

NUMBER 18 CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., CHARLESTON, VT SPRING 2007

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is finally arriving and it is time for our annual newsletter to each of you. First of all, on behalf of the Charleston Historical Society, I want to thank everyone for your membership renewals, generous donations, interest and support in helping preserve the history of Charleston.

Through your generosity, we were also able to have the fire escape landing rebuilt, the leak in the roof fixed and the deteriorating chimney removed. Thank you, Marc Lacroix, for your good work. The belfry is still in need of repair.

This past year saw many visitors, our first being the 6th grade Charleston Elementary students along with their teacher Vicky O'Keefe and aide, Helen Schnopp. It was great to see the interest these students have in learning more about their town and the letters we received from each student were most appreciative. The following day the students went on an all-day tour of Charleston's cemeteries where they learned of the veterans buried there.

The annual open house in July was well attended. An all-day yard sale was held on the same day with good results. Tentative plans are to do the same this year - the date being July 14.

Monthly meetings will begin soon and the Museum will be open on Wednesdays beginning June 14 from 2-4 p. m. through August.

The Museum is located on Museum Drive in West Charleston. We look forward to another summer and seeing you. As always, your ideas are welcome and volunteers are always needed. For information you may call 802-723-4833.

Sincerely,

Audrey Frizzell, Secretary

ACQUISITIONS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Publications - Vermont's Northland Journal; Newspaper - "Green Mountain Trading Post; Program - North Country School of Dance; Appreciation Award and Photo for Public Service; Song - Charleston 1863-1953; Political Flyer; "Remembrances of Times Past" by Stanley Wilson; Photos; also News and Notes from the Vermont Historical Society by Richard Colburn, Sr.

Calendars - Wayne's Sales and Service; West Charleston Country Store; Falcon 71 Yearbook; Newspapers - Green Mountain Trading Post; Program - Vermont Public Service Awards; Annual Reports North Country Union High School; School Notices and Calendar; 1959 copy of 8th Grade Graduation Program; Free Will Baptist Church newsletter and misc. by Bob and Audrey Frizzell.

Copies - Map and Profile of the Route Surveyed for the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad, Miller Fox, Engineer, 1846; A Plan of Navy; Navy 4th July 1814; also info from 1823 North Star paper re publishing a Gazetteer of the State of Vermont, 1853 and 54; info from the Caledonian re Railroad; and copy of 1876 Beers Map of Vermont by Ray Helenek.

Programs - Charleston Elementary School presents its Spring Concert 2006; 3rd Annual Charleston-Coventry Band Exchange; Veteran's Day Concert; 61st Annual Basketball Rotary Tournament; Calendar - Pool to School 2006; Invitation to Premiere - A Look Through Others' Eyes, The True Colors of War and misc. by Mary Frizzell Lahar of Irasburg.

Photo - Twin Covered Bridges; Publication - The Vermonter, The State Magazine; 1927 Post Card photo by photographer, C. R. Gray; eBay ad print outs of Clyde River Bridge, West Charleston; Post Office, West Charleston; Twin Bridges at East Charleston; East Charleston Pleezing Food Store and Post Office; Plymouth Congregational Church; letter regarding railroad and misc. family info. Also Obituaries - Kenneth O. Wilson, and Floyd Hamilton; Article on Vermont Business People - George Schenk and Award to Harry Ernest Wheeler by Bob and Peggy Gray.

Gardner Newsletters by Paul Gardner of MA.

Notary Public Certificate of Elaine Bradford; Town Reports; School Book of Charleston High School; Prayer book, Army Nurse Corps photo, Post cards, Souvenirs of Travels, American flag and photos of Beverly Bradford. Also a photo of Charleston Dam by the Laflams'; button hooks; sock darner and miscellaneous items by Reg and Doris Bradford Leavens of Derby.

Newsletters from the NorthWoods Stewardship Center.

1958 Photo of Charleston High School, World War II Uniform, Military papers and Honorable Discharge, covered bridge photos and misc. by Henry Church of New York.

A teakettle in good condition found on a rock pile on the old Huntoon place; probably was used long ago by the Wilson family given by Louise Reno.

Wall hanging which belonged to Mary Taylor, painting, chair, wooden sap bucket and spigot by Evelyn Taylor Bowen.

1909 Town Report, 1893 pocket map by Rand, McNally and Co. and a veil hat by Vida Powers.

1963 book, "The Torch is Passed, The Associated Press Story of the Death of A President, John F. Kennedy" by Beverly Spaulding.

Post card - The Maples in West Charleston; a Wedding Invitation and a 1940 Certificate of Marriage for Counter Bennett, also a Memorial Card by Beverly Queenin of Derby Line.

Kerosene lantern, cream jug, iron kettle and picture frame by Jack Farrington of Brownington.

Memorial card by the Family of the late Mahlon Tillotson.

Photo album which belonged to the W. G. Stoddard family; photo of a Twin Bridge and "flume just above the Great Falls" by Lorraine Stoddard Tice of Holland.

Photo of Parker Kelley Covered Bridge by Justin Taft.

Photo printout of covered bridges by Richard and Diane Colburn.

Aerial view photo of East Charleston; Creed of Modern Woodmen of America; Receipt from school days at West Village School; 1931 and 1944 map of Charleston, and family info by Ken and Grace Frizzell.

Photos of students and teacher, Ms. Wheeler, at the Cole Hill School by Betty Gilfillan of Island Pond.

Information regarding Service Star Banner that came about during World War I by Penelope Tice of Holland.

Underwood Standard typewriter by Marie Nielsen.

1956 Newspaper clipping - Complete East Charleston Address of George N. Dale given at the 100th Anniversary observance of Plymouth Church by Emily Newcomb of Orleans.

Post card photo - Willie Eugene Stoddard farm; photos of Herbert Taylor, Everett and Mildred Stone and Helen Spiller, and a newspaper clipping by Golden Taylor Burns of Maine.

A flyer, "Let's Visit Hope Farm - A marriage of ingenuity and hard work = great cheese." Reprinted by permission of the Vermont Cheese Council by Barbara and Harvey Levin.

Doll sleigh; 1916 post card; photo of Derby Academy Basket Ball Team; newspaper supplement of 1927 flood; 1953 clipping of 150th anniversary celebration of Charleston; 1958 clipping - Derby Academy Provided a First Class Education, and miscellaneous photos by Barbara Buck Snelgrove of CT.

Book - "Art To Die For" by James A. Privee' of Newport.

Booklet - "Some of Isaac Stevens Ancestors and Descendants 1751-1846" compiled by Esther Williams Stevens and given by Reg Hunt of Island Pond and Dorothy Rice McHenry of WV.

Photos - Marjorie Hinton Davis' 100th birthday party and 1946 Buck School children by Annie Hinton of Newport.

1883 Booklet - "A Christmas Hymn" by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Huntington of FL.

Newspapers from the John E. Moore Memorial Collection loaned by the Memphremagog Historical Society for copying Charleston items. Inventory by Barbara Malloy. Newspaper clippings covering 1880's - 1920's; a gold mine of info and a "must see" item when you visit the Museum.

Newspaper - Green Mountain Trading Post by Homer Frizzell of NY.

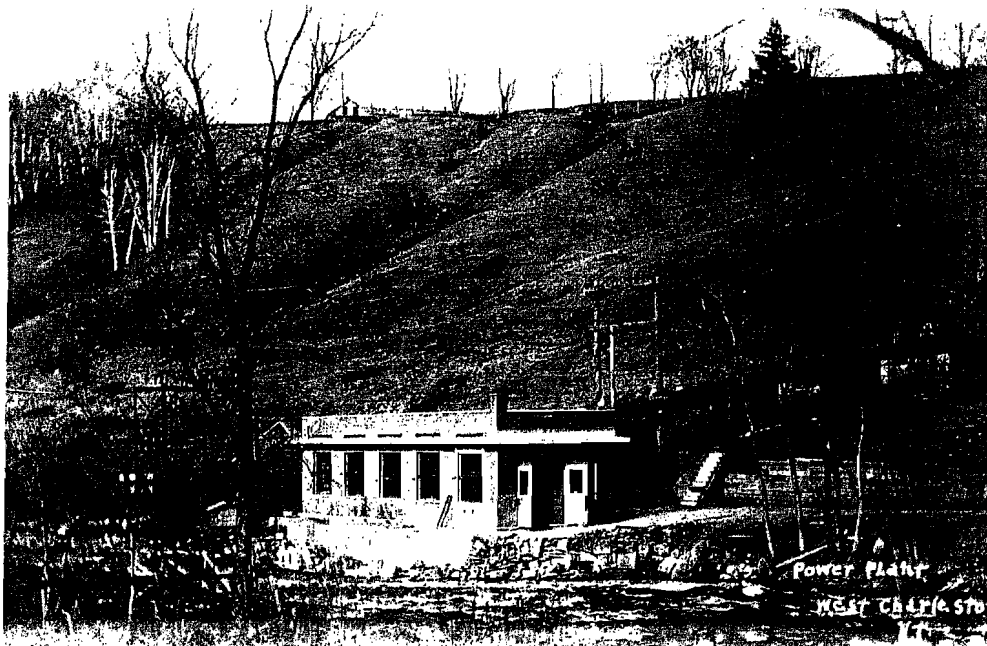
Copy of 1954-55 Derby Academy class photo by Barbara Choiniere of SC.

Obituary - Reed Waldo Eastman, a descendant of Charleston's H. Jerome Hudson from Jack Eastman of Australia.

Video/DVD Premiere - "A Look Through Others' Eyes: The True Colors of War" made and given by Vicki Gentler and the 2007 8th Grade class of Charleston Elementary.

2006 Annual Report for Charleston Town and School; North Country Union High School Report, and Vermont Legislative Directory and State Manuals for 1999-2000, 2001-2002 and 2003-2004 by Charleston Town Clerk.

We were saddened by the deaths of the following members this year: Laura Ruitter Bannerman, John Bly, Ellis Davis, Barbara Potter Fyfe, Merton White and Erma Whitcomb Worth. Our sympathy is extended to their families.



The former power plant of Citizens Utilities on the Clyde River in West Charleston, now owned by Great Bay Hydro. Photo Courtesy of Steve Morse of Montpelier.

CHS Receipts Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2006

2 Individual Memberships for 2005	\$ 6.00
30 Individual Memberships for 2006	90.00
6 Individual Memberships for 2007	18.00
2 Individual Memberships for 2008	6.00
21 Family Memberships for 2006	147.00
3 Family Memberships for 2007	21.00
31 Contributing Memberships for 2006	500.00
2 Contributing Memberships for 2007	35.00
6 Life Memberships.....	600.00
Donations	82.25
Donation bowl	107.00
1 magnet	3.00
2 caps	6.00
2 pillows	5.00
Yard sale items	268.31
Cemetery Catalogs	785.00
Postage on catalogs	33.25
Morgan Cookbooks	24.00
From Estate of Ken and Thelma Smith	1,000.00
Rec'd in Memory and Honor	420.00
Memorial and Honor Fund interest.....	209.99
Life Fund interest	173.24
Close out of Bicentennial account	2,013.62

Total Receipts	\$6,553.66

Disbursements Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2006

Electricity	\$ 178.89
Postmaster, Membership letter.....	58.50
Newsletter	78.00
Other.....	63.07
Marc Lacroix, fire escape and chimney repaired.....	1,750.00
Front Desk, supplies	157.13
Front Desk, copying catalogs	309.50
Front Desk, Newsletter copied.....	80.50
Union Mutual Ins., 1 year	842.00
Morgan Historical Soc., cookbooks sold	24.00
Majestic Trophy, plaque and plates.....	85.55
Pick and Shovel, supplies	46.55
Transfer to Memorial and Honor Fund	1,420.00
Transfer to Life Membership Fund	600.00

Total Disbursements	\$5,693.69

Total Receipts	\$6,553.66
Bal. Jan. 1, 2006	620.70

	7,174.36
Less Disbursements	5,693.69

Balance Dec. 31, 2006	\$1,480.67

Memorial and Honor Fund balance Jan. 1, 2006		\$5,479.50
Received in Memory:		
Kenneth Smith from friends and relatives	\$ 145.00	
Estate of Kenneth and Thelma Smith	1,000.00	
Merton Gray from Muriel Gray	25.00	
Alfred Wilson from Martha Judd	25.00	
Ella Wheeler Lewis Grady from Julie Speer	25.00	
Wilfred and Arlene Leslie and Esther Buck Hamilton from Jean Leslie Childers	75.00	
Maurice Bourret from Betty Bourret	50.00	
Albert Tanguet from his children	25.00	
Charles Clapper and John D. Taylor from Ruth Clapper and family	50.00	
		1,420.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2006		\$6,899.50
CD	\$5,454.50	
Savings	1,445.00	
		\$6,899.50

Life Membership Fund balance Jan. 1, 2006		\$4,600.00
Received: John C. Akin	\$ 100.00	
Evelyn Bowen	100.00	
Richard Barry	100.00	
Judy Moulton	100.00	
Vinnie Johnson	100.00	
Beth Page Griffin	100.00	
		600.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2006		\$5,200.00
CD	\$4,500.00	
Savings	700.00	
		\$5,200.00

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. The total amount of the fund is \$11,905.34 on Dec. 31, 2006.

Richard A. Colburn Sr., Treas.

Memorial plaque: The following names were added to the plaque this year in addition to those listed on page 9: Kenneth and Thelma Smith, Merton Gray, Alfred Wilson, Ella Wheeler Lewis Grady, Wilfred and Arlene Leslie and Esther Buck Hamilton.

2006 Individual Members

Austin, Gordon
 Ayer, William
 Broome, Sissie
 Bushaw, Nelson T.
 Carr, Mable Moulton
 Dane, Gertrude
 Ford, Albert
 Frizzell, Audrey
 Frizzell, Ellen
 Frizzell, Robert
 Gilfillan, Betty
 Gray, Muriel
 Hardy, Marilyn Moulton
 Hinton, Annie
 Jardus, Anna
 Jennings, Thelma
 Judd, Marjorie
 Judd, Martha
 Laflam, Loren
 Mason, Dot
 Melelieu, Marilyn
 Miller, Edith
 Newcomb, Emily
 Nielsen, Marie
 Page, Evelyn
 Patenaude, Lucille
 Porter, Marion
 Powers, Vida
 Smith, Helen
 Spaulding, Beverly
 Speer, Julie
 Taylor, Donald
 Wheeler, Dorothy
 Whitehill, Carlisle
 XWorth, Erma

2006 Family Members

XBannerman, Laura
 Barney, Maurice and Dorothy
 Bowen, Melvin and Jackie
 Brown, Jean I.
 Cargill, Lyle and Edith
 Clapper, Ruth
 Craig, Norman and Joan
 Griffes, Don and Beulah
 Hubbard, Veleda
 Jenney, Betty and Bill
 Lahar, Dave and Mary
 Leavens, Reg and Doris
 Levin, Harvey and Barbara
 Manning, Bill and Pat Moyer
 Ming, Bill and Beth
 Moulthrop, Donald and Priscilla
 Moulthrop, Raymond and Jeanne
 Reilly, John
 Reilly, Owen and Carol
 Studer, Bruno and Linda
 Thompson, Lawrence and Eleanor
 Tice, Earl and Penelope
 Trucott, Vivian
 Whitcomb, Roger and Ruth
 Young, Darlene and Andrews, Jerome III

2006 Contributing Members

Allen, Mose and Dot
 Beam, Thomas and Audrey
 Bennett, Dexter and Polly
 Bennett, Dean and Jeannine
 Bly, Harley S.
 Bowen, Ken and Nancy
 Broome, Gertrude
 Carbonneau, John and Elaine
 Carty, Lorna
 Colburn, Russell and Arline
 Gavin, Paul and Eleanor
 Gonyaw, Mahlon and Madeline
 Goodall, Ellaine
 Gray, Robert and Margaret
 Hill, A. S. and Lucinda
 Holmes, Dean and S. and Lisa
 Hosford, Larry and Eva
 Kelley, David and Jane
 Lavato, Patricia
 MacKenzie, Eleanor B.
 Major, Mildred
 Malloy, James and Barbara
 Maxwell, Douglas and Marilyn
 McDonald, Evelyn
 McDonald, Kenneth and Joan
 McKenny, R. B. and Sandra
 Moulthrop, Raymond and Jeanne
 Moulthrop, Donald
 NorthWoods Stewardship Center
 Peters, Shirley
 Porter, Robert and Sandra
 Reno, Louise
 Sweeney, Ray and Betty Griggs
 Topshe, Leola
 Verchereux, Virginia
 Witzmann, Joan

Life Members

Akin, John
 XAlexander, Edward
 Armstrong, William
 Badger, John D.
 Bailey, Phyllis Wilder
 Balch, Marjorie Moulton
 Barry, Richard
 Benoit, Jayson
 XBly, John
 Bowen, Evelyn
 Bowen, Joanne P.
 Buck, Blaine
 Choiniere, Barbara Lewis
 Church, Henry
 XChurchill, May S.
 Colburn, Richard Jr.
 Colburn, Richard Sr.
 Colburn, Sarah
 Dorsey, Patricia
 Duvall, Phoebe M.
 Frizzell, Homer R.
 XFyfe, Barbara Potter
 XFyfe, William
 Gardner, Paul E.
 Gilbert, Michael
 Goad, Claudia Wheeler
 Griffin, Beth Page
 Hannux, Regis Moulton
 Helenek, Raymond C.
 Johnson, Vinnie
 Kolar, Ronald A.
 Lewis, Roy H.
 Miller, Richard A.
 Miller, Rosemary
 Moulton, Judy
 Moulton, Ronald
 Page, Floyd
 XRamsdell, Lois Hinton
 XSawyer, Erema
 Sloan, Gerald
 XSmith, Kenneth
 Smith, Mary A. Wheeler
 XSmith, Thelma
 Snelgrove, Barbara Buck
 XStoddard, Eleanor
 Tice, Lorraine Stoddard
 Vincent, Harold
 Wheeler, Harold
 White, Carolyn Dane
 White, Sharon
 Wilson, Donald K.
 Worth, Ina Wolcott

* Deceased

New Life Members:

Marilyn Moulton Hardy
 Douglas Maxwell
 Marilyn Wood Maxwell

New Members:

William Bailey
 Leonard and Jean Copple
 Jack Eastman
 Shirley Esquival
 Kit D. Hudson
 Dorothy Rice McHenry
 Doris Monette
 Mike and Jeannine Morelli
 Vicky O'Keefe
 Barbara Walling

**This CHARLESTON LAD
will be 80 years young
on May 3!
There will be
an Open House
Birthday Party
at the
Plymouth Congregational Church
in East Charleston
on May 5, 2:00 - 5:00 pm!
No gifts
Just Best Wishes !!**



Can you guess who he is ? Here are some hints.

He was born in East Charleston on East Echo Lake Road in the home now owned by Eric & Peggy Stevens.

As a young child he lived in East Charleston Village in the house that Joyce & Harley Moulton Jr. eventually owned. (The house is no longer there)

His parents bought a farm on the Hudson Road, where the Mead Farm is today. He lived there with his parents, brother and three sisters.

In 1951 he married a gal from Orleans and settled down on the Twin Bridges Road raising a daughter and a son.

He still resides on the Twin Bridges Road.

If you have not guessed yet, here is another hint:

He is our Treasurer!

Submitted by Grace Frizzell

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. Maurice Bourret, Albert Tangué, Charles Clapper and John D. Taylor 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. New catalogs, hot off the press, are Barton and St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Newport City. We are taking orders for the Pleasant View Cemetery and St. Theresa's in Orleans as well as St. Paul's Cemetery in Barton.

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"
7. "Buck's Book," a story of a Charleston Civil War hero. Only one copy!
8. A huge assortment of yard sale items, make an offer.

2006-2007 Officers:

President - Larry Hosford
 Vice President - Grace Frizzell
 Secretary - Audrey Frizzell
 Treasurer - Richard Colburn, Sr.
 Auditors - Joan Craig and Teri Gray

Board of Directors:
 Vida Powers
 Loren Laflam
 Grace Frizzell

For those of you who are not already members: Look at your address label.

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 ()
