination they obtained the old West Village Schoolhouse as a Museum for displaying the many artifacts and items that have been donated.

Thanks to our Founders and the generous donations and support of members and friends we have come a long way -- and have accomplished much!

This year of economic uncertainty, we are all tightening our budgets and making wise use of our money. We wish to thank everyone for your continuing membership and support. The CHS greatly appreciates that you value its work and will continue to collect, protect, display, explore and share the history of Charleston.

Please note that the membership fee has not changed since our inception. The reason for this is, even though the individual membership is still only \$3.00, most choose to donate more!

Last year was an active one. There was an increase in visitations to the Museum, not only on Wednesdays but also by appointment. On several occasions our historians provided informal tours to interested students, visitors and descendants of earlier settlers.

There has been discussion of obtaining a chair lift. More research and estimations will be conducted as we do wish the Museum to be more easily accessible.

The Cupola project is uppermost on our agenda for this year. The goal is that it will be completed and at its new home this summer. The Site Committee is working on this.

We will again conduct a Yard Sale. It is unsure how long we will continue doing this, but the income generated helps with the general expenses.

The sale of Cemetery catalogs and Newsclipping books has been good. (The positive responses received from the first Newsclipping book has encouraged me to complete two more!)

The CHS continues to seek Town historical articles of interest, family genealogies, family stories, photos, obituaries, etc. to place on display at the Museum. Does anyone have a photo of the old Town Clerk's Office (the cement block building?) School houses, class or sports photos? Charleston Post Cards? Max Party photos? Farm or business photos and memorabilia? Organizations, like the Fire Dept. Modern Woodman, Women's clubs, 4-H, Scouts etc?

Volunteers are needed in May for our annual cleaning bee - getting the Museum ready for company - the more the merrier - and we really are merry!

Also volunteers are needed at the Yard Sale, both in preparing for the sale, the sale, and clean up after. We have a jolly good time! Won't you join us?

Volunteers are also needed for Museum hours and functions. I have made new friends and met old school chums through my volunteering - I think you would enjoy it too!

The CHS meetings are posted in the Newport Daily Express. Please join us! We welcome your ideas and opinions!

The Museum is open Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m., June through August and also by appointment. The Annual Meeting is July 7 at 7 p.m. The Yard Sale and Open House is July 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Grace Frizzell, Board of Directors
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ACQUISITIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Post cards - Echo Mill; View of Echo Lake; Electric Light Plant and Residence; Collection of photos; eBay printout of The Two Stores, Jerome Hudson house, Power Dam and Twin Bridges also a post card addressed to F. Stoddard from Wilson & Johnson of Boston dated April 13, '99 from Bob and Peggy Gray.

Vermont's Northland Journal; Newsletters from the NorthWoods Stewardship Center; Program of North Country School of Dance; Photocopy of Vermont Life article - "A Taste For Figures" and "Square Pegs in Round Holes"; Info on Lang Round Barn, Town Forest and Free Will Baptist Church of East Charleston and Master Index of Cemetery Catalogs including Towns of Barton, E. Haven, Irasburg and Sutton from Richard Colburn Sr.

Advertisement from Studio Outback, located in West Charleston.

Cushman Family info from Patricia Lavato of MD.

Collection of Newspapers from Mary Myers/ Vicky O'Keefe of Island Pond.

Gardner Family newsletters; a copy of Will and Olive Gardner's Scrapbook which was assembled into a three ring notebook from Paul Gardner of MA.

Photo of Main Street, East Charleston from Ellen Samul.

Traverse sled given by William Archer of Derby.

2008 Charleston Elementary School Year Book; Program for Graduation and Veterans Day Observances; School Calendar and poster of Water Fair Contest winner from Mary Lahar of Irasburg.

Genealogy - The Descendants of John Piper and a collection of school photos bound in notebook from Wendell and Mary George of Derby.

Skis, Photos, Military Service Medal and misc. from Harley Bly of Newport.

Photo of 1959 West Village School Graduation; Photos of Cupola Removal from Sweeney Barn; Business Card; Green Mountain Trading Post; Program of North Country School of Dance; Menu and advertisement of East Charleston Country Store and misc. from Audrey and Robert Frizzell.

Book Announcement "Boston Celtics: An Interactive Guide to the World of Sports"; also Announcement of the Barry Report of VT soldiers buried in National Cemeteries; Family info on Winslow Farr, Sr.; Photocopies of Class Photos and Compilation of Vital Statistics from Grace and Kenneth Frizzell.

Family info for Elisha Griswold from his descendants.

Replica of Sugarhouse made by Francis Griffin with misc. sugaring related items and Doll Bed with accessories from Muriel Driver Gray of Barre.

Misc. Hand Tools, Kitchen Utensils, Whiffletrees, Neck Yoke, Card Table, Blackboard, Mirror, Photo of "Pharoah's Horses" and Frame from Pat and Don Fisher of Ohio.

Photos of 1993 East Charleston Twister and Newspaper clipping of Winston Bowen, bus driver from Beverly Spaulding

Post Card of Main Street, West Charleston from Richard Earle of MA.

Butter Churn from James Driver of Morgan.

Camp Winape brochures and Newspaper Supplement re Coventry Phish Concert from Evelyn Bowen.

Calvin K. Taylor Memorial Card and Grand Trunk Railway Station Post Card from Golden Taylor Burns of ME.

Photocopy of "Vermont's Admission to the Union" by Dean King of Island Pond.

Letters of Appreciation from Charleston Elementary Students from Vicky O'Keefe of Island Pond.

Copy of James Hinton death certificate from Angela Durgin and Annie Hinton.

Program of Alfred Hinton and Jean Hinton Hughes Memorial Services from Annie Hinton of Newport.

Newspaper clipping of Northfield High School's 2008 graduation, Nails for Cupola project and Calendar from Richard Jr. and Diane Colburn.

Newspaper clippings; Collection of photos, Programs and misc. articles from Charleston Elementary School.

Christening Dress; Photos, including a 1905 West Village School graduating class and Book "Due West" from Marion Driver Porter of Corinth.

Calendars of West Charleston businesses from Mike Clarke of Island Pond

Photo of Minnie Colburn from Blaine and Didi Buck of Ohio.

Photo of a West Charleston family from Julie Speer of SC.

Family photos from Phyllis Lougee Kruger of CT.

Cross Cut Saw Filing Stand; Town Reports and Post Card of Willoughby Lake from Sanderson/Young families.

Copy of photos of West Charleston Fire, May 19, 1924 from collection of Betty Griggs Sweeney of MA.

Magazine - Ensign; Family info on Farr, Lang, Snow and Ancestry-Lake County Genealogical Society from Ellaine Goodall of NH.

Genealogy - The Joseph Rice Family compiled by Dorothy Rice McHenry and Sue McHenry from Dorothy McHenry of WV.

Colburn Family info from Delores Lines of TN.

Military memorabilia of Thomas Robert Broome Jr. from Sissie Broome of Newport.

Book - "History of the 13th Regiment Vermont Volunteers 1910 - Pictorial History Thirteenth Regiment Vermont Volunteers War of 1861-1865" from Jim Hill.

Chase Family Tree from Duane Chase of Jeffersonville.

Copy of Photo of 1909 Plunkett School and Power Dam from Chet Carpenter of Newport.

Large frames for photos of Henry and Gertrude Church from grandson Henry Church of NY.

Post Cards - Echo Lake, The Johnson Family and Ladies Group; Photo of East Village School c. 1917, Echo School, Wilson Family and Home; also records of Free Will Baptist Church of East Charleston from Martha Wilson Judd of Derby.

Newspaper clippings - "The War for the Union 1861-1865" from The Estate of Theresa Ingersoll.

Cookbook - believed to be published by the Mother's Club of West Charleston about 100 years ago from Anne Lalime of Newport.

We are proud to announce that our own Richard Colburn Sr. received an Individual Achievement Award from the League of Local Historical Societies and the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance. The award was presented at their meeting on November 7th, 2008 in Bellows Falls. He was honored for his:

"outstanding contributions to the Charleston Historical Society and his community and his tireless dedication to the Vermont Historical Society."

Accomplishments include:

His book entitled "The History of a Country Church East Charleston, Vermont 1841- 2007."

(This book was sponsored by and proceeds go to the Plymouth Congregational Church.)

He has catalogued all of the cemeteries in 21 towns.

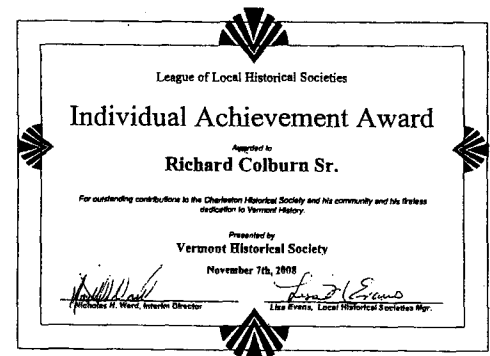
He has assisted in the collection, organization and publishing of the Newsclipping Notebooks.

His work with the repairing of the Cupola.

His involvement with educational programs, that include oral history and town tours.

His assistance to all visitors of the Museum, helping them with genealogy research etc.

Congratulations Richard!



Charleston Historical Society Treas. Report Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008

Receipts:

1 Individual Membership for 2007	\$ 3.00
30 Individual Memberships for 2008.....	90.00
9 Individual Memberships for 2009.....	27.00
3 Individual Memberships for 2010	9.00
1 Individual Membership for 2011	3.00
19 Family Memberships for 2008	133.00
2 Family Membership for 2009	14.00
36 Contributing Memberships for 2008.....	572.00
4 Contributing Memberships for 2009	65.00
2 Life Memberships.....	200.00
Donations	245.00
Donation bowl at the Museum	56.00
Cemetery Catalog sales	598.00
Postage on catalogs	29.00
Gross sales of Compilation of News Articles, Vol. I ..	1,440.00
Gross sales of Compilation of News Articles, Vol. II..	480.00
Postage on Vol. I and II	133.00
Caps.....	6.00
Magnet	2.50
Shot glass	2.00
Post cards.....	.25
Notepaper	8.50
Individual yard sale items	32.25
Yard Sale July 12	399.06
Copying	2.00
Cupola receipts, not including Vol. I and II	245.00
Life Fund CD interest.....	188.55
Memorial and Honor Fund CD interest	221.38
Checkbook interest	1.95
Rec'd in Memory	175.00

Total Receipts	\$5,381.44

Disbursements Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008

Electricity	\$ 203.82
Postmaster, Membership letter.....	82.00
Newsletter	82.00
Other.....	152.67
Front Desk, Membership letters copied.....	22.81
Front Desk, Newsletter copied.....	56.25
Front Desk, Cemetery Catalogs copied	123.50
Front Desk, supplies.....	73.38
Front Desk, Compilation of News Articles, Vol. I copied	400.04
Front Desk, Compilation of News Articles, Vol II copied	142.50
Office Depot, supplies.....	51.20
Pick and Shovel, shades	53.90
Newport Daily Express, yard sale ad	20.00
Majestic Trophy, plates	10.00
R. Colburn Sr., reimb for trunk	15.00
Union Mutual Insurance	888.00
E. M. Brown, clapboards for cupola.....	180.82
Transfer to Life Savings	200.00
Transfer to Memorial and Honor Fund	175.00

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Disbursements	2,933.39	

	2,448.05	
Balance Jan. 1, 2008	1,991.05	

Balance Dec. 31, 2008	\$4,439.10	
(Included in above: Cupola Fund \$2,553.09)		

Memorial and Honor Fund balance Jan. 1, 2008		\$6,981.46
Interest received on savings account.....		1.39
In Memory of Maurice Bourret from Betty Bourret		100.00
In Memory of Arthur Burns and Dexter Taylor from		
Veleda Hubbard		50.00
In Memory of Ruth Brouillard from Phyllis Kruger		25.00

Balance Dec. 31, 2008		\$7,157.85
CD	\$7,054.50	
Savings	103.35	

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Life Membership Fund balance Jan. 1, 2008		\$5,904.38
Interest received on savings account.....		1.32
Received from J. Herbert Dahm	\$100.00	
Received from Veleda Hubbard	100.00	

		200.00

Balance Dec. 31, 2008		\$6,105.70
CD	\$6,000.00	
Savings	105.70	

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We received \$10,000.00 from the Will of Harry Wheeler on May 23, 2000 and it is in a CD at the Community National Bank. We withdrew interest on July 29, 2005 in the amount of \$999.11 to pay towards foundation repair. We withdrew interest of \$2,242.91 on Sept. 6, 2007 to help with the removal and restoration of the Sweeney Barn Cupola. The total amount of the fund is \$10,546.41 on Dec. 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard A. Colburn Sr., Treas

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following members:
 William Ayer and Patricia Dorsey.

Cupola Fund balance July 1, 2008 \$2,467.00
 Wheeler CD interest 2,242.91

Receipts:

Barbara and Alcide Choiniere..... 50.00
 Cupola jar at the store..... 5.00
 Jayson Benoit 10.00
 Bert and Arlene Dahm 5.00
 Net from sale of 10 copies of Vol. I,
 "A Compilation of News Articles" .. 130.00
 Net from sale of 24 copies of Vol. II,
 "A Compilation of News Articles" . 312.00
 Water sold to Diane Colburn 12.00
 ----- 524.00

 Total Receipts 5,233.91

Disbursements:

Desrochers Crane Service \$2,500.00
 E. M. Brown Co., clapboards 180.82
 ----- 2,680.82

Balance in Cupola Fund Dec. 31, 2008 \$2,553.09



1941 photo from Martha Wilson Judd, left to right:
 Richard Johnson, Mabel Johnson Hosford holding Larry Hosford,
 Mabel Colburn Johnson and her husband, George Johnson.

2008 Individual Members

Aldrich, Nita
 Ayer, William (Deceased)
 Broome, Sissie
 Burns, Golden
 Carr, Mable Moulton
 Dane, Gertrude
 Eastman, Jack
 Ford, Albert
 Frizzell, Audrey
 Frizzell, Daniel
 Frizzell, Robert
 Hinton, Annie
 Jardus, Anna
 Jenney, Betty
 Judd, Marjorie
 Judd, Martha
 Laflam, Loren
 Langenheim, Edythe Pope
 Leavens, Doris
 Leavens, Reg
 Major, Mildred
 Mason, Dot
 McHenry, Dorothy
 McKenny, Sandra
 Melelieu, Marilyn
 Miller, Edith
 Newcomb, Emily
 Nielsen, Marie
 Page, Evelyn
 Porter, Marion
 Spaulding, Beverly
 Speer, Julie C.
 Stone, George
 Taylor, Donald

2008 Family Members

Bennett, Jeannine and Dean
 Bowen, Melvin and Jackie
 Cargill, Lyle and Edith
 Childers, Jean
 Clapper, Ruth
 Colburn, Russell and Arlene
 Conley, Michael
 Craig, Norman and Joan
 Davis, Lucia
 Griffes, Don and Beulah
 Jenney, William W.
 Lahar, Dave and Mary
 Levin, Harvey and Barbara
 MacDonald, Wallace and Cynthia
 Mills, Elise
 Moulthrop, Donald and Priscilla
 Reilly, Owen and Carol
 Studer, Bruno and Linda
 Thompson, Lawrence and Eleanor
 Tice, Earl and Penelope
 Young, Darlene and Ned Andrews

2008 Contributing Members

Allen, Mose and Dot
 Balzer, John
 Bennett, Dexter and Polly
 Bly, Harley S.
 Bowen, Ken and Nancy
 Broome, Gertrude
 Carbonneau, John and Elaine
 Carr, Sharon
 Carty, Lorna
 Frizzell, Kenneth and Grace
 Gavin, Paul and Eleanor
 George, Wendell and Mary
 Gonyaw, Mahlon and Madeline
 Graul, Joan
 Gray, Robert and Margaret
 Hill, Aldis and Lurinda
 Holmes, Dean and Lisa Irwin
 Hosford, Larry and Eva
 Kelley, David and Jane
 Kruger, Phyllis
 Lavato, Patricia
 Malloy, James and Barbara
 MacKenzie, Eleanor B.
 McDonald, Evelyn
 McDonald, Kenneth and Joan
 Ming, Bill and Beth
 Monette, Doris
 Moulthrop, Raymond and Jeanne
 Nelson, Roger and Bea
 Perkins, Mary Jane
 Peters, Shirley
 Porter, Robert and Sandra
 Sweeney, Ray and Betty Griggs
 Taft, Justin
 Topshe, Leola
 Verchereau, Virginia
 Walling, Barbara

Life Members

Akin, John
 Alexander, Edward (Deceased)
 Armstrong, William
 Badger, John D.
 Bailey, Phyllis Wilder
 Balch, Marjorie Moulton
 Barry, Richard
 Benoit, Jayson
 Bly, John (Deceased)
 Bourret, Betty
 Bowen, Evelyn
 Bowen, Joanne P.
 Buck, Blaine
 Choiniere, Barbara Lewis
 Church, Henry
 Churchill, May S. (Deceased)

Colburn, Richard Jr.
 Colburn, Richard Sr.
 Colburn, Sarah
 Dahm, J. Herbert
 Dorsey, Patricia (Deceased)
 Duvall, Phoebe M.
 Frizzell, Homer R.
 Fyfe, Barbara Potter (Deceased)
 Fyfe, William (Deceased)
 Gardner, Paul E.
 Gilbert, Michael
 Goad, Claudia Wheeler
 Griffin, Beth Page
 Hannux, Regis Moulton (Deceased)
 Hardy, Marilyn Moulton
 Helenek, Raymond C.
 Hubbard, Velela Taylor
 Hunt, Reg
 Johnson, Vinnie
 Kolar, Alan
 Kolar, Ronald A.
 Lewis, Roy H.
 Maxwell, Douglas
 Maxwell, Marilyn
 McHenry, Stuart
 Miller, Richard A.
 Miller, Rosemary
 Moulton, Judy
 Moulton, Ronald
 Page, Floyd
 Ramsdell, Lois Hinton (Deceased)
 Sawyer, Erema (Deceased)
 Sloan, Gerald
 Smith, Kenneth (Deceased)
 Smith, Mary A. Wheeler
 Smith, Thelma (Deceased)
 Snelgrove, Barbara Buck
 Stoddard, Eleanor (Deceased)
 Tice, Lorraine Stoddard
 Vincent, Harold
 Wheeler, Harold (Deceased)
 White, Carolyn Dane
 White, Sharon
 Wilson, Donald K.
 Worth, Ina Wolcott

The following are new members this year:

Golden Taylor Burns, life
 Phyllis Lougee Kruger, life
 Susan Warner Mills, life
 Mary Jane Fontaine Perkins, life
 Linda Studer, life
 Gordon and Marjorie Driver Welch, ind.
 Beverly May, ind.
 Curtis and Elise Hineline, family
 Dan and Alicia Frizzell, family
 Sue Dwellle and Tom Jensen, family
 Elise Mills, family
 Janice Church Terry, contributing
 Norbert Fournier, contributing
 Eugene and Jean Leslie Childers, contributing
 Edward A. Mills, contributing

A gift of \$25.00 or more will put the name of a loved one on our Memorial Plaque. We also have an "In Honor Plaque" for those you may wish to honor. The names of Arthur Burns, Dexter Taylor, Ruth Cushman Brouillard and Samuel B. Porter were added to the Memorial Plaque this year.

The Charleston Historical Society has the following items for sale:
Price... \$ 20.00 each - \$ 23.00 by mail

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUME I

A compilation of news articles collected by the C. H.S. for the years 1831 to 1895

It is spiral (comb) bound with 101 pages. It includes a copy of the original Proprietors Map of Charleston (Navy) and 1878 "Beers Atlas" maps of East and West Charleston with the property owners listed.

Part one - News articles compiled by Grace Frizzell

Part two - Footnotes by Richard A. Colburn Sr.

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUME II

A compilation of news articles collected by the C. H. S. for the years 1896 to Aug. 1903

It is spiral (comb) bound with 126 pages.

Part one - News articles compiled by Grace Frizzell

Part two - Footnotes by Richard A. Colburn Sr.

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUME III

A compilation of news articles collected by the C. H. S. for the years Aug. 1903 to 1907

It is spiral (comb) bound with 128 pages

Part one - News articles compiled by Grace Frizzell

Part two - Footnotes by Richard A. Colburn Sr.

All proceeds from the above News Article books are presently being used for the Cupola Fund.

In addition to the above items we have Cemetery Catalogues for more than twenty towns. Please come to the Museum and check us out!

2008-2009 Officers:

President - Larry Hosford

Vice President - Grace Frizzell

Secretary - Audrey Frizzell

Treasurer - Richard Colburn, Sr.

Auditors - Joan Craig and Teri Gray

Cupola Site Committee: Larry Hosford, Peggy Gray and Eric Stevens.

Board of Directors:

Vida Powers

Loren Laflam

Grace Frizzell

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Send to Richard A. Colburn, Sr., Treasurer
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East Charleston, VT 05833

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership \$3.00 Individual () \$7.00 Family ()

Anything over \$7.00 Contributing () \$100 Life ()