

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:
Feb. 21st, 7 pm,
CBMS library

Our next DHS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st, 7 pm, in the Crossett Brook Middle School library.

February is the month for our annual election of all officers and those scheduled trustees. During the business meeting, our Building Committee will probably enlighten those attending with the progress thus far with the church and also Sunshine Hall.

Following the business meeting, Skip and Donnie will give a presentation on the history of the Duxbury Grange and the husbandry it practiced. Refreshments will be served.

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A PERSON OR PLACE WE CAN USE FOR A MYSTERY PHOTO? IF SO, PLEASE SUBMIT TO A NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEMBER TODAY! THANK YOU!

Annual Wreath Sale Update

Our annual wreath sale was a success again thanks to everyone who sold, bought, and delivered the wreaths. We raised \$875 for the Society. Great job, everyone!



Annual Fall Bake Sale Update

Our annual fall bake sale was held on November 11, 2022, in front of Kinney Drugs in Waterbury. Thanks to your generous donations, we netted \$203 for the Society. A big thank you to everyone involved with this fundraiser and another big thank you to Kinney Drugs for allowing us to set up outside their storefront.



Alison Magnani photo.

Mark Morse, Bill Morse, and Don Welch ready to sell baked goods and wreaths.

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Archival/Preservation Committee Report

Members: Eulie Costello, Lori Morse, Bonnie Morse, Mark Morse

- The committee continues to receive and record donated artifacts and documents.
- We updated the family files with new and/or updated facts, news articles, etc.
- We have several donations yet to be catalogued which will be included in upcoming issues.

Donated Artifacts/Documents/Ephemera

- ◇ Zelda Lavanway – Genealogy information regarding Hartshorn/Lavanway families.
- ◇ Zelda Lavanway – Published book regarding 1927 flood.
- ◇ Mark Morse/Brian Lindner – Information regarding 1973 fatal auto accident of 1973.
- ◇ Wendy Welch – Circa 1951 Duxbury Corner School photo.
- ◇ Wendy Welch – School District #1 Governance Comm. Ledger.
- ◇ Waterbury Historical Society – Several years of Waterbury Longhorn yearbooks.
- ◇ Town of Duxbury – Large storage shelf.

Monetary Donations

Jim & Wendy Welch * Mary Whitcomb * Rachel Cubit * George & Shari Welch * Mo & Barb Lavanway *
 Al & Bev Young * Judy Douglas * Stephanie Koonz * Alan & Audrey Quackenbush *
 Bob & Kathy Grace * Georgia O'Brien * Brian Lindner * John & Cindy Senning *
 Catherine Gjessing * Gary & Sherry Winnie * Jill Smith *
 Marshall-Carney Family Charity Fund—in memory of Howard & Catherine Sherman *
 Multiple donors from food sales at Town meetings

RECIPES TO SHARE

The recipes below are from *My Joy of Baking* by Helen B. Davis.

Maple Taffy

Place 1c.maple syrup and 1c.sugar in a saucepan. Blend with wooden spoon, over low heat until sugar and syrup comes to a boil, stirring well. Stir in 1/4tsp. cream of tartar which has been mixed with 1/2Tbsp vinegar. Add 1 Tbsp. butter and allow mixture to boil without stirring; until it reaches 260°. Remove from heat. Pour onto a buttered platter to cool. As the edges of the candy cool fold toward the center. When cool enough to handle, take up and pull using the tips of the fingers as much as possible. Roll the candy into strips and cut into pieces. *The first time my two sisters, Rebecca, Mary and I ever tried this was at our teacher's home in Cambridge, Vt. Vera Nichols was our teacher, and boarded at our parents; married Raymond McNall, and they were like our own family. At this time; Rebecca was dating a fellow, in that area, and Vera had invited us down for the weekend; and that night we made this Taffy. What an experience!

Maple Butternut Fudge

4c.maple syrup, 2/3c.cream and 2tsp.butter. Boil until it reaches a soft ball stage 235°. Remove from heat and let cool down to 110°and stir until mixture thickens. Add 1/2c. butternuts and pour into a butter pan; 8"x 8". Cool and cut into squares.* We were sugaring at that time, so had our own maple syrup; so I entered it at the Barre Farm Show in 1966 and won first prize. We also had our own butternut trees. Grandpa Davis (Ray) would crack them, and give me a big coffee jar full of butternut meats, every Christmas. I kept them as though they were gold nuggets; for contests.

*One year, I entered a Grange Contest, and of course used my 'gold nuggets'! The judge, Betty Carr said, "Your butternuts are rancid". I sure kept that jar too long; and learned to always check the taste of those 'gold nuggets' before I ever used in any recipe.

“ P I E F O R B R E A K F A S T ”

Maureen Harvey and the Selectboard asked our Society to serve donated pies for their "Pie for Breakfast" on Saturday, January 7th, 2023, at Crossett Brook Middle School. This was their first adventure for an informational pre-meeting prior to your Australian vote in March, which will take the place of Town Meeting.

Once again, we were pleased to serve the Town and the Selectboard. The town folks were very generous with donations and also great cooks! We netted \$303.25 for the Society. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.



Mary Ethel Welch and Mame McKee getting the pie tables ready for the crowd.



Kelly Welch, Mary Ethel Welch, and Donnie Welch ready to serve the donated treats.



Shawn Perry photos.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

We interrupt your reading about Duxbury history for an update on the present and future of our Duxbury Historical Society. These are exciting times! In September 2022 the history of our Society and that of the South Duxbury Church merged as the property was deeded to us. Both the church and the Sunshine Hall of the Temperance Society have been essentially unused for about two decades. Establishing ownership was a difficult endeavor. According to Vermont law a church that has been unused for a long period of time becomes the property of the national organization of the last known congregation. Once the United Church of Christ recently became aware of the situation they generously agreed to deed the property to us. Now the two buildings on the property can provide a home for us, and we can revitalize them. A major goal imagined by the DHS founders since our inception in 2005 has been realized!

Do you have any photos or memories of the church? We would love it if you shared. If you are not so familiar with it we encourage you to read the history of our property in the September 2008 newsletter (Issue 11).

Both structures have been listed on the Vermont Register of Historic Places since 1990. The two buildings are very different. The church is much older, (built in 1855), but it is also in much better condition. We shall certainly strive to keep and even improve its 19th century aesthetic. It's fun to imagine the many types of events that could be held there during Society, school and public gatherings. The Sunshine Hall (built about 1890) has a lot more open space so it will be possible to rework it to accommodate our other planned additions: kitchen and reception area, museum space and a record storage area for research. A restroom in Sunshine Hall is also sorely needed. An addition for Sunshine Hall will probably be needed to accomplish all of this. There is presently no water or septic service to



Photo of the South Duxbury church taken in 1908.

either building. The electric wiring is old and needs significant expansion. Wheelchair access needs to be added for both buildings. Accommodating all of these uses and improvements will require patience, capital and a lot of involvement by many members. The long effort that it took to take possession of the property shows we have the patience. So how do we get started?

In early October the officers called a meeting attended by themselves and the trustees to start a plan for the big job ahead. Only a few specifics came from that meeting but important committees got started. The Building Committee was established: it includes the trustees helped by two other members. From the Building Committee sprang the Fundraising Committee that now includes three other willing Duxbury residents. Both of these committees have established regular



Attendees entering the church on December 21, 2022.

Shawn Perry photo.

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meetings and specific agenda items are being addressed. We plan to keep you up to date on their progress in these newsletter pages going forward.

A big leap forward occurred on December 21 when the officers and all available committee members met at the church to learn from Jackson Evans, an expert from the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV). He guides numerous



Willie Docto photo.

Jackson Evans speaking to the attendees inside the church on December 21, 2022.

preservation projects around the state using his previous experience as an antique window restorer and present position as president of the Braintree Historical Society which also maintains an old church. Our relationship with him will be ongoing as he helps us in contacting remodeling experts and guides us towards possible fundraising agencies. He has already volunteered financial support through the PTV for a property condition assessment report. After the discussion session in an unheated church on a sunny but cold morning, we toured the Sunshine Hall. Through the pictures here you can perhaps join with us in imagining sitting listening to a service or live music or a presentation in the old church that is heated and has a Duxbury Historical Society sign over the front door. It is already a beautiful old space that we hope can soon be open to many.

The town of Duxbury has already supported us as the Board of Listers just voted unanimously to grant property tax exempt status for our new piece of real estate. We are



Shawn Perry photo.

Attendees move to the Sunshine Hall.

in the initial stages of applying for federal local recovery funds administered by the Selectboard.

We can already look back at the history of our Society and thank everyone who has worked to get us to the point of having our own home. To avoid forgetting anyone we won't mention any names here, but know you are appreciated. Every member reading this has undoubtedly contributed towards getting us to this point. Please feel free to add your ideas to our still developing committees. Our project is just getting started...



Shawn Perry photo.

A candle sitting in one of the windows of the church.

REMEMBER WHEN?

January 5, 1962

Monbouquette Will Speak In Waterbury

WATERBURY—David A. Morse, president of the Mt. Mansfield Little League in Hyde Park, Morrisville, Stowe and Waterbury, has announced that Bill Monbouquette, ace righthander of the Boston Red Sox, will speak for the league's dinner at the Waterbury National Guard Armory on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Monbouquette Dill arrive Friday and stay through Sunday as guest of the Stowe Area Association in Stowe.

Monbouquette, who has compiled identical win marks of 14 games each of the past two seasons for Boston, besides being among the American League's top earned run average pitchers, is considered by many diamond experts as one of the best righthanders in the game today. Dizzy Dean, a baseball Hall of Fame member, said Monbouquette has the potential to win 30 games in a season. Monbouquette was born and still lives in Medford, Mass.

Besides Monbouquette, Morse said other guests would be named later. Morse said the public is invited.

January 24, 1962

Keyser to Speak At Mt. Mansfield LL Banquet

WATERBURY — Vermont's Gov. F. Ray Keyser Jr. will join Bill Monbouquette of the Boston Red Sox as guests of honor at the Mt. Mansfield Little League banquet and sports night to be held in Waterbury at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the town's armory.

Monbouquette, who was an American League All-Star pitcher in 1960, will arrive in the Waterbury-Stowe area on Friday, Feb. 2, and remain through Sunday as guest of the Stowe Area Assn.

Governor Keyser will spend only the evening of the banquet in Waterbury.

The public is invited to this banquet and sports night, it was announced by Mt. Mansfield Little League president, David A. Morse of Waterbury.

The Mt. Mansfield Little League is made up of teams from Hyde Park, Morrisville, Stowe and Waterbury. 1-24-62

May 10, 1965

Waterbury LL Roster Arranged

WATERBURY — James Littlefield, manager of the Little League Baseball team, announces the year's roster. Twenty names were announced with one cut to be made to determine the Little League roster of 15 boys.

Named to the Little League team were Ernest Hayes, Don Thurston, Douglas Lay, Michael Devine, John Magnus, Mitchell Casey, Douglas Izzo, Joseph Metayer, Gale Towne, David A. Morse, James Wrisley, Chris Sherman, David C. Morse, Howard Deal, Charles Potts, James Chadwick, Chuckie Magnus, Paul Vest, Ronald Corliss and Steve Morse. Assisting Littlefield with the LL team is Wendell Dolloff.

Duxbury Minor League players are David Patterson, S. Bisette, F. Hanson, H. Pratt, M. Lavanway, L. Moodie, H. Sherman, H. West, D. Merchant, Kirk Lewis, Douglas Broadwell, L. Pecor, R. Berno, J. Burnham, Louis Kingsbury, B. Welch, R. Dunster and Raymond Atwood. Working with the Duxbury group are Gerald Welch, Walter Broadwell and Richard West.

Village Minor League players are Tom Brown, Raymond McCuen, Steven Ward, Larry Chadwick, Bruce Nelson, Michael Nelson, Billy Hunter, Danny Izor, Randy Guptil, Michael Ryan, Chris Palermo, Patrick Carpenter, Matthew Morse, Richard Guptil, David Gaffney, J. Michael Lovely, Raymond Westman, Michael Doran, J. Sabbin and Tom Littlefield. Working with the Village group are Kenneth Guptil and Gary Dolloff.

Waterbury Center Minor League players are Chris Metayer, Dean Thurston, Vincent Metayer, Gilbert Goff, Neil Boyden, Bradley Guyette, M. Sweetser, Shawn Whalen, Randy Clark and Mary Ryan. Gilbert Goff will be in charge.

Practices for the individual teams will be held on their respective fields Monday at 6 p. m.

A meeting of the Little League and Minor League parents will be held Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the fire station hall.

Parents will receive in the mail, a bulletin as an introduction to Little League.

June 11, 1968

Duxbury Phillies, Defending Champs, Swinging Again

DUXBURY — The Duxbury Phillies, defending Harwood Little League champions, got off to a fine start by posting four victories without a loss in the past two weeks.

In the opening game against the Astros, Patterson pitched a one-hitter in a 16-0 victory. Maurice LaVanway led the offense with three hits in three times at bat.

The Phillies gained a 6-0 decision over the Cubs as Merchant pitched a no-hit game.

In a re-scheduled game with the Braves Patterson scattered 7 hits in a 24-1 decision. The only Brave run was unearned. Maurice LaVanway went 4 for 5 with 3 doubles in leading the 16-run attack.

In the first road game, the Cardinals, Maurice and Wendell LaVanway combined for a 2-hitter. The 21-hit attack in the 28-1 decision included Francis Hanson, 4-5; Patterson, 3 for 4; Maurice LaVanway, 3 for 3; Raymond Atwood, 4 for 4; Howard Sherman, 3 for 3. The lone Cardinal run was scored on a wild pitch.

June 12, 1968

Waterbury LL Giants Defeat Phillies, 23-6

DUXBURY — The Waterbury Giants raked five Duxbury pitchers for 23 runs on 12 hits here Monday night as the Giants climbed into a first-place tie with the Phillies by posting a 23-6 win in Harwood District Little League play. The win left both teams tied for the league lead with 5-1 records.

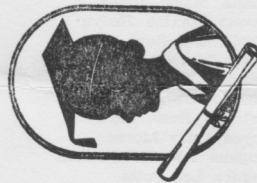
Steve Morse went the distance for the Giants, allowing just three hits while walking nine and fanning 11. He helped his own cause by belting his third home run of the season in the fourth inning. Brian Lawrence was the catcher.

Patterson started on the mound for the Phillies and was relieved by M. Lavanway in the fifth. W. Lavanway took over for his brother in the fifth, while Atwood and Merchant mopped up in the sixth. Atwood and Sherman did the catching.

FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES

Commencement Exercises

Waterbury High School



Class of 1961

Thursday Evening, June 15

CLASS OF 1961

*Mary Jean Adams
Harold Charles Atkins
Stephen Everett Atwood
*John Sherman Backels
Judith Anne Bailey
John Merrill Bates
Paul Minott Beane
*Breta Marie Berno
Mary Elizabeth Butterfield
Bernard Rollins Carpenter
Jerald Peter Carpenter
Marion May Champney
*Jeamine Louise Cooley
Randall Craig Cowles
Alice Jane Deal
Carol Ann Dibbel
Gary Wendall Dolloff
Ann Marie Dumpy

Earl Vennard Duret, Jr.
*Rose Inez Emery
Robert Charles Finn
*Sharon Dianne Gibbs
Harley McArthur Hough
Judith Gail Irish
Diane Marie Jones
*Donna Maxine Joslyn
Phylinda Lifton
*Susan Mary Littlefield
Robert Clifford Martin
Ann Louise Mason
Patricia Irene Monroe
Joyce Mary Morse
Eugene Sumner O'Brien
*Sandra Lee Potts
Albert Eugene Quessel
Richard Kent Rand

Hinda May Romprey
Patricia Helen Sablin
Margaret Ann Sayah
Donna Jean Sherman
Joanne Marie Simmons
*Ruth Ann Stanley
Benjamin Newhall Stark
Erwin Walter Titus
Patricia Elaine Titus
Wilma Helen Titus
Carl Richard Trefren
*Sharon Lynne Truax
Sheila Rose Warren
Douglas Sylvester Washburn
*Elaine Alice Wells
Bradley Allen West
Theresa Ora Westover
Gordon Ralph Wood

‡Valedictorian *Pro Merito
Class Marshal — Philip Greeley Baker Class Advisors — Dorothy B. Gough, Glenwood Campbell
Class Flower — White Carnation Class Colors — Green and White
Class Motto — "Quid Erimus, Nunc Fiemus." (What we are to be, we are now becoming.)
Baccalaureate — Sunday, June 11 Class Day — Wednesday, June 14
Graduation Exercises — Thursday, June 15

PROGRAM

"Pomp and Circumstance"	- - - -	Elgar
Class Processional		
Invocation	- - - -	Rev. Louis R. Logue
"Be Thou Our Guide"	- - - -	Peery - Sibelius
Girls' Glee Club		
Salutatory — "The Meaning of Graduation"		Linda Romprey
"The Halls of Ivy"	- - - -	Russell - Knight
Quintet		
Commencement Address	-	John T. Fey, J.S.D., LL.D.
"Education in the Age of Science"		
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"	- -	Howe - Steefe
Mixed Glee Club		
Valedictory — "Measure of Values"	-	Donna Joslyn
Presentation of Diplomas	-	Mrs. Sherman J. Gage
Presentation of Scholarships	- -	Fremont Fiske
Presentation of Prizes	- - -	Orson W. Jay
Class Song	- -	Sharon Truax, Sheila Warren
"Pomp and Circumstance"	- - - -	Elgar
Class Recessional		

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**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING - FEB. 21ST
CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - 7 PM**

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