

NUMBER 16 CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., CHARLESTON, VT SPRING 2005

This Newsletter is dedicated to the Memory of Floyd Brown, President

## Floyd Brown, local musician, baseball coach dies at 77

Floyd Brown, 77, of West Charleston, passed away in Newport on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

He was born in Brownington, Vt. on May 3, 1927, the son of Charles Henry and Mildred (Lafoe) Brown.

Floyd served in the Merchant Marines. He worked at Union Butterfield's for 39 years, retiring in 1989. He also worked for the sheriff's department from 1971 until 1992. After retirement he went to work for Jim Murphy doing flagging and traffic control at ADA. He was a member of the American Legion Orleans Post #23 for 54 years, the Moose Lodge St. Johnsbury Post #1779 for 23 years, the Masonic Order Island Pond Lodge #44 for 46 years, the Central Lodge Irasburg Post #62, and a member of the Eastern Star Newport Lakeside Chapter #27, and the Island Pond North Star Chapter #25 since 1984.

Floyd was a regional umpire from 1953 until 2000. He coached the American Legion and Babe Ruth teams. In 1964 he and Jack Sloan started a Little League team in West Charleston, and in 1984 he started the Old-timers team and was their first President.

Floyd was a Moderator for the Town of Charleston for 30 years, a Chairman for the cemetery commission, a Second Constable, President of the Historical Society for two years and has been a Selectman for the last two years. He also taught N.R.A. in Island Pond for two years.

Floyd was self taught on the guitar at age 13 and started playing in the Radio Rangers Ranch Band around 1952. They played off and on at WIKE from the 50s to the 70s. He later continued playing at nursing homes and weddings. He also helped teach kids guitar at graded schools.

Floyd fought a courageous and long battle with cancer. He never complained but fought all the way.

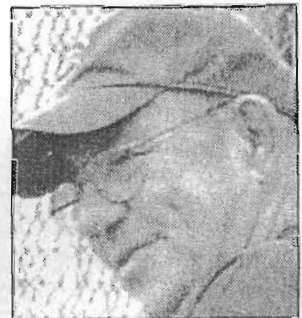
On August 6, 1948 he married the former Doris Austin, who survives him. He is also survived by his children, Faye and Ken Stocker of Newport, Linda and the late Brian Basford of Orleans, Gail Sheltra of Orleans, Blaine and Pearla Brown of Orleans, and Sherry and Dennis Ingalls of West Glover, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Christine Brown on May 10, 2004, and by two brothers.

Friends may call at the **Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home, Darling Hill Road, Newport (formerly Sias Ave.)** on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A Masonic Service will

be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Monday, Jan. 10 at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Roger Fletcher and the Rev. David Lisner officiating. Spring interment will take place at the West Charleston Cemetery.

Should friends desire, contributions in Floyd's memory may be made to the Vermont Senior Baseball League, c/o Mike Wagner, P.O. Box 10, Newport, VT 05855.



From Newport Daily Express  
Jan. 7, 2005

Dear Members and Friends,

Many thanks to all who have renewed their memberships for the coming year. Our membership drive continues to be our major fundraiser.

The year 2004 saw changes for the Society. We were deeply saddened by the death of our President, Floyd Brown. Past President, Colleen Comeau, Life Members Bill Fyfe and Eleanor Stoddard and members Nita Ames, Maurice Bourret, Armand Gagner, Merton Gray, Harold Nielsen and Andre Reno. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of their families. Memorial Funds have been received and for this we are grateful.

The Museum was a busy place through the summer. In May the 6th grade students and their teacher enjoyed a day of historical learning on a tour of the building and also they placed flags on all of Charleston's veterans graves with the aid of Richard Colburn Sr. and Floyd Brown.

The Society held monthly meetings through the summer. The Open House was well attended and everyone enjoyed looking into Charleston's past or just renewing old friendships. The Museum was open every Wednesday as well as several times by appointment.

Several yard sales were held. Since many items were left over the sales will continue.

Scelza Excavating put drainage around the building where needed and we are still in need of the granite foundation wall repair. Hopefully this will be taken care of in the near future.

The Museum will be open on Wednesdays beginning June 8 through August from 2 - 4 p. m. Open House will be Sat. July 9, 2 - 4 p.m. and the Annual Meeting will be Tues. July 12 at 7 p. m.

We deeply appreciate all of your financial support, volunteer effort, and interest (it has been tremendous) in helping preserve the history of Charleston. If you have a change of address please let us know so we can continue to send you the Newsletter.

Come and see us.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Frizzell, Secretary

C. 1940

Richard and  
Edward Bly  
are gathering  
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## ACQUISITIONS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER OF SPRING 2004

Typewriter, Check Lists, Framed certificate of Vermont's Bicentennial of Statehood 1791-1991, Town Report-2003, and a copy of Award received in James P. Taylor Memorial Town Report Contest - Town Clerk.

Fox/Wheeler Family Photos and information; also newspaper clippings - Barbara Lewis Choiniere of SC.

Publications - "Vermont's Northland Journal", Newsletters of Vermont Leadership Center (NorthWoods Stewardship Center), West Charleston Business Card, Notices, Newspapers-Green Mountain Trading Post, Program-Diane Colburn's North Country School of Dance, 2004, Book-"M is for Maple Syrup", etc. - Richard Colburn, Sr.

Post Cards-Sugaring scene, "The Echo Lake Club", "Cottages at Echo Lake", School Book, Bowker Fertilizer Note book - Peggy and Robert Gray.

Gardner Family Newsletters - Paul Gardner of MA.

Brochures- Vermont Leadership Center; Annual Reports of North Country Union High School; Business Card of East Charleston Store, Old Stone House Bulletins, 1990 School Newsletters, Fire Department Poster, School Reunion tee shirt, Church Bulletins, etc. - Robert and Audrey Frizzell.

Photos of Bicentennial taken by Charleston Elementary School/CHS.

Video of Charleston Bicentennial, Poster, Newspaper Clippings, and School books - Richard and Diane Colburn

1944 and 1945 Newspapers - Harvey and Barbara Levin.

Copy of photos, newspaper clippings, and License for Sugar Producer - Albert C. Fellows dated 1892 - Holland Historical Society.

Vermont Business Booklets, Government Guide and Directory - Kevin Frizzell of So. Burlington.

School Newsletters, Bingo Poster and Year Book "Charleston Mustangs 2003-2004" - Mary Lahar of Irasburg.

Videotapes of Charleston Bicentennial - Tom Jensen.

Phonograph with records; 1917 East Charleston Bulletin-Moulton's Store, Sap Spouts, Town Reports, Tools, Photos, School related items, Newspaper Clippings, Books and misc. memorabilia - Harley Moulton Family.

Tripp family photos and data, Newport Center and East Main St. Cemetery Catalogs and copy of Vital Records of Brownington - Barbara Malloy of Newport.

1976 East Charleston Parade Photo - Steven Moulton of MT.

Collection of Family Photos, Post Cards, Name Cards, Newspaper Clippings, 1909 Schedule of CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS, 1976 Parade Photos, School Photos, etc. - Hinton Family of Westmore.

Old Stone House leaflet, Post Card and misc. - Arnold Littel of St. J.

Clock, VT Fish and Game Booklets, Almanacs, Town Reports, and Maps - Kenneth and Thelma Smith

Photo of Charleston Elementary School, 1976 Bicentennial Certificate and Class Photos - Charleston Elementary School.

Corn Sickle and Meat Hook - Beverly Spaulding.

Framed Photo of Island Pond-Charleston-Newport Stage - Island Pond Historical Society.

Photo of unknown girl taken by Farmer Taylor, Photographer of West Charleston - Stowe Historical Society.

Books relating to Vermont - Greenwood Family.

Newspaper-Green Mountain Trading Post - Gertrude Broome of St. Johnsbury.

Collage of photos-Tripp/Bemis Family, Tour of Tripp Hill and East Charleston - John C. Akin of NH.

Collection of School related items pertaining to area schools, newspaper clippings, reprint of 1862 Soldier's Record and misc. - Jean Morris

Copy of photo of Parker Kelley - David Kelley of Derby Line.

Moulton Family genealogy - Patricia and Frank Allen of Middlesex.

Sewing Machine - Sam and Marion Driver Porter of Corinth.

Autoharp- Madeline Driver Gonyaw of St. Johnsbury.

World War II Selective Service Certificate, Appointment, and Appreciation - William Armstrong of Derby Line.

Miscellaneous items including Sleigh Bells, Wooden Planes, Laundry Stick, Wooden Pins, Spikes, Child's Gazetteer and School Books - Reg and Doris Bradford Leavens of Derby.

Art photo of Zerah Colburn - Ginny Joyner of Colchester.

Ebay copies of Post Cards of Local Scenes - Julie Speer/Barbara Choiniere of SC.

Splash board and Spikes from old dam at Seymour Lake - Allen Carpenter/John Northrup.

Souvenir Bicentennial items - Charleston Historical Society.

Post Card Photo - "The Colburn Family Sugaring Off" by Owen and Carol Reilly.

Collection of items-Post Cards, Photos, Newspaper Clippings, Autograph Album, Town Reports, Church Anniversary and Christmas Programs, School Program, 4-H Award, Civil War Letter from Albert Lawrence and memorabilia relating to Sgt. Merton C. Gray from Merton and Murllel Gray of Barre.

Wheeler Family information - Jean Copple of AZ.

Memorial Programs of Mary M. Wheeler - Claudia Wheeler Goad of MD.

Beebe/Sawyer Family information - Ellaine Goodall of NH.

Leonard Weeks Genealogy - John Sproul of WA.

Information from 1928 Newspaper article "Boiler Explosion at East Charleston" - Jones Memorial Library, Orleans/Charleston Historical Society.

Christmas Card Photo - Gertrude Willis Dane of Island Pond.

A correction of names in Rural Homemakers Club picture that appeared in Spring 2003 Newsletter - Henry J. Church of NY.

Harvey/Spaulding Family information - Philip Harvey of WI.

Obituary of Maurice Marcel Bourret - Barbara Snelgrove of CT.

Obituary of Maurice Marcel Bourret - Christina Gray of CT.

Copy of West Charleston Congregational Church Manual - Janice Boyko of CT.

Computer printout of photo of Maurice Bourret with Obituary and Memorial Card - Elizabeth Bourret of CT.

Stephen Colburn Ancestry from God - Delores Colburn Lines of TN.

Publication-"Water-Quality Monitoring Program Overview and Summary of Initial Results NorthWoods Stewardship Center-Ecosystem Management Project 2004" - NorthWoods Stewardship Center.

West Charleston  
Village  
looking south  
Before 1924



CHS Report Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2004

Receipts:

39 Individual Memberships for 2004 .....	\$ 117.00
6 Individual Memberships for 2005 .....	18.00
21 Family Memberships for 2004 .....	147.00
4 Family Memberships for 2005 .....	28.00
31 Contributing Memberships for 2004 .....	428.00
3 Contributing Memberships for 2005 .....	35.00
4 Life Memberships .....	400.00
Donations.....	50.00
Donation bowl at the Museum .....	48.25
Cemetery Catalogs sold .....	1,087.50
Postage on catalogs and calendars .....	50.25
Note cards.....	12.75
Post cards .....	1.00
Picture .....	2.00
16 Calendars at \$8.00 .....	128.00
32 Calendars at \$5.00 .....	160.00
Caps.....	15.00
1 Shot glass .....	3.00
1 Magnet .....	2.50
Yard sale, Memorial Day weekend .....	436.96
Yard sale, July .....	261.70
For copying .....	20.40
Sale of Morgan cookbook .....	12.00
Interest from regular savings.....	9.07
Interest from Life Membership CD .....	121.12
Interest from Life Membership savings .....	1.94
Interest from Memorial and Honor CD .....	121.12
Interest from Memorial and Honor savings .....	2.00
Rec'd in Memory and Honor.....	100.00

Total Receipts \$3,819.56

Disbursements Jan. 1 -- Dec. 31, 2004

Electricity .....	\$ 156.58
E. Charleston Postmaster, postage.....	169.88
The Front Desk, copying .....	284.90
The Front Desk, supplies.....	83.21
VT. Color Lab, copies .....	58.13
R. Colburn, reimb. for copying cemetery catalogs.	47.25
R. Colburn, reimb. for copying membership letters	7.50
R. Colburn, reimb. for copying newsletters.....	93.50
Derby Port Press, membership cards .....	42.00
Viking Products, binding materials .....	75.77
Pick and Shovel, table and frame glass .....	68.52
Majestic Trophy, plates .....	18.60
Morgan Historical Society, cookbook .....	12.00
Granite Mutual Insurance .....	785.00
Crowe's Construction, roof repair .....	200.00
Crowe's Construction, digging for drainage.....	287.00
Margaret Gray, reimb for EBay items .....	8.50
Portland Glass, window repair .....	62.67
Transfer to Memorial and Honor Fund .....	100.00
Transfer to Life Membership Fund.....	400.00

Total Disbursements \$2,961.01

Total Receipts \$3,819.56

Bal. Jan. 1, 2004 5,711.78

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9,531.34

Less Disbursements 2,961.01

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\$6,570.33

Balance Dec. 31, 2004

Checking \$4,335.24

Reg. Sav. 2,235.09

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\$6,570.33

Memorial and Honor Fund bal. Jan. 1, 2004		\$4,033.50
Rec'd in Memory of Beryl Cushman Lougee from Shirley Peters	\$ 25.00	
Rec'd in Memory of Evelyn P. Bowen from the family	25.00	
Rec'd in Honor of Evelyn M. Bowen	25.00	
Rec'd in Memory of Gloria Sloan from Margaret Gray	25.00	
	-----	100.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2004		\$4,133.50

CD	\$3,600.00
Savings	533.50
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	\$4,133.50
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Rec'd. in Memory after Dec. 31, 2004:

Maurice Bourret .....	\$681.00
Floyd Brown .....	65.00
Colleen Broome Comeau .....	40.00
John Harvey .....	25.00
Susannah Spaulding Harvey .....	25.00
Milo Willey Harvey .....	25.00
Rhoda Harvey .....	25.00
Harley and Bertha Moulton .....	50.00
Joel and Ila Whitcomb .....	50.00

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Life Membership Fund balance Jan. 1, 2004		\$3,800.00
Rec'd: Phyllis Bailey	\$ 100.00	
Kenneth Smith	100.00	
Thelma Smith	100.00	
Marjorie Balch	100.00	
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Balance Dec. 31, 2004		\$4,200.00

CD	\$3,600.00
Savings	600.00
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	\$4,200.00

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Bicentennial Account balance Jan. 1, 2004	\$1,883.62
Rec'd from Laurinda Maxwell, soda and water sold ..	130.00
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Balance Dec. 31, 2004	\$2,013.62

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 Accumulated interest to Dec. 31, 2004 is \$2,018.29.

*Richard A. Collier, Jr., Treas.*

## 2004 Individual Members

Ames, Nita  
 Ayer, William  
 Badger, John  
 Bosley, Glynn  
 Bowen, Evelyn  
 Broome, Sissie  
 Congdon, Chris  
 Dane, Gertrude  
 Davis, Alice  
 Ford, Albert  
 Frizzell, Audrey  
 Frizzell, Robert  
 Gagner, Gilberte  
 Glasson, Phyllis  
 Gray, Merton  
 Gray, Muriel  
 Hinton, Annie  
 Jardus, Anna  
 Jennings, Thelma  
 Judd, Marjorie  
 Laflam, Loren  
 Langenheim, Edythe Pope  
 Mason, Dorothy  
 McKenny, Sandra  
 McKenzie, Eleanor  
 Melelieu, Marilyn  
 Miller, Edith H.  
 Newcomb, Emily  
 Nielsen, Harold  
 Nielsen, Marie  
 Page, Evelyn  
 Perkins, Mary Jane  
 Peters, Shirley  
 Porter, Sandra  
 Smith, Helen  
 Souther, A. Fern  
 Spaulding, Beverly  
 Streeter, Richard  
 Taylor, Donald  
 Tice, Penelope  
 Wheeler, Dorothy  
 Woods, Dale  
 Worth, Erma

## 2004 Family Members

Barney, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice  
 Bennett, Dean and Jeannine  
 Bourret, Maurice  
 Bowen, Melvin and Jackie  
 Cargill, Lyle and Edith  
 Conley, Dale, Lorraine, Michael  
 Craig, Norman and Joan  
 Daniels, Paul and Nancy  
 Davis, Ellis C. and Lucia  
 Foster, Robert and Betty Jean  
 Griffes, Don and Beulah  
 Hubbard, Veleda  
 Jenney, Betty and Bill  
 Lahar, David and Mary  
 Moulthrop, Donald and Priscilla  
 Moulthrop, Raymond and Jeanne  
 Powers, Ray and Vida  
 Studer, Bruno and Linda  
 Taggart, George and Lisa  
 Thompson, Lawrence and Eleanor  
 Whitcomb, Roger and Ruth  
 Young, Darlene and Andrews, Jerome III

## New Members

Mable Moulton Carr  
 Harvey and Barbara Levin  
 Doris E. Monette  
 Northwoods Stewardship Ctr.  
 Carlisle Whitehill

## 2004 Contributing Members

Allen, Moses and Dot  
 Beam, Thomas and Audrey  
 Bennett, Dexter and Polly  
 Bly, Harley and Muriel  
 Bowen, Ken and Nancy  
 Broome, Gertrude  
 Carbonneau, John and Elaine  
 Colburn, Russell and Arlene  
 Comeau, Colleen and Tom Bushaw  
 Foster, Robert and Betty  
 Frizzell, Ken and Grace  
 Gavin, Paul and Eleanor  
 Gray, Robert and Margaret  
 Hallock, Deana and Greg  
 Harvey, Philip and Jean  
 Hill, A. Spencer  
 Hinton, Ellie, Burton, and Tammy  
 Holmes, Dean  
 Lavato, Patricia  
 MacDonald, Wallace and Cynthia  
 Major, Mildred  
 Malloy, James T. and Barbara  
 Maxwell, Douglas and Marilyn  
 McDonald, Evelyn  
 McDonald, Kenneth and Joan  
 Ming, Bill and Beth  
 Moulton, Ronald and Judith  
 Newell, Isabel Ainsboro  
 Peters, Shirley  
 Topshe, Leola  
 Verchereux, Virginia  
 Walling, Barbara  
 Witzmann, Joan

## Life Members

X Alexander, Edward  
 Armstrong, William  
 Bailey, Phyllis Wilder  
 Balch, Marjorie Moulton  
 Bly, John  
 Bowen, Joanne P.  
 Buck, Blaine  
 Choiniere, Barbara Lewis  
 Church, Henry  
 X Churchill, May S.  
 Colburn, Richard Jr.  
 Colburn, Richard Sr.  
 Colburn, Sarah  
 Dorsey, Patricia  
 Duvall, Phoebe M.  
 Frizzell, Homer R.  
 Fyfe, Barbara Potter  
 X Fyfe, William  
 Gardner, Paul E.  
 Gilbert, Michael  
 Goad, Claudia Wheeler  
 Hannux, Regis Moulton  
 Helenek, Raymond C.  
 Kolar, Ronald A.  
 Lewis, Roy H.  
 Miller, Richard A.  
 Miller, Rosemary  
 Page, Floyd  
 X Ramsdell, Lois Hinton  
 X Sawyer, Erema  
 Sloan, Gerald  
 Smith, Kenneth  
 Smith, Mary A. Wheeler  
 Smith, Thelma Eley  
 Snelgrove, Barbara Buck  
 X Stoddard, Eleanor  
 Tice, Lorraine Stoddard  
 Vincent, Harold  
 X Wheeler, Harold  
 White, Carolyn Dane  
 Wilson, Donald K.  
 Worth, Ina Wolcott

X Deceased

## New Life Members

Ronald Moulton  
 John D. Badger  
 Sharon White  
 Jayson Benoit



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. Gloria Sloan, Floyd Brown, Colleen Broome Comeau, John Harvey, Susannah Spaulding Harvey, Milo Willey Harvey, Rhoda Harvey, Maurice M. Bourret, Joel Whitcomb, Ila Whitcomb, Bertha Hudson Moulton and Harley Moulton were added to the Memorial Plaque this year.

The Charleston Historical Society has the following items for sale:

Cemetery Catalogs of Charleston, Morgan, Holland, Brownington/Westmore, Island Pond, Concord, Derby, Coventry, Sutton, Newark/East Haven and Irasburg. These are available at various prices.

We have other items at various prices:

1. Photos of East Charleston about 1920
2. Note cards - "Twin Covered Bridges" and "School House West Charleston"
3. Scenic post cards, four different scenes
4. Wood Etchings of the Museum
5. Foster and Wheeler family booklets by Harold W. Wheeler
6. Souvenir Bicentennial items at reduced prices:
  - Caps
  - Shot glasses
  - Balsam pillows
  - Magnets: "Twin Covered Bridges" and "School House West Charleston"
  - 2004 Historical calendars at a reduced price. The pictures are well worth the cost!
  - Bicentennial brochures (free)
7. A huge assortment of yard sale items, make an offer.

2004-2005 Officers:

President - Floyd Brown (deceased)  
 Vice President - Grace Frizzell  
 Secretary - Audrey Frizzell  
 Treasurer - Richard Colburn, Sr.  
 Auditors - Jeannine Bennett and Joan Craig

Board of Directors:

Vida Powers  
 Loren Laflam  
 Grace Frizzell

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Send to Richard A. Colburn, Sr., Treasurer  
 P. O. Box 46  
 East Charleston, VT 05833

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$3.00 Individual ( )      \$7.00 Family ( )  
 Anything over \$7.00 Contributing ( )      \$100 Life ( )